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Chapter 1 Review

Summary

Daniel and Julia are students. They live in London. They study Spanish at university. They are going to Spain today. They will be exchange students in Barcelona. Their parents take them to the airport. Julia is very nervous in the car. She relaxes at the airport. She and Daniel leave for Spain.

Vocabulary

exchange student a student studying in another area or country

electrician someone whose job is to put in or repair electrical equipment

science fiction stories that take place in an imagined future or in other parts of the universe

shower a piece of bathroom equipment that produces a flow of water that you stand under to wash yourself

airport a place where passengers get on and off aircraft

wad of cash a pile of paper money

head for (*slang*) go to

nervous worried or frightened

check in (for a flight) to tell the people at an airport that you have arrived

relaxed feeling calm, comfortable and not worried

hug to put your arms around someone and hold them

take off when an aeroplane leaves the ground and goes up into the air

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 1) Daniel and Julia live in ____.
 - a. the same house in London
 - b. different houses in London
 - c. the same house in Barcelona
 - d. different houses in Barcelona

- 2) Daniel and Julia's parents ____.
 - a. speak Spanish, but they don't practise with their children
 - b. speak Spanish and practise with their children
 - c. don't speak Spanish
 - d. don't live in London

- 3) Daniel and Julia's father gives them a present for the trip. What is it?
 - a. a car
 - b. a trip to the airport
 - c. a science fiction book
 - d. money

- 4) During the trip to the airport, Julia feels ____.
 - a. sad
 - b. happy
 - c. nervous
 - d. frightened

- 5) At the airport, there ____.
 - a. are a lot of Daniel's friends
 - b. are a lot of businesspeople
 - c. aren't many people
 - d. are a lot of children

Chapter 2 Review

Summary

Daniel and Julia arrive in Barcelona. Daniel's friend, Armando, meets them at the airport. They all go to Armando's flat. Daniel and Julia are hungry. Armando suggests two restaurants. Julia walks to a fish restaurant. Daniel takes a bus to a paella restaurant. On the bus, Daniel falls asleep. He wakes up in Valencia! His phone isn't working. He doesn't know his sister's phone number. In the end, he calls his mother. Then he stays at a hotel for the night.

Vocabulary

kiss to touch someone with your lips, especially on their mouth or face

shy nervous and not confident when meeting and speaking to people

quiet having or making little or no noise

flat a set of rooms that someone lives in, which are part of a larger building

taxi a car with a driver that you pay to take you from one place to another

restaurant a place where you can buy and eat a meal

paella a Spanish food made of chicken, rice, seafood, vegetables and seasonings

station a building where trains, buses, or other vehicles stop to allow people to get on and off

packed very full

comfortable feeling pleasant and not causing any pain

mobile a phone that one can bring along, cellular telephone

tired feeling that you need a rest

wake up to stop sleeping

express bus a large vehicle with a lot of seats for passengers that travels to only main cities or stops

(mobile) battery has died there is no longer power to run a device or telephone

phone box a small booth or box, usually on a street, with a telephone you can pay to use

menu a list of the food available in a restaurant

madly in an excited way

embarrassed feeling ashamed or stupid

It's all too much. (Something) is more than a person can handle or manage

ironic surprising, often because it is the opposite of what is expected

reality sinks in one begins to understand the truth of what is happening

crazy out of control, unexpected

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 6) Armando is ____.
- a. an airport worker
 - b. a friend of Julia and Daniel's parents
 - c. Julia's friend
 - d. Daniel's friend
- 7) In Barcelona, it's ____.
- a. cold
 - b. hot
 - c. neither hot nor cold
 - d. hot in the mountains and cold near the Mediterranean Sea

- 8) After going to Armando's flat, Julia and Daniel head for ____.
- a. a restaurant
 - b. Armando's friend's flat
 - c. the train station
 - d. Valencia
- 9) Daniel can't contact his sister because ____.
- a. his mobile battery has died
 - b. he has no money
 - c. there is no phone box
 - d. he forgot his mobile
- 10) Daniel spends the night ____.
- a. in a hotel in Barcelona
 - b. on the bus
 - c. in a hotel in Valencia
 - d. at the airport

Chapter 3 Review

Summary

Daniel wakes up and eats in his hotel room in Valencia. When he leaves the hotel, he sees a lorry. It belongs to *La Paella Loca* restaurant. Daniel asks the driver to take him back to Barcelona. The driver says yes. Inside the lorry, Daniel meets an old man. The man is also going to Barcelona. He is looking for his son, Armando. The man is the father of Daniel's friend Armando.

Vocabulary

entrance the part of a building where you go in

solution the answer to a problem or a question

lorry a large vehicle for carrying heavy goods by road

engine the part of a machine that uses energy to produce movement

motorway a wide road for vehicles travelling fast over long distances

silence when it is completely quiet and no sound can be heard

concern worry or in an unsure way

hide to be in a place where people cannot see or find something or someone easily

lucky bringing good things or chances

coincidence when two things happen at the same time by chance

stretch (one's) legs to move around, usually after being still for a time

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 11) Daniel probably woke up at around ____.
- a. 10:15
 - b. 10:00
 - c. 9:00
 - d. 12:15
- 12) The driver of the lorry ____.
- a. works in the hotel
 - b. works at *La Paella Loca* restaurant
 - c. only works as a driver
 - d. works for another restaurant
- 13) Daniel meets ____ in the lorry.
- a. a young man
 - b. a young woman
 - c. a different driver
 - d. an old man
- 14) The person Daniel meets in the van is travelling to ____.
- a. work in *The Crazy Paella*
 - b. work as a driver
 - c. visit the person's father
 - d. visit the person's child
- 15) The person in the van is ____.
- a. Daniel's father
 - b. Armando's father
 - c. Julia's mother
 - d. Daniel's mother

Chapter 4 Review

Summary

Daniel and the old man arrive in Barcelona. They go into *La Paella Loco* restaurant. Nobody is there because it's early. Then they go to Armando's flat. No one is there either. Daniel charges his phone. He calls Julia. She is out with Armando. Julia and Armando come back to the flat. Daniel introduces Armando to his father. They decide to celebrate with a dinner. But Daniel doesn't want paella, he wants pizza.

Vocabulary

dinner a main meal in the evening or in the middle of the day

receptionist a person that sits at the entrance to an office or building and directs visitors

lift a small box that takes people up and down in a building

fate an unknown and uncontrollable power that seems to make things happen

be taken aback be surprised, often in an unpleasant or unwanted way

impossible not possible, not able to do or happen

realize to know and understand something that you did not know or understand before

awkwardly in an odd or uncomfortable way

celebration a happy event or party

burst out laughing to suddenly start to laugh

Un día loco a Spanish expression meaning 'a crazy day'

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 16) The old man and Daniel go first to ____.
- a. Armando's flat
 - b. a phone box
 - c. *The Crazy Paella* restaurant
 - d. the airport
- 17) When they get to the flat ____.
- a. Julia and Armando are there
 - b. only Julia is there
 - c. only Armando is there
 - d. no one is there
- 18) The first thing Daniel does is ____.
- a. charge his mobile
 - b. make dinner
 - c. call Armando
 - d. call his parents
- 19) Next, Daniel calls ____.
- a. his parents
 - b. Armando
 - c. Julia
 - d. the lorry driver
- 20) For the celebration, Julia wants to go to ____.
- a. *The Crazy Paella*
 - b. a pizza restaurant
 - c. London
 - d. Valencia

Chapter 1 Review

Summary

Sylvia and George go hiking around Lake Ullswater. They come to the lake. Near the lake there is an old house and a boat. They go on the lake in the boat. Then they hear a noise. They go back the house and go in. In the kitchen, they see a strange creature. The creature runs out of the house. It goes into the woods. Sylvia and George don't know what the creature is.

