

## CHAPTER 1

### Reading Comprehension

#### 1 Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Edward visit Gladys one cold October evening?  
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2. What kind of man does Gladys want to marry?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Where does Edward go when he leaves Gladys' home?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Who does Mr McArdle suggest that Edward interview?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Why did Professor Challenger punch a journalist from *The Telegraph*?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. When does Edward want to meet the professor?  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### 2 Read the sentences and decide if they are True or False. Write T or F in the boxes.

1. Gladys just wanted to stay friends with Edward. ☐
2. Mr McArdle wanted to send Mr Malone on a mission. ☐
3. Edward works for *The Telegraph*. ☐
4. Professor Challenger went on an expedition to North America. ☐
5. Many people think that the professor is a liar. ☐
6. Edward spent the rest of the night reading about Professor Challenger. ☐

### Vocabulary

#### 3 Complete the following sentences using the words in the box.

information    change    immediately    proud    latest  
explain    knocked

1. Last night Laura spent many hours looking for \_\_\_\_\_ about dinosaurs for her school project.
2. Susan is very \_\_\_\_\_ of her sons; they are both doing very well at school and want to become doctors.

3. Our new maths teacher is very good and can \_\_\_\_\_ difficult maths problems very well to us.
4. The children came home from school and \_\_\_\_\_ went to wash their hands for lunch.
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ on the door and then waited a few moments before she entered the office.
6. My father reads the \_\_\_\_\_ news in the newspaper every morning.
7. I need to go to the shoe shop on Saturday and \_\_\_\_\_ these shoes, because they are too small.

#### 4 Match the two columns to make expressions.

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| 1. pay   | a. my life         |
| 2. lose  | b. the truth       |
| 3. tell  | c. an eyebrow      |
| 4. shake | d. someone a visit |
| 5. raise | e. in mind         |
| 6. have  | f. my head         |

### Follow-up activities

#### 5 Discuss.

1. Do you think that it was a good idea for Gladys to ask Edward to change? Do you think that Edward will change? Why / Why not?
2. Edward works for a newspaper. Do you think that he has an easy job? Would you like to do this kind of job? Why / Why not?
3. Do you think it is a good idea for Edward to go on a dangerous adventure? Where do you think he will go? What kind of adventures would you like to go on?
4. Professor Challenger is a zoologist. What do zoologists do? What qualities would a good zoologist need? Would you like to become one?
5. Do you think that the professor will agree to meet Edward? What do you think Edward will ask him if they meet? What questions would you ask Professor Challenger if you were interviewing him?

#### 6 Imagine you are Edward. Write a short letter to Professor Challenger. Tell him who you are and ask him politely to meet with you next Wednesday. (100-120 words)