

Comprehension

CHAPTER 1

1 Read Chapter 1 and match the two halves of the sentences.

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| 1. Samuel and Rose had | a. a boat. |
| 2. The Germans had destroyed | b. was powered by a steam engine. |
| 3. After Samuel's death Rose | c. the mission. |
| 4. The African Queen | d. lived in Africa for ten years. |
| 5. Allnutt owned | e. felt unsure what to do with her life. |

2 Put the following events in the order in which they happened. Write 1-5 in the boxes.

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| a. After Charlie started the engine he took the boat to a safer place. | <input type="text"/> |
| b. Rose and Charlie walked together towards a river. | <input type="text"/> |
| c. Samuel's death made Rose upset and confused. | <input type="text"/> |
| d. Rose recognised a friendly face. | <input type="text"/> |
| e. Rose and Charlie reached the African Queen. | <input type="text"/> |

Vocabulary

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

- Scientists have _____ explanations for what has happened in the Bermuda Triangle.
 - familiar
 - suitable
 - numerous
- We all _____ when we saw the damage done by the hurricane.
 - gasped
 - kneeled
 - grasped
- Fireworks must be handled and lit with _____.
 - heat
 - caution
 - mission
- If you are planning to stay in a remote cottage for a holiday, it is important to take _____ with you.
 - steam
 - possessions
 - supplies
- We shall have to quickly fix the _____ or we won't have any hot water this weekend.
 - boiler
 - service
 - anchor

4 Find words in Chapter 1 which mean the same as:

- to beat in a battle or war _____ (page 4)
- to express sadness over someone's death _____ (page 6)
- controls the movement of a boat _____ (page 8)
- the place in the ground where someone is buried _____ (page 8)
- to go somewhere where you can't be seen _____ (page 8)
- a heavy object used to stop a boat moving _____ (page 8)

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- Why did Rose and Samuel go to Africa? Do people still do that nowadays?
- Why did Allnutt offer to help Rose? What would you do if you were in his place?
- Do you think it was a good idea to try to escape from the Germans on a boat? Why? / Why not?
- Rose lived in a house in a village. How easy will it be for her to live on a boat on a river? Why? / Why not?
- Do you think the couple will be safe now? What will they do next?

6 Imagine you are Rose or Allnutt and have decided to keep a diary of your experience in Africa. Write a page in your diary concerning the day you met each other. (100 - 120 words)