

## CHAPTER 2

### Reading Comprehension

#### 1 Match the two halves of the sentences.

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| 1. Professor Challenger was a large man  | a. on the last page of Maple White's sketchbook.               |
| 2. The professor went to South America   | b. at the village in a state of exhaustion.                    |
| 3. Maple White had arrived               | c. give a talk at eight o'clock that night.                    |
| 4. A sketch of a very strange animal was | d. the professor is telling the truth.                         |
| 5. The professor showed Edward           | e. the wing of a flying reptile of the Jurassic period.        |
| 6. Edward believes that                  | f. with enormous hands which were covered in long black hairs. |
| 7. Professor Challenger was going to     | g. to study the animals of the Amazon.                         |

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

Professor Challenger   Edward Malone   Maple White  
The Indians   The Indian chief   The professor's butler

- \_\_\_\_\_ found a letter from the professor on his desk.
- \_\_\_\_\_ took the professor to a hut to help a sick man.
- \_\_\_\_\_ opened the door at the professor's house to let Edward in.
- \_\_\_\_\_ was dressed in rags when he died.
- \_\_\_\_\_ guided the professor to the red cliffs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ showed Edward a photo of a strange bird in an enormous tree.

### Vocabulary

#### 3 Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences below.

- Her new shoes were quite expensive, but they were made of the finest \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. chalk                      b. leather                      c. paint
- The zoologists are \_\_\_\_\_ the birds' eggs that they found in the forest.  
a. inhabiting                      b. exploring                      c. examining
- You can borrow my paintbrushes, but please do not \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
a. damage                      b. identify                      c. persuade

- I \_\_\_\_\_ with you, Mum; I must study harder next year if I want to get into medical school.  
a. gather                      b. continue                      c. agree
- I really love chocolate cake, but the piece she gave me was \_\_\_\_\_; I couldn't eat it all.  
a. wide                      b. enormous                      c. broad

- My father is a big man with broad \_\_\_\_\_ and large hands and feet.  
a. chest                      b. collarbones                      c. shoulders
- I found this mobile phone in the gym. Does it \_\_\_\_\_ to you, Shelly?  
a. belong                      b. cover                      c. remove

#### 4 Find words in Chapter 2 which mean the same as:

- Moved the head up and down \_\_\_\_\_ (page 8)  
as a sign of understanding
- Another word for glasses \_\_\_\_\_ (page 8)
- Pieces of old and/or torn cloth \_\_\_\_\_ (page 10)
- A bag that you carry on your back \_\_\_\_\_ (page 10)
- A person \_\_\_\_\_ (page 11)
- Evidence to support the truth \_\_\_\_\_ (page 12)  
of a statement, theory, etc.

### Follow-up activities

#### 5 Discuss.

- How do you think Edward felt on his way to the professor's house? How would you feel? Why?
- What do you think about Professor Challenger's appearance? Would you be as surprised as Edward if you met him?
- Do you think that Maple White really did see a dinosaur? Do you think that it is possible for dinosaurs to exist? Why / Why not?
- The Indians believed there were evil spirits haunting the cliffs. Do you believe in the supernatural? Why / Why not?
- Why do you think that people did not believe Professor Challenger? Are you surprised that Edward believed him? What do you think about the proof he has to support his claim? Is it enough or not?

#### 6 Imagine that you are Edward and you are keeping a diary. Write a page about your interview with Professor Challenger. (100-120 words)