

## CHAPTER 9

### Reading Comprehension

#### 1 Answer the questions.

1. Why were the Indians better at fighting than the apemen?
2. What weapons did the Indians use and what were the weapons the apemen used?
3. Why didn't the Indian tribe agree to help Challenger and his team leave the plateau?
4. Why was Lord John watching the pterodactyl pit?
5. How did the young chief eventually help the men?
6. How do Challenger and his men plan to finally leave the lost world?

#### 2 Complete the following sentences with the names in the box.

The young chief	The apemen	Lord John	Challenger
Edward	The Indians		

1. \_\_\_\_\_ had an army of about five hundred men.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ screamed and howled as they leapt from the trees.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ had been asked to catch a pterodactyl.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ felt sorry for Challenger and his team, and decided to help them.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ looked at the bark in the firelight and realised it was a map.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ decided that they would leave that night.

### Vocabulary

#### 3 Choose the correct word.

1. My mother is such a kind person and I am sure that she has never had an **enemy** / **army** in her whole life.

2. She sat by the window and **sighed** / **leaped** as she remembered the happy times she had had in that house.
3. The man **refused** / **examined** to tell the police where he had hidden the stolen money.
4. Tom exercises regularly and is very **smooth** / **agile** for his age.
5. Dennis lit a **torch** / **symbol** because he wanted to have a better look at the cave paintings.
6. It is so windy today that all the apples have fallen off the trees; let's go and **collect** / **lower** them.

#### 4 Match the words/expressions 1-7 with their synonyms a-g from Chapter 9.

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| 1. to go ahead             | a. to be over         |
| 2. to feel sorry for sb    | b. secrecy            |
| 3. for sure, without doubt | c. to take pity on sb |
| 4. very carefully          | d. to leap            |
| 5. to make a big jump      | e. to proceed         |
| 6. being kept secret       | f. cautiously         |
| 7. to end                  | g. definitely         |

### Follow-up activities

#### 5 Discuss.

1. Challenger described the battle with the apemen as one of the greatest in history. Do you agree with this description? Why / Why not?
2. The Indians refused to let the men go because they believed that they brought them good luck. Do you think it is right to refuse someone their right to freedom, even if you treat them well? Why / Why not?
3. Lord John wanted to capture a pterodactyl to take back to England. Do you think this will be an easy or difficult task? Why?
4. Do you think it is cruel to take animals out of their natural habitat? Can it ever be justified?
5. Why do you think that the young chief took pity on the men and decided to help them? How do you think the men are feeling now that they know they are going home? How would you feel?

#### 6 Imagine that you are Edward, just returning to the camp at the foot of the cliff. Write a letter to Gladys, narrating the battle, how the young chief helped, and your plans to return home. (100-120 words)