

## Comprehension

### CHAPTER 1

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

- |                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| 1. Dantes gave          | a. by the letter to Monsieur Villefort.                  |
| 2. Morrel was surprised | b. at Edmond's decision to stop at the island of Elba.   |
| 3. Dantes was told      | c. to make Mercedes think that Edmond had forgotten her. |
| 4. Fernand tried        | d. bad news to the owner of the ship.                    |
| 5. Fernand was excited  | e. to deliver a letter from Emperor Napoleon.            |

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

- Fernand was not enthusiastic about Dantes' return.
  - Morrel invited Dantes to dine with him.
  - Dantes took command of the ship after the captain's death.
  - Danglars crumpled a letter and threw it on the ground.
  - The *Pharo* anchored in Marseilles.
  - Dantes felt bad that his father had given most of his money to Caderousse.
- 

## Vocabulary

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

- Do you know what \_\_\_\_\_ the ship is carrying?
 

a. crew
b. cargo
c. captain
- Heidi is going to \_\_\_\_\_ the business when her mother retires.
 

a. command
b. waste
c. run
- The police asked the man to step aside because his behaviour at check-in was very \_\_\_\_\_.
 

a. dedicated
b. suspicious
c. poor
- Our \_\_\_\_\_ has just moved out.

- |              |           |           |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| a. neighbour | b. glance | c. sailor |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
- I am \_\_\_\_\_ to hear news from Cleo. I am very worried something might have happened to her.
 

a. angry
b. desperate
c. sad
  - Pauline has never \_\_\_\_\_ anyone in her entire life!
 

a. informed
b. harmed
c. controlled

#### 4 Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the words in the box.

remind    care for    come across    rush    ask    stare

- He \_\_\_\_\_ out of the room on hearing the news.
- If you want a pet cat, Joe, you must \_\_\_\_\_ it yourself.
- I should \_\_\_\_\_ permission first before I accept your invitation.
- Duncan \_\_\_\_\_ an old boat when he was walking on the beach.
- George \_\_\_\_\_ me that I had an appointment before I left home.
- Harriet \_\_\_\_\_ out at the amazing view from her hotel window.

## Follow-up activities

#### 5 Discuss.

- Morrel says that a sailor does not need to be old to know his business. Do you agree? Do you think a young person can be in command of a difficult task?
- If you were in Dantes' position would you have gone to dine with Morrel first before seeing your father and girlfriend? Why? / Why not?
- By agreeing to deliver the letter to the Bonapartists, Dantes is taking a risk. Why do you think he agreed, and would you do the same? Why? / Why not?
- What do you think about Caderousse? Why?
- What do you think Fernand will do? What makes him act this way?

#### 6 Imagine that you are Danglars and write a page in your diary about all the events after the captain died and your feelings about Dantes. (120-140 words)