Vocabulary

lake a large area of water with land all around it

mild weather weather that is quite warm and comfortable

hiker a person who enjoys long walks in the countryside

backpack a small bag used to carry things around on the back

woods an area where a lot of trees grow closely together

excursion a trip or outing

shout to say something very loudly or to make a loud noise with your voice

path a narrow route across a piece of ground that people walk or ride a bicycle along

split to go in two different directions

creature any living thing that is not a plant

strange unusual

safe unlikely to cause harm or damage

wood the hard substance that trees are made of

scared frightened

ugly not pleasant to look at

boat a vehicle for travelling over water

shore the area of land next to the sea or next to a lake

Are you kidding? a question asked to express disbelief or check if someone is joking

row to pull a boat through water using long wooden sticks

explore to travel around a place and find out what it is like

dust a powder of dirt on a surface or in the air

footprint the mark that a foot leaves on the ground

disappear if someone or something disappears, the person or thing goes somewhere and cannot be seen or found

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 1) Sylvia and George are in ____.
 - a. London
 - b. The Lake District
 - c. Scotland
 - d. Southwest England

- 2) Sylvia and George are making an excursion to a ____.
 - a. lake
 - b. beach
 - c. small town
 - d. city

- 3) While walking along a path, Sylvia and George come across a ____.
 - a. small town
 - b. city
 - c. store
 - d. house

- 4) When they see the boat on the lake they ____.
 - a. don't go in it
 - b. sleep in it
 - c. decide it's not safe to get in
 - d. row to the middle of the lake

- 5) While on the lake, Sylvia and George hear a sound in the ____.
- a. boat
 - b. house
 - c. lake
 - d. woods

Chapter 2 Review

Summary

Sylvia and George look for a strange creature in the woods. George disappears. Sylvia goes to the old house to find him. He isn't there. She falls asleep. She wakes up the next day. George still isn't there. She is worried. She calls George. He doesn't answer. She goes to his house. She sees his car. But she can't find him and she can't find her friends. She finally returns to the old house. There are lights on in the house.

Vocabulary

No way! (*slang*) an expression used to show surprise or disbelief

split up to divide a group of people into smaller groups or individuals

crazy silly or stupid

imagine to form a picture of someone or something in your mind

thicket a small group of trees

wave to move your hand to say hello or goodbye or to attract someone's attention

mobile a telephone that you carry with you

(mobile) service the system that allows you to use a mobile telephone

joke something said or done to be funny

think things through to consider or work through a problem

taxi a car with a driver that you pay to take you from one place to another

neighbourhood an area of a town or city

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer for each question.

- 6) At first, Sylvia thinks that the creature is ____.
 - a. real
 - b. a joke
 - c. George
 - d. in her imagination

- 7) Later, George comes across ____.
 - a. a special tree
 - b. another house
 - c. Sylvia's car
 - d. a group of trees

- 8) Sylvia falls asleep in ____.
 - a. the woods
 - b. the boat on the lake
 - c. a bed in the house
 - d. the town

- 9) When she wakes up, Sylvia ____.
 - a. goes to a nearby town
 - b. goes to the thicket
 - c. calls George's parents
 - d. calls her parents

- 10) When she returns to the lake, Sylvia sees ____.
 - a. a fire in the house
 - b. lights on in the house
 - c. the creature in the house
 - d. George in the house

Chapter 3 Review

Summary

Sylvia returns to the cabin to look for George. The lights are on. She goes inside. Her family and friends are there. They say they are there to find George. Sylvia doesn't understand. Her friends leave to look in the woods. Sylvia thinks about her current situation. She goes back to the cabin. She sees the creature there. It chases her into the woods. She falls but then the creature helps her up. It is actually her father! The creature is part of her birthday surprise and the cabin is her present.

Vocabulary

definitely certainly

cautiously slowly or with care

go dead to no longer work or be usable

torch a small electric light that you carry in your hand

something just doesn't add up something does not make sense or does not seem right

panic a frightened or worried state in which you cannot think calmly

kick to hit someone or something with your foot

candle a stick of wax with a piece of string through the middle which produces a flame when you burn it

costume a set of clothes that you wear to make you look like a different person or like an animal or other creature

play a trick to make someone do what you want by using clever but unfair methods

renovate to repair or change something to make it better, usually a building

relief a good feeling because something bad or unpleasant stops or does not happen

performance the acting in a play or event in which a person behaves like someone or something else

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 11) The first time that Sylvia goes into the house, she finds ____.
- a. George
 - b. her father
 - c. most of her friends and family
 - d. the creature
- 12) While Sylvia stands near woods to think, ____.
- a. something strange comes out of the water
 - b. her father comes up behind her
 - c. she meets the creature
 - d. her friends leave
- 13) Because she is alone, Sylvia decides to ____.
- a. go to the thicket to look for George
 - b. call George's mobile
 - c. go back to the town again
 - d. go back to the house again
- 14) When Sylvia gets back to the house ____.
- a. she hears a noise in the kitchen
 - b. her mobile phone rings
 - c. Claudia and Veronica enter the house
 - d. she falls asleep
- 15) The creature was actually ____.
- a. Sylvia's mother
 - b. George
 - c. Sylvia's father
 - d. a real bear

Chapter 1 Review

Summary

A knight named Lars travels to King Andur's kingdom. He gets two bottles of strength potion. He then goes to the castle. He speaks to the king. The king asks Lars to take gold to the king's brother. Three guards will go with the knight. The guards will keep the gold safe. They will kill the knight if he takes the gold. The group leaves on their journey.

Vocabulary

kingdom a country ruled by a king or queen

knight in the past, a soldier of a high social class who rode a horse

market square an open space with buildings on all four sides at which people buy and sell things

trader a person or company that buys and sells things

potion a special mixture of things, usually one that has power or is magic

nod to move your head up and down, especially to agree or to say 'yes'

stone bridge a structure made of rocks built over a river or a road to allow people or vehicles to cross from one side to the other

castle a building, usually made of rock, often one in which a special person lives

guard someone whose job is to keep a person, place or thing safe

bag an object that you put things in and carry with you

scroll an old form of letter written on paper or skin and rolled onto something

suspiciously with the feeling that you cannot trust or believe someone or something

gold a valuable pale yellow metal, often used to make jewellery

load the amount carried by something, such as a lorry or train

trust to believe that someone is honest and loyal

betray to do something which harms someone who thinks you are a friend

danger a thing that may harm you

journey when you travel from one place to another, especially a long distance

weapon something that is used for fighting, such as a gun or a knife

wagon a large open vehicle with four wheels, usually pulled by an animal

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 1) Lars is dressed in ____.
 - a. black and red
 - b. black and white
 - c. black and blue
 - d. white and red

- 2) Lars buys ____.
 - a. a potion for strength
 - b. two potions for strength
 - c. a potion to get gold
 - d. two potions to get gold

- 3) At the door to the castle, Lars speaks to ____.
 - a. the king
 - b. an angry trader
 - c. the king's brother
 - d. a guard

- 4) Lars and the guards are carrying ____.
- a. weapons
 - b. costly potions
 - c. a load of gold
 - d. guards
5. The group is going to ____.
- a. an unknown kingdom
 - b. the kingdom of King Andur's brother
 - c. King Andur's kingdom
 - d. the kingdom's market square

Chapter 2 Review

Summary

Lars and King Andur's guards begin their trip. On the way, the knight tells a story. Andur fought his brother, Arthuren, in a big battle. The battle was over a fountain of magic water. The magic water gave people power. During the battle, the water was lost. But King Arthuren still had magic water. He sold it to King Andur. Andur is sending gold to pay for more magic water.

