

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*

During-reading questions**CHAPTER ONE**

- 1 Norway
- 2 His arm is cut from his body.
- 3 He makes one side of a fork into a knife.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Mrs Pratchett is a small, ugly old woman. She never smiles and she is never friendly.
- 2 They put a dead mouse in a jar of sweets. She puts her hand into the jar and gets a shock.
- 3 The headmaster hits them with the cane.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 To Norway
- 2 They go by train, taxi, a second train, second taxi, and then in a small boat.
- 3 A doctor cuts his adenoids.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 It is an expensive school. Children stay the night at boarding school and live there without their families.
- 2 Mothers send their hungry sons food every week.
- 3 Because the letters have bad spelling in them.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 The family buys their first car.
- 2 He is a young nine-year-old child. To him, a twenty-one-year-old sister is very old and not like a normal sister.
- 3 Seven people travel in the car.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Because he takes their sister away from them and because he smokes a pipe.
- 2 Goat droppings
- 3 She is very frightened. Later, she is very angry.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Wilberforce shouts and Roald is the slowest boy to get there.
- 2 Because it is boring on the toilet.
- 3 He likes playing sport and taking photos.

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Exercises**CHAPTER ONE**

- 1 false
- 2 true
- 3 true
- 4 false
- 5 false
- 6 false

CHAