

CHAPTER 3

Reading Comprehension

1 Put the following events in the order which they happened. Write 1-6 in the boxes.

- The professor asked the audience for volunteers to go on a mission to South America. ☐
- Members of the audience began to boo Professor Challenger. ☐
- Professor Summerlee, Lord Roxton and Edward Malone arrived in Manaus. ☐
- Edward and Mr McArdle went to the Zoological Institute Hall. ☐
- The men set off on their voyage on a steamship called the *Esmeralda*. ☐
- Edward Malone volunteered to go on the trip. ☐

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

- McArdle was surprised when Edward said he believed Professor Challenger's story. ☐
- Professor Challenger introduced the Duke of Durham and asked him to come on stage. ☐
- Challenger became angry when the chairman of the institute called him a liar. ☐
- Edward Malone was thinking about Gladys when he volunteered to go on the mission. ☐
- Lord John had often travelled to South America, and knew many of the languages spoken in the area. ☐
- A total of eight men boarded The Esmeralda on the first stage of their journey down the river. ☐

Vocabulary

3 Choose the correct word.

- Tom was very ill yesterday so I don't expect / exist that he will be at school today.

- Barbara looked at me thoughtfully / safely before answering my question.

- The public / chairman decided to stop the meeting because everybody in the room was shouting instead of talking.
- Please take a seat, Mr Summers, and the doctor will be with you suddenly / shortly.

- The scientist is convinced that his team will prove / include their claims about the existence of life on other planets.

- Would you please volunteer / confirm that my table has been booked for eight o'clock this evening?

4 Match the two columns to make expressions.

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| 1. get to | a. the truth |
| 2. jump | b. my head |
| 3. tell | c. eager to |
| 4. shake | d. the point |
| 5. be | e. to my feet |

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- Do you think that Edward was right to believe Challenger? Would you? Why / Why not?
- Many people attended the professor's talk at the Zoological Institute. Have you ever been to a talk or a scientific presentation? Would you like to? What would you like to learn more about?
- Edward soon begins to wonder if he has made a mistake in volunteering for the mission. Do you think that he is being brave or foolish? Would you have volunteered if you were Edward? Why / Why not?
- The men began their journey into the unknown by steamship. Do you think it will be easy or difficult? Which means of transport do you prefer, and why?

6 Imagine that you are Edward. Write a letter to Gladys describing your voyage to South America, including information about your travelling companions. (100-120 words)