Vocabulary

similar when things are like each other but not exactly the same

silent not speaking or making any noise

battle a fight between two armies

fountain a place where water flows out of the ground

lake a large area of water with land all around it

magic having strange powers that some people believe cause strange things to happen that you cannot explain

special power having a special strength or force

soldier someone who is in an army

bath to sit or lie in water so that you can wash yourself

foul very unpleasant or unusable

secret a piece of information that must not be told to other people

tax money you pay to the government from your income or that is added to the price of goods you buy to pay for public services

peace a situation in which there is no war or violence

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 6) Lars the knight ____.
- a. knows the way to Arthuren's kingdom
 - b. doesn't know the way to Arthuren's kingdom
 - c. asks the way to Arthuren's kingdom
 - d. gets lost on the way to Arthuren's kingdom
- 7) ____ travelling to King Arthuren's kingdom.
- a. Three guards and Lars are
 - b. Two guards and Lars are
 - c. One guard and Lars are
 - d. Only Lars is
- 8) In The Silent Woods ____.
- a. nothing has ever happened
 - b. there was a battle between two brothers
 - c. there was an unknown war
 - d. there are many animals
- 9) The fountain in The Silent Woods ____.
- a. still exists
 - b. never existed
 - c. is now gone
 - d. was always a lake
- 10) After leaving The Silent Woods ____.
- a. there is a second wood
 - b. the group can see the sea
 - c. the group decides to go back to King Andur's kingdom
 - d. the group can see King Arthuren's kingdom

Chapter 3 Review

Summary

Lars and the guards arrive at King Authuren's kingdom. Lars and the king seem to know each other. The knight gives the king two strength potions. Then Lars tells Alfred a big secret. Arthuren doesn't have magic water to sell. Arthuren and Lars will try to make more magic water. They will use the potions. However, they are not sure it is possible. If they cannot make more water, Arthuren says there will be war.

Vocabulary

farmer someone who uses land for growing food or keeping animals for meat or goods

whisper to talk very softly so that other people cannot hear

frightened afraid or very worried

represent to speak or to act officially for someone else

identical exactly the same

social of or about activities done with other people when not working

Your Majesty a title used when speaking to a king or queen

run out of to completely use up so there is no more

attack to suddenly and quickly try to hurt someone

pure not mixed with anything else

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 11) The first person to speak to Lars and his group is ____.
 - a. the king
 - b. a guard
 - c. a farmer
 - d. a farmer's wife

- 12) The market square in Arthuren's kingdom ____.
 - a. is not at all like King Andur's
 - b. is similar to King Andur's
 - c. is closed
 - d. has a magic fountain

- 13) Lars and King Arthuren ____.
 - a. fight
 - b. don't know each other
 - c. know each other
 - d. work for King Andur

- 14) Lars gives Arthuren ____.
 - a. a weapon
 - b. one potion for strength
 - c. two potions for strength
 - d. a magic fountain

- 15) The secret of Arthuren's kingdom is that ____.
 - a. the kingdom has no more magic water
 - b. King Andur is going to attack Arthuren
 - c. Lars is the king of Arthuren
 - d. the gold is not real

Chapter 1 Review

Summary

Carl is a watchmaker. He lives in the south of England. One day he meets his friend Susan on the beach. Susan shows him a very old watch. They go back to Carl's workshop to study the watch. A book says that the pirate Eric el Kraken had the watch. He used it to travel through time. Suddenly, Carl and Susan notice the watch is gone. They hear footsteps. They chase a man to the beach. Carl catches him. The man says he is the pirate Eric el Kraken. He wants to go back in time with the watch.

Vocabulary

watchmaker a person who makes watches

quiet having or making little or no noise

workshop a place where people build or repair things

beach an area of sand or stones at the edge of the sea

stretch (one's) legs to move around, usually after being still for a time

security guard someone whose job is to keep a person, place or thing safe

pirate someone who steals things from ships while they are at sea

particular special, of a certain type or style

strange power an unusual strength or force

legend an old traditional story that is usually not true

sand very small grains of rock that are found on beaches and in deserts

stout round and heavy, usually overweight

shout to say something very loudly or to make a loud noise with your voice

ignore to not pay attention to someone or something

demand to ask for something in a forceful way that shows you do not expect to be refused

old-fashioned not modern or fashionable

suspiciously with a feeling that you cannot trust or believe someone or something

accent the way people from a particular area pronounce words

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 1) Carl works as a ____.
 - a. watchmaker
 - b. beach cleaner
 - c. pirate
 - d. guard

- 2) At the end of the day, Carl likes to ____.
 - a. walk around the streets of Penzance
 - b. walk around his workshop
 - c. walk along the beach
 - d. study watches

- 3) Susan is Carl's ____.
 - a. girlfriend
 - b. wife
 - c. daughter
 - d. friend

- 4) The legend says that the watch ____.
 - a. was lost long ago
 - b. can tell the time
 - c. has strange powers
 - d. belongs to a famous watchmaker

- 5) The watch goes missing from Carl's workshop because ____.
- a. Susan steals it
 - b. an unknown man takes it
 - c. Susan and Carl lose it
 - d. Susan and Carl forget it on the beach

Chapter 2 Review

Summary

The man on the beach is the pirate Eric el Kraken. He uses the special watch for time travel. He has just arrived from the 17th century. Carl and Susan return to the 17th century with Eric. When they arrive, Eric decides that they can help him. They must win a battle. Another pirate wants Carl and Susan to steal the watch from Eric. Then he will no longer fight for it.

Vocabulary

factor something that causes or influences a situation

crazy silly or stupid

hurry to go somewhere or do something quickly

transport to move something from one place to another

camp a place where people live in temporary shelters, usually for a short time

skin the outside layer of your body

captain the person in charge of a ship or an aircraft

guest someone invited to a home or event

pay attention to focus or concentrate on something

battle a fight between two groups or armies

ship a large boat that carries passengers or goods on sea journeys

tent a frame covered with cloth in which you can sleep or live, usually for a short time

attack to quickly and suddenly try to hurt someone

disappointed unhappy because something is not how you had hoped or expected

get ugly to become unpleasant or dangerous

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 6) The power of the watch allows people to ____.
- travel in time
 - travel only to the 17th century
 - travel only to the 21st century
 - only tell the time
- 7) Eric travels through time with ____.
- Carl
 - Susan
 - Carl and Susan
 - Frank
- 8) Eric wants to ____.
- fight the English ships
 - run away from the English ships
 - live in England with Carl and Susan
 - give the watch to the English captain
- 9) Eric thinks that Carl and Susan can ____.
- bring him back to their time
 - tell him what will happen in battle
 - speak with the English attackers
 - help Frank on the ship
- 10) Frank tells Carl and Susan to ____.
- go back to their time
 - steal the watch
 - battle the English ships
 - get away from Eric

Chapter 3 Review

Summary

Everyone gets on Eric's ship to go to battle. Frank tells Carl to steal Eric's watch soon. Carl asks Eric to show him the watch. Eric says no. Suddenly the English attack. Eric falls. Carl grabs the watch and runs. Eric falls. Carl, Susan, Eric and Frank fight for the watch. The watch activates. They travel to Penzance in the 21st century. The watch is broken during the trip. Carl agrees to fix Eric's watch. Eric promises to destroy the watch when he gets home.

Vocabulary

cannon a large gun that fires big metal balls or other large explosives

second in command the person who takes over if a leader can no longer lead

helm the wheel that is used to control a ship

incredible extremely good or great

give up to stop before something is finished, often because it is too difficult

pretend to try to make someone believe something that is not true by acting like it is true

fire to shoot something from a gun or other weapon

tightly in a firm and strong way

balance when you have the same amount of weight on each side of the body so that you do not fall over

grab to take something suddenly or violently

activate to make something start working

angry very annoyed or upset

destroy to damage something so badly that it no longer exists or cannot be used

force to use power or physical strength to make something happen

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 11) The pirate named Frank is ____.
- a. Eric's cousin
 - b. Eric's son
 - c. Eric's second in command
 - d. just another pirate
- 12) Frank tells Carl to steal the watch and ____.
- a. fight Eric
 - b. go back to the 21st century
 - c. travel to the 17th century
 - d. use it to fight the English
- 13) When Carl talks to Eric, Eric ____.
- a. gives him the watch
 - b. doesn't give him the watch
 - c. steals the watch
 - d. tries to leave
- 14) Who is transported back to Penzance in the end?
- a. Carl and Susan
 - b. Eric and Carl
 - c. Eric and Frank
 - d. Eric, Carl, Frank and Susan
- 15) Carl will only fix Eric's watch if Eric promises to ____.
- a. return to the Caribbean
 - b. destroy the watch
 - c. give him his pirate ship
 - d. let him keep the watch

Chapter 1 Review

Summary

Walter is an old man from Scotland. He is in Edinburgh on a mission. He has a picture of an old chest. There is a lock on the chest. Three numbers are missing from it. Walter asks a man named David about the missing numbers. He says one number is on an object David has. David looks in his garage and finds something. He shows Walter an old necklace. There is a number in it. Walter says that it is the number he needs. He gives David a letter. Then Walter leaves for Northern Ireland.

Vocabulary

mission an important or official job that someone believes he or she must do

beard the hair that grows on a man's chin

strange unusual

calm not nervous, excited or upset

suspiciously with the feeling that you cannot trust or believe someone or something

carefully without making mistakes or causing damage

harm to hurt, damage or cause problems for someone or something

pocket an extra piece of cloth sewn into a piece of clothing or a bag, used for keeping small things in

chest a large box for storing things

(of) value worth money, important

lock a device that fastens things such as doors and drawers, usually opened and closed using a key or number code

excitedly with a feeling of being very happy and not calm because something good is going to happen

neat tidy and arranged carefully

garage a small building that you keep your car in

unwrap to remove layers or cloth to open something up

gold necklace a piece of jewellery for around the neck made of a pale yellow metal

disappear if someone or something disappears, the person or thing goes somewhere and cannot be seen or found

airport a place where passengers get on and off aircraft

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 1) Walter is ____.
 - a. a young man
 - b. a man in his 40s
 - c. an elderly man
 - d. a young boy

- 2) Walter speaks to David for the first time in ____.
 - a. Northern Ireland
 - b. a park
 - c. an airport
 - d. a garage

- 3) Walter shows David a photo of a ____.
 - a. chest
 - b. garage
 - c. necklace
 - d. city

- 4) David takes Walter to ____.
 - a. the airport
 - b. a taxi
 - c. Northern Ireland
 - d. a garage

- 5) After speaking to David, Walter travels to ____.
- a. Scotland
 - b. London
 - c. Northern Ireland
 - d. a park

Chapter 2 Review

Summary

Walter travels to Belfast. He visits a woman named Lucy. She lives in a large house. Walter tells Lucy about the chest. He asks her to remember a number. At last Lucy remembers something. She shows Walter an old necklace. It has a number on it. Lucy has many questions. Walter doesn't answer them. He gives Lucy a letter and says goodbye. Lucy starts to read the letter.

Vocabulary

taxi a car with a driver that you pay to take you from one place to another

expensive costing a lot of money

jacket a short coat, usually with long sleeves

sunglasses dark glasses that protect your eyes from the sun

button a small round object you press to make a machine turn on or move

butler a person who helps other people in the home for a job

wooden made of wood

traditional based on customs that have existed for a long time

afternoon tea a light meal with tea that some people have in the afternoon

specific exact, of a certain type

impatient easily angered because you don't like to wait

museum a building where collections of interesting things are arranged for people to see

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 6) Lucy's house is ____.
- a. big and beautiful
 - b. small but beautiful
 - c. medium-sized
 - d. big but not very nice
- 7) The butler is called ____.
- a. Brian
 - b. Walter
 - c. David
 - d. Lucy
- 8) Lucy remembers a number when Walter ____.
- a. talks about the number
 - b. shows her the photo of the chest
 - c. talks about the chest
 - d. talks about a necklace
- 9) Lucy ____.
- a. doesn't understand what is going on
 - b. knows what Walter is doing
 - c. is not going to let Walter have any fun
 - d. is not able to help Walter
- 10) After saying goodbye, Walter ____.
- a. travels to Belfast
 - b. travels to Edinburgh
 - c. rests for a day
 - d. travels to London

Chapter 3 Review

Summary

Walter travels to London. He arrives at the house of the third person, Alan. Alan has the third number. Walter invites David, Lucy and Alan to come to his home. They arrive in Edinburgh. They are ready to open the chest. They go to Walter's house and put in their numbers. The chest opens. It contains many things. It also has a letter. The letter explains that they are siblings and Walter is their uncle.

Vocabulary

flight a journey in an aircraft

modern to do with the present time and not the past

boat a vehicle for travelling over water

rental the act of paying money so that you can use something

consider to think about something carefully

taste a person's preferences for something such as clothing, art or behaviour

ring a round piece of jewellery that you wear on your finger

identical exactly the same

trust to believe that someone is honest and loyal

adopt to take someone else's child into your family and legally become their parent

agency a business that provides a particular service

shake to make many quick small movements from side to side or up and down

sibling a brother or sister

accident a bad thing that happens that is not intended

be born a person or animal is born when it comes out of its mother's body

terrible very bad

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 11) In this chapter, Walter travels to ____.
 - a. Edinburgh and Belfast
 - b. only Belfast
 - c. London and Scotland
 - d. only London

- 12) Walter talks to the taxi driver about ____.
 - a. the taxi driver's family
 - b. Walter's family
 - c. an art museum
 - d. his trip to London

- 13) Alan lives ____.
 - a. near a park
 - b. on a boat
 - c. in a small village
 - d. near the river

- 14) In the end, the chest contains ____.
 - a. only a letter
 - b. a letter and some things
 - c. a letter from the people's parents
 - d. money

- 15) David, Lucy and Alan are ____.
 - a. cousins
 - b. sister and brothers
 - c. friends
 - d. children

Chapter 1 Review

Summary

Thoric is a hunter in the Viking Period. He lives in a town called Asglor. Chief Eskol is the leader of Asglor. Niels is an explorer. He finds new lands for Chief Eskol. Niels tells Thoric that Chief Eskol has new plans. Eskol wants to explore further. Chief Eskol calls a meeting. All the town comes to hear the important news.

Vocabulary

territory the land that a particular country controls

mountain a very high hill

hunt to chase and kill animals for food or for sport

explorer a person who travels around places and finds out what they are like

chief a person in charge of a group or organization

muscle one of the parts in the body that are connected to bones and that cause the body to move by becoming shorter or longer

strict expecting people to obey your rules

expedition a long journey, especially to a dangerous place or to a place that has not been visited before

lake a large area of water with land all around it

river a large stream of water that flows across land

shortage when there is not enough of something

meat the flesh of animals eaten as food

farmer someone who uses land for growing food or keeping animals for meat or goods

wood the hard substance that trees are made of

god a spirit that some people believe controls nature or represents a particular quality

wife the woman who a man is married to

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 1) Thoric is ____.
 - a. an explorer
 - b. a hunter
 - c. the chief
 - d. a farmer

- 2) Niels is ____.
 - a. an explorer
 - b. a hunter
 - c. the chief
 - d. a farmer

- 3) Eskol is ____.
 - a. the chief explorer
 - b. a priest
 - c. a farmer
 - d. the town chief

- 4) The village of Asglor ____.
 - a. has enough food year round
 - b. needs more food in summer
 - c. needs more food in winter
 - d. needs more hunters

- 5) Niels thinks the meeting is probably about ____.
 - a. Asglor's food shortage right now
 - b. Niels' exploration plans
 - c. Thoric's hunting plans
 - d. Chief Eskol's exploration plans

Chapter 2 Review

Summary

The Chief shares his exploration plan with the village. The expedition will sail west on the sea. Thoric and Niels are chosen to go on the journey. The expedition leaves. Weeks later, the men fear there is no land in the West. Chief Eskol shows them proof there is. Later that day, there is a storm. The ships go off course. After the storm, the Vikings find land. They get off the ships. They hunt for food. They plan to begin exploring the next day.

Vocabulary

strategy plan, the way you are going to get something

ship a large boat that carries passengers or goods on sea journeys

progress movement forward towards a goal or completion of a plan

sail to travel somewhere in a ship or a boat

warrior a soldier, especially in the past

bird a creature with wings and feathers that produces eggs

angry very annoyed or upset

shout to say something very loudly or to make a loud noise with your voice

evidence facts or objects that help to prove something

strange unusual

quiet having or making little or no noise

row to pull a boat through water using long wooden sticks

rough not smooth

storm a time when there is a lot of wind and rain

sky the area above Earth where you can see the sun, moon, stars and clouds

course (of a ship) the direction that a vehicle is travelling in

wake to stop sleeping, or to make someone stop sleeping

beach an area of sand or stones at the edge of the sea

resource something that you have and are able to use

ignore to not pay attention to someone or something

sunrise the time when the yellow thing in the sky comes up to
give light and heat to the earth

Comprehension Questions

Choose one answer only for each question.

- 6) How many Vikings are on the expedition?
 - a. 30
 - b. 60
 - c. 75
 - d. 85

- 7) How many ships are on the expedition?
 - a. 2
 - b. 3
 - c. 4
 - d. 5

- 8) Halfway through the journey the ships ____.
 - a. are attacked by other Vikings
 - b. cannot stay together
 - c. begin to fill with water
 - d. run into a big storm

- 9) Who is the first to see the birds in the sky?
 - a. Thoric
 - b. Niels
 - c. Chief Eskol
 - d. Niels' father

- 10) In what order do the Vikings plan to do these things?
- a. explore the land, hunt, raise food
 - b. raise food, hunt, explore the land
 - c. hunt, raise food, explore the land
 - d. hunt, explore the land, raise food

Chapter 3 Review

Summary

Thorik finds out how Eskol knew there was land. Eskol sent an expedition west years ago. Two men returned, but they died from exhaustion. One man was Niels' father. Chief Eskol and the men then explore the new land. They find a small village. The local chief speaks the Viking language. He explains that the villagers tried to help the Vikings. The men did not listen and died. Eskol decides each man must choose what to do. Some men try to make the dangerous trip home. Eskol, Niels and Thorik decide to stay. They want to explore the new land. These lands later became North America.

Vocabulary

doubt a feeling of not being certain about something

exhaustion a feeling of extreme tiredness

have a feeling to believe that something is true not because of facts but because of emotions

risk to take the chance of damaging or losing something

forgive to stop being angry with someone for something they have done

distracted nervous or not able to think clearly because you are worried or upset

weapon something that is used for fighting, such as a gun or a knife

language communication using speech and writing

gesture to move your body or its parts to express what you think or feel

disease an illness

society all the people who live in a group or in a particular country or area

damage to harm or hurt something

establish to start an organization or business

former existing or true in the past but not now

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 11) Who told Chief Eskol about the lands in the West?
- a. Eskol's father
 - b. Thoric's father
 - c. Niels' father
 - d. the village Chief
- 12) While exploring, the expedition comes across ____.
- a. Viking animals
 - b. another group of Vikings
 - c. a group of local people
 - d. a farm
- 13) The Vikings form two groups because ____.
- a. they are hungry
 - b. they must fight
 - c. they want to do different things
 - d. their plans are the same
- 14) Chief Eskol decides to ____.
- a. go back to Northern Europe
 - b. continue exploring different lands
 - c. stay in the new land
 - d. fight the local people

- 15) The land in the story is now called ____.
- a. Norway
 - b. North America
 - c. the United Kingdom
 - d. South America

Chapter 1 Review

Summary

Laura is an average woman. She is an administrative assistant in Edinburgh. One day, Laura and her friends drive to the country. They want to have a barbecue. During the barbecue, Laura finds a strange object. She touches it and become invisible. No one can see or find her. Laura goes back to Edinburgh. She wants to have fun being invisible. Her friends become worried. They call the police.

Vocabulary

incident something that happens, especially something bad such as a crime.

administrative assistant a person whose job is to help someone else in an office

quiet having or making little or no noise

barbecue a meal for which the food is cooked over a fire, usually outdoors

cook to prepare and heat food so that it is ready to eat

director the manager of a business, organization or department

mobile (phone) a telephone that you carry with you

strange unusual

metal ball a round object made of a hard shiny material such as iron, gold or silver

go out to stop working or become dark

relax to rest and become calmer and less worried

ignore to not pay attention to someone or something

wave to move your hand in order to say hello or goodbye or to attract someone's attention

invisible impossible to see, not possible to be viewed by others

tone the quality of a sound or of someone's voice

meanwhile happening at the same time as something else

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 1) Laura works as ____.
 - a. an administrative assistant
 - b. a cook
 - c. a driver
 - d. sales person

- 2) Laura is ____.
 - a. a very young girl
 - b. a woman of medium height
 - c. an old woman
 - d. not described well in the story

- 3) Laura's best friends are called ____.
 - a. Olly and Laura
 - b. Joe and Sarah
 - c. Raj and Sophie
 - d. Jim and Sally

- 4) Her friends think that Laura ____.
 - a. should look for a new job
 - b. doesn't work enough
 - c. works too much
 - d. could be a better employee

- 5) Laura decides to ____.
 - a. go to Edinburgh to get help
 - b. call her friends
 - c. enjoy her new power
 - d. listen in on people she doesn't know

Chapter 2 Review

Summary

Laura is still invisible. She goes to her office in Edinburgh. She listens to a meeting about low profits. An employee named Antonio says a big project is not possible. Laura checks Antonio's files. He is lying. He has sold the idea for the project. Laura gives Antonio's files to her manager. Next Laura checks on her husband. He is very worried. She realizes he loves her. She wants to be normal again. She thinks touching the metal ball might help. She drives to the park again. However, something strange is happening there.

Vocabulary

careful making sure that you do something correctly or safely

steal to take something without the owner's permission

security camera a device that makes videos of an area in real time so it can be watched and protected

lift a small box that takes people up and down in a building

bonus something good that you get in addition to something else good

stock part ownership of a company or business

profit money you make by selling something for more than you paid for it

raise an increase in money paid to do a job

quarter a three month period in the business year

technology scientific knowledge, methods or equipment used in practical ways

potential the possibility of becoming something big or important in the future

investment an amount of money or time put into something in order to get a return

advanced the newest or most developed

competitor a person or business that tries to win or to be better than the others

technically according to official or usual practice

consider to think about something carefully

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 6) First, Laura walks ____.
 - a. down Princes Street
 - b. in a park in Edinburgh
 - c. near a shop in Edinburgh
 - d. around the outside of Edinburgh

- 7) After her first stop, Laura decides to go to ____.
 - a. her house
 - b. her office
 - c. a small town
 - d. Princes Street

- 8) Antonio, a manager at Laura's company, ____.
 - a. wants to buy the company
 - b. wants to date Laura
 - c. lies about a project
 - d. thinks employees need more money

- 9) What does Laura decide about her husband?
 - a. She doesn't love him.
 - b. He doesn't love her.
 - c. She wants to improve their relationship.
 - d. She wants to leave him

- 10) Laura thinks she can become visible by ____.
- a. touching the metal ball again
 - b. breaking the metal ball
 - c. removing the metal ball and taking it far away
 - d. talking to Antonio

Chapter 3 Review

Summary

Laura returns to the park. Many people are looking for her there. Raj and Sophie think the strange ball did something to Laura. They find the ball but change their minds. Laura finds and touches the ball. She becomes visible again. Everyone is happy to see her. But they have many questions. Laura will answer them later. First, she wants to enjoy having an average life again.

Vocabulary

crowd a large number of people or things together in one place

volunteer someone who offers to do something

hurt to cause pain or injury to someone

confused unsure of what to think, believe, or do

shake to make quick small movements from side to side or up and down (In this case, Sophie is moving her head from side to side to mean 'no.')

light up to become filled with the energy that allows us to see

truth the true facts, something that is not a lie

hug to put your arms around someone and hold them

kiss to touch someone with your lips, especially on their mouth or face, to show that you feel love or affection for them

support to agree with an idea, person, etc. and want them to succeed

crazy silly or stupid

get lost to not know where you are, to be unable to find your way

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 11) Who does Laura hear talking at the park first?
 - a. her manager and her husband
 - b. her manager and Raj
 - c. her husband and Sophie
 - d. Raj and Sophie

- 12) At first, Laura's friends want to ____.
 - a. go back home
 - b. find the strange object again
 - c. call the police
 - d. call Craig

- 13) Laura wants to ____.
 - a. throw the ball away
 - b. find the ball before her friends
 - c. hide in the trees
 - d. listen in on the police

- 14) Laura touches the object again and ____.
 - a. shakes, then becomes visible once more
 - b. continues to be invisible
 - c. becomes afraid
 - b. nothing happens

- 15) When she speaks to the group of her family and friends, Laura decides to ____.
 - a. tell the truth
 - b. tell the truth tomorrow
 - c. not tell the truth
 - d. ignore everyone

Chapter 1 Review

Summary

Two Empires are at war: the Earthlings and the Kalkians. The Earthling Emperor is meeting with his ministers. Suddenly, a woman comes. She says a Kalkian capsule is at her farm. Aldin is the Emperor's most trusted minister. He goes to the farm. In the capsule, Aldin finds a little girl. At first, the girl is unconscious. Then she wakes up.

Vocabulary

planet any of the large objects in the area outside Earth's atmosphere that move around a sun or star

colony an area controlled by another country with people from that country living there

peace a situation in which there is no war or violence

population the number of people who live in an area

weapon something that is used for fighting, such as a gun or knife

empire a group of countries controlled by one leader or group

government the group of people who control a country or area

emperor the ruler of a group of countries controlled by one leader or group

minister a politician who is in charge of a political department

trusted not likely to lie, harm or steal

security guard someone whose job is to keep a person, place or thing safe

shout to say something very loudly or to make a loud noise with your voice

nervous worried or frightened

capsule a small round object, in this case one used for travel

farm an area of land where crops are grown and animals are kept

space of or related to the area outside Earth's atmosphere, where stars and planets are

silent not speaking or making any noise

vehicle something that carries people or goods, especially on roads, for example a car or lorry

uncomfortable not feeling nice or relaxed

truth the true facts, something that is not a lie

unconscious in a state like sleep in which you are not aware of what is happening, usually because you are seriously ill or injured

carefully without making mistakes or causing damage

spaceship a vehicle for travel in the area outside Earth's atmosphere

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 1) There is a war between ____.
 - a. Aldin and Emperor Valior
 - b. the Earthlings and Kira's husband
 - c. the Earthlings and the Kalkians
 - d. Kira and Emperor Valior

- 2) The Emperor is in a meeting with ____.
 - a. Aldin and the Kalkians
 - b. his ministers
 - c. Kira and her husband
 - d. a little girl and Aldin

- 3) The woman, Kira, tells the Emperor that ____.
 - a. there's a little girl in her house
 - b. there's a capsule at her farm
 - c. her husband died in the war
 - d. Aldin must come to her house

- 4) At first, the little girl ____.
- a. tells Aldin about her world
 - b. doesn't want to talk because she's shy
 - c. cries a lot
 - d. cannot speak because she is unconscious
- 5) Kira offers Aldin ____.
- a. a cool drink
 - b. coffee
 - c. a place to rest
 - d. something to eat

Chapter 2 Review

Summary

The girl from the capsule wakes up. The doctor checks the girl. He says she is fine. The girl begins to speak. Her name is Maha. She is Kalkian. She is 13 years old. At first Maha says she left because of her parents. Later, she gives a different reason. She fears the Kalkians may not survive the war. Aldin then asks how Maha came to Earth. She finally tells him that Emperor Valior helped her. Then she adds that her father is the Kalkian Emperor.

Vocabulary

frightened afraid or very worried

calm to relax someone, to stop someone from being nervous, excited or upset

hurt to cause pain or injury to someone

ignore to not pay attention to someone or something

lonely unhappy because you are alone, with no friends around you

carer someone who feeds and takes care of another person for a job

run away to leave a place secretly

sigh to breathe out noisily, because you feel tired, disappointed, unhappy, etc.

survive to continue to live after something bad has happened

quietly with little or no noise

spy someone whose job is to discover secret information about another country or company

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 6) At first, Maha ____.
- won't talk at all
 - is very nervous
 - talks a lot about her family
 - wants to speak to her father
- 7) Aldin figures out that Maha ____.
- has run away from home
 - was asked to leave her home
 - is lost
 - doesn't know where home is
- 8) Maha also says that ____.
- her family loves her very much
 - she doesn't know her parents
 - she loves her carers very much
 - she is not happy with her parents
- 9) When Aldin asks who helped her, Maha replies that ____.
- the Kalkian Emperor helped her
 - Valior came to her in person
 - Earthling spies were sent by Valior
 - Kalkian spies helped her
- 10) Why might having the girl on Earth be a problem?
- She is scared.
 - She is the daughter of the Kalkian Emperor.
 - She is a Kalkian spy.
 - Aldin doesn't want her to go home.

Chapter 3 Review

Summary

Aldin speaks with Emperor Valior. Valior plans to use Maha to fight the Kalkians. Aldin does not agree with Valior's plan. He keeps his feelings a secret. He returns to Kira's farm. He and Kira take Maha to a spaceship. They travel to Kalkia. They speak with the Kalkian Emperor. They offer to return Maha, but the Kalkian Emperor must agree to peace. They come to an agreement. At last the war ends.

Vocabulary

chaos great confusion

responsibility something that you must do or deal with

barred if someone is barred from a place or barred from doing something, they are not allowed in or are not allowed to do it

order an instruction to do something

stupid silly or not clever

policy a plan about how to deal with something by a government, political party, business, etc.

approve to think something or someone is good

judge to form an opinion on something or someone

be in (someone's) hands to be completely under someone's control

disgust a strong feeling that you do not like or approve of something

knock to make a sound on a hard surface, usually to get someone's attention

confused unsure of what to think, believe, or do

station a building where trains, buses, or other vehicles stop to allow people to get on and off

secret a piece of information that must not be told to other people

radio a piece of equipment that you use for listening to programmes which are broadcast

warning a statement that tells you about a possible danger or something bad that may happen

condition something that must exist or happen before another action can take place

Comprehension Questions

Select one answer only for each question.

- 11) After leaving the farm, Aldin goes to ____.
- a. a restaurant
 - b. the capsule
 - c. the capital
 - d. his house
- 12) Aldin realizes that Valior, the Emperor ____.
- a. is not truthful
 - b. wants peace
 - c. always tells the truth
 - d. is friends with the Kalkian Emperor
- 13) Aldin plans to ____.
- a. return the child
 - b. stay with the child
 - c. kill the child
 - d. do nothing
- 14) Maha ____.
- a. is happy about going home
 - b. didn't want to come to Earth
 - c. wants to call her parents
 - d. is not happy about going home

- 15) When Aldin speaks to the Kalkian Emperor, he asks for ____.
- a. money
 - b. peace
 - c. a job
 - d. a chance to stay on Kalkia

Answer Key

Crazy Paella: *Chapter 1:* 1. a, 2. b, 3. d, 4. c, 5. b; *Chapter 2:* 6. d, 7. b, 8. a, 9. a, 10. c; *Chapter 3:* 11. c, 12. c, 13. d, 14. d, 15. b; *Chapter 4:* 16. c, 17. d, 18. a, 19. c, 20. a

A Very Unusual Excursion *Chapter 1:* 1. b, 2. a, 3. d, 4. d, 5. b; *Chapter 2:* 6. d, 7. d, 8. c, 9. a, 10. b; *Chapter 3:* 11. c, 12. d, 13. d, 14. a, 15. c

The Knight: *Chapter 1:* 1. b, 2. b, 3. d, 4. c, 5. b; *Chapter 2:* 6. a, 7. a, 8. b, 9. c, 10. d; *Chapter 3:* 11. c, 12. b, 13. c, 14. c, 15. a

The Watch: *Chapter 1:* 1. a, 2. c, 3. d, 4. c, 5. b; *Chapter 2:* 6. a, 7. c, 8. a, 9. b, 10. b; *Chapter 3:* 11. c, 12. b, 13. b, 14. d, 15. b

The Chest: *Chapter 1:* 1. c, 2. b, 3. a, 4. d, 5. c; *Chapter 2:* 6. a, 7. a, 8. b, 9. a, 10. d; *Chapter 3:* 11. c, 12. c, 13. d, 14. b, 15. b

Unknown Territory: *Chapter 1:* 1. b, 2. a, 3. d, 4. c, 5. d; *Chapter 2:* 6. c, 7. b, 8. d, 9. a, 10. d; *Chapter 3:* 11. c, 12. c, 13. c, 14. c, 15. b

Laura, the Invisible Woman: *Chapter 1:* 1. a, 2. b, 3. c, 4. c, 5. c; *Chapter 2:* 6. a, 7. b, 8. c, 9. c, 10. a; *Chapter 3:* 11. d, 12. b, 13. b, 14. a, 15. c

The Capsule: *Chapter 1:* 1. c, 2. b, 3. b, 4. d, 5. d; *Chapter 2:* 6. b, 7. a, 8. d, 9. c, 10. b; *Chapter 3:* 11. c, 12. a, 13. a, 14. d, 15. b

Glossary

A

accent the way people from a particular area pronounce words

accident a bad thing that happens that is not intended

activate to make something start working

administrative assistant a person whose job is to help someone else in an office

adopt to take someone else's child into your family and legally become their parent

advanced the newest or most developed

afternoon tea a light meal with tea that some people have in the afternoon

agency a business that provides a particular service

airport a place where passengers get on and off aircraft

angry very annoyed or upset

approve to think something or someone is good

Are you kidding? a question asked to express disbelief or check if someone is joking

attack to suddenly and quickly try to hurt someone

awkwardly in an odd or uncomfortable way

B

backpack a small bag used to carry things around on the back

bag an object that you put things in and carry with you

balance when you have the same amount of weight on each side of the body so that you do not fall over

barbecue a piece of equipment used for cooking food outdoors

barred if someone is barred from a place or barred from doing something, they are not allowed in or are not allowed to do it

bath to sit or lie in water so that you can wash yourself

(mobile) battery has died there is no longer power to run a device or telephone

battle a fight between two groups or armies

be born a person or animal is born when it comes out of its mother's body

be in (someone's) hands to be completely under someone's control

be taken aback be surprised, often in an unpleasant or unwanted way

beach an area of sand or stones at the edge of the sea

beard the hair that grows on a man's chin

betray to do something which harms someone who thinks you are a friend

bird a creature with wings and feathers that produces eggs

boat a vehicle for travelling over water

bonus something good that you get in addition to something else good

burst out laughing to suddenly start to laugh

butler a person who helps other people in the home for a job

button a small round object you press to make a machine turn on or move

C

calm to relax someone, to stop someone from being nervous, excited or upset

camp a place where people live in tents or temporary shelters, usually for a short time

candle a stick of wax with a piece of string through the middle which produces a flame when you burn it

cannon a large gun that fires big metal balls or other large explosives

capsule a small round object, in this case one used for travel

captain the person in charge of a ship or an aircraft

careful making sure that you do something correctly or safely

carefully without making mistakes or causing damage

carer someone who feeds and takes care of another person for a job

castle a building, usually made of rock, often one in which a special person lives

cautiously slowly or with care

celebration a happy event or party

chaos great confusion

check in (for a flight) to tell the people at an airport that you have arrived

chest a large box for storing things

chief a person in charge of a group or organization

coincidence when two things happen at the same time by chance

colony an area controlled by another country with people from that country living there

comfortable feeling pleasant and not causing any pain

competitor a person or business that tries to win or to be better than the others

concern worry or in an unsure way

condition something that must exist or happen before another action can take place

confused unsure of what to think, believe, or do

consider to think about something carefully

cook to prepare and heat food so that it is ready to eat

costume a set of clothes that you wear to make you look like a different person or like an animal or other creature

course (of a ship) the direction that a vehicle is travelling in

crazy out of control, unexpected

crazy silly or stupid

creature any living thing that is not a plant

crowd a large number of people or things together in one place

D

damaged harmed, hurt by something

danger a thing that may harm you

definitely certainly

demand to ask for something in a forceful way that shows you do not expect to be refused

destroy to damage something so badly that it no longer exists or cannot be used

dinner a main meal in the evening or in the middle of the day

director the manager of a business, organization or department

disappear if someone or something disappears, the person or thing goes somewhere and cannot be seen or found

disappointed unhappy because something is not how you had hoped or expected

disease an illness

disgust a strong feeling that you do not like or approve of something

distracted nervous or not able to think clearly because you are worried or upset

doubt a feeling of not being certain about something

dust a powder of dirt on a surface or in the air

E

electrician someone whose job is to put in or repair electrical equipment

embarrassed feeling ashamed or stupid

emperor the ruler of a group of countries controlled by one leader or group

empire a group of countries controlled by one leader or group

engine the part of a machine that uses energy to produce movement

entrance the part of a building where you go in

establish to start an organization or business

evidence facts or objects that help to prove something

exchange student a student studying in another area or country

excitedly with a feeling of being very happy and not calm because something good is going to happen

excursion a trip or outing

exhaustion a feeling of extreme tiredness

expedition a long journey, especially to a dangerous place or to a place that has not been visited before

expensive costing a lot of money

explorer a person who travels around places and finds out what they are like

express bus a large vehicle with a lot of seats for passengers that travels to only main cities or stops

F

factor something that causes or influences a situation

farm an area of land where crops are grown and animals are kept

farmer someone who uses land for growing food or keeping animals for meat or goods

fate an unknown and uncontrollable power that seems to make things happen

fire to shoot something from a gun or other weapon

flat a set of rooms that someone lives in, which are part of a larger building

flight a journey in an aircraft

footprint the mark that a foot leaves on the ground

force to use power or physical strength to make something happen

forgive to stop being angry with someone for something they have done

former existing or true in the past but not now

foul very unpleasant or unusable

fountain a place where water flows out of the ground

frightened afraid or very worried

G

garage a small building that you keep your car in

gesture to move your body or its parts to express what you think or feel

get lost to not know where you are, to be unable to find your way

get ugly to become unpleasant or dangerous

give up to stop before something is finished, often because it is too difficult

go dead to no longer work or be usable

go out to stop working or become dark

god a spirit that some people believe controls nature or represents a particular quality

gold a valuable pale yellow metal, used to make jewellery

gold necklace a piece of jewellery for around the neck made of a pale yellow metal

government the group of people who control a country or area

grab to take something suddenly or violently

(security) guard someone whose job is to keep a person, place or thing safe

guest someone invited to a home or event

H

harm to hurt, damage or cause problems for someone or something

have a feeling to believe that something is true not because of facts but because of emotions

head for (*slang*) go to

helm the wheel that is used to control a ship

hide to be in a place where people cannot see or find something or someone easily

hiker a person who enjoys long walks in the countryside

hug to put your arms around someone and hold them

hunt to chase and kill animals for food or for sport

hurry to go somewhere or do something quickly

hurt to cause pain or injury to someone

I

identical exactly the same

ignore to not pay attention to someone or something

imagine to form a picture of someone or something in your mind

impatient easily angered because you don't like to wait

impossible not possible, not able to do or happen

incident something that happens, especially something bad such as a crime.

incredible extremely good or great

investment an amount of money or time put into something in order to get a return

invisible impossible to see, not possible to be viewed by others

ironic surprising, often because it is the opposite of what is expected

It's all too much. (Something) is more than a person can handle or manage.

J

jacket a short coat, usually with long sleeves

joke something said or done to be funny

journey when you travel from one place to another, especially a long distance

judge to form an opinion on something or someone

K

kick to hit someone or something with your foot

kingdom a country ruled by a king or queen

kiss to touch someone with your lips, especially on their mouth or face

knight in the past, a soldier of a high social class who rode a horse

knock to make a sound on a hard surface, often to get someone's attention

L

lake a large area of water with land all around it

language communication using speech and writing

legend an old traditional story that is usually not true

lift a small box that takes people up and down in a building

light up to become filled with the energy that allows us to see

load the amount carried by something, such as a lorry or train

lock device that fastens things such as doors and drawers, usually opened and closed using a key

lonely unhappy because you are alone, with no friends around you

lorry a large vehicle for carrying heavy goods by road

lucky bringing good things or chances

M

madly in an excited way

magic having strange powers that some people believe cause strange things to happen that you cannot explain

main square an open space with buildings on all four sides

meanwhile happening at the same time as something else

meat the flesh of animals eaten as food

menu a list of the food available in a restaurant

metal ball a round object made of a hard shiny material such as iron, gold or silver

mild weather weather that is quite warm and comfortable

minister a politician who is in charge of a political department

mission an important or official job that someone believes he or she must do

mobile a phone that one can bring along, cellular telephone

mobile (phone) a telephone that you carry with you
modern to do with the present time and not the past
motorway a wide road for vehicles travelling fast over long distances
mountain a very high hill
muscle one of the parts in the body that are connected to bones and that cause the body to move by becoming shorter or longer
museum a building where collections of interesting things are arranged for people to see

N

neat tidy and arranged carefully
neighbourhood an area of a town or city
nervous worried or frightened
No way! (*slang*) an expression used to show surprise or disbelief
nod to move your head up and down, especially to agree or to say 'yes'

O

old-fashioned not modern or fashionable
order an instruction to do something

P

packed very full
paella a Spanish food made of chicken, rice, seafood, vegetables and seasonings
panic a frightened or worried state in which you cannot think calmly
particular special, of a certain type or style
path a narrow route across a piece of ground that people walk or ride a bicycle along
pay attention to focus or concentrate on something
peace a situation in which there is no war or violence
performance the acting in a play or event in which a person behaves like someone or something else
phone box a small booth or box, usually on a street, with a telephone you can pay to use
pirate someone who steals things from ships while they are at sea

planet any of the large objects in the area outside of Earth's atmosphere that move around a sun or star

play a trick to make someone do what you want by using clever but unfair methods

pocket an extra piece of cloth sewn into a piece of clothing or a bag, used for keeping small things in

policy a plan about how to deal with something by a government, political party, business, etc

population the number of people who live in an area

potential the possibility of becoming something big or important in the future

potion a special mixture of things, usually one that has power or is magic

pretend to try to make someone believe something that is not true by acting like it is true

profit money you make by selling something for more than you paid for it

progress movement forward towards a goal or completion of a plan

pure not mixed with anything else

Q

quarter a three month period in the business year

quiet having or making little or no noise

quietly with little or no noise

R

radio a piece of equipment that you use for listening to programmes which are broadcast

raise an increase in money paid to do a job

reality sinks in one begins to understand the truth of what is happening

realize to know and understand something that you did not know or understand before

receptionist a person that sits at the entrance to an office or building and directs visitors

relax to rest and become calmer and less worried

relaxed feeling calm, comfortable and not worried

relief a good feeling because something bad or unpleasant stops or does not happen

renovate to repair or change something to make it better, usually a building

rental the act of paying money so that you can use something

represent to speak or to act officially for someone else

resource something that you have and are able to use.

responsibility something that you must do or deal with

restaurant a place where you can buy and eat a meal

ring a round piece of jewellery that you wear on your finger

risk to take the chance of damaging or losing something

river a large stream of water that flows across land

rough not smooth

row to pull a boat through water using long wooden sticks

run away to leave a place secretly

run out of to completely use up so there is no more

S

safe unlikely to cause harm or damage

sail to travel somewhere in a ship or a boat

sand very small grains of rock that are found on beaches and in deserts

scared frightened

science fiction stories that take place in an imagined future or in other parts of the universe

scroll an old form of letter written on paper or skin and rolled onto something

second in command the person who takes over if a leader can no longer lead

secret a piece of information that must not be told to other people

security camera a device that makes videos of an area in real time so it can be watched and protected

security guard someone whose job is to keep a person, thing, or place safe

(mobile) service the system that allows you to use a mobile telephone

shake to make many quick small movements from side to side or up and down

ship a large boat that carries passengers or goods on sea journeys
shore the area of land next to the sea or next to a lake
shortage when there is not enough of something
shout to say something very loudly or to make a loud noise with your voice
shower a piece of bathroom equipment that produces a flow of water that you stand under to wash yourself
shy nervous and not confident when meeting and speaking to people
sibling a brother or sister
sigh to breathe out noisily, because you feel tired, disappointed, unhappy, etc.
silence when it is completely quiet and no sound can be heard
silent not speaking or making any noise
similar when two or more things are like each other but not exactly the same
skin the outside layer of your body
sky the area above Earth where you can see the sun, moon, stars and clouds
social of or about activities done with other people when not working
society all the people who live in a group or in a particular country or area
soldier someone who is in an army
solution the answer to a problem or a question
something just doesn't add up something does not make sense or does not seem right
space the area outside Earth's atmosphere, where stars and planets are
spaceship a vehicle for travel in the area outside Earth's atmosphere
special power having a special strength or force
specific exact, of a certain type
split to go in two different directions
split up to divide a group of people into smaller groups
spy someone whose job is to discover secret information about another country or company
station a building where trains, buses, or other vehicles stop to allow people to get on and off

stock part ownership of a company or business
stone bridge a structure made of rocks built over a river or a road to allow people or vehicles to cross from one side to the other
storm a time when there is a lot of wind and rain
stout round and heavy, usually overweight
strange unusual
strange power an unusual strength or force
strategy plan, the way you are going to get something
steal to take something without the owner's permission
stretch (one's) legs to move around, usually after being still for a time
strict expecting people to obey your rules
stupid silly or not clever
sunglasses dark glasses that protect your eyes from the sun
sunrise the time when the yellow thing in the sky comes up to give light and heat to Earth
support to agree with an idea, person, tc. and want them to succeed
survive to continue to live after something bad has happened
suspiciously with a feeling that you cannot trust or believe someone or something

T

take off when an aeroplane leaves the ground and goes up into the air
taste a person's preferences for something such as clothing, art or behaviour
tax money you pay to the government from your income or that is added to the price of goods you buy to pay for public services
taxi a car with a driver that you pay to take you from one place to another
technically according to official or usual practice
technology scientific knowledge, methods or equipment used in practical ways
tent a frame covered with cloth which you sleep in when you are camping
terrible very bad
territory the land that a particular country controls

thicket a small group of trees
think things through to consider or work through a problem
tightly in a firm and strong way
tired feeling that you need a rest
tone the quality of a sound or of someone's voice
torch a small electric light that you carry in your hand
trader a person or company that buys and sells things
traditional based on customs that have existed for a long time
transport to move something from one place to another
trust to believe that someone is honest and loyal
trusted not likely to lie, harm or steal
truth the true facts, something that is not a lie

U

ugly not pleasant to look at
Un día loco a Spanish expression meaning "a crazy day"
uncomfortable not feeling nice or relaxed
unconscious in a state like sleep where you are not aware of what is happening, usually because you are seriously ill or injured
unwrap to remove layers or cloth to open something up

V

(of) value worth money, important
vehicle something that carries people or goods, especially on roads, for example a car or lorry
volunteer someone who offers to do something

W

wad of cash a pile of paper money
wagon a large open vehicle with four wheels, usually pulled by an animal
wake (up) to stop sleeping, or to make someone stop sleeping
warrior a soldier, especially in the past
watchmaker a person who makes watches
wave to move your hand to say hello or goodbye or to attract someone's attention
weapon something that is used for fighting, such as a gun or a knife
whisper to talk very softly so that other people cannot hear

wife the woman who a man is married to

wood the hard substance that trees are made of

wooden made of wood

woods an area where a lot of trees grow closely together

work to have a job that you are paid to do

workshop a place where people build or repair things

Y

Your Majesty a title used when speaking to a king or queen

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The dragon saw the arrow pass by. He looked down. Then the dragon landed in the town square. 'Josh...?' said the dragon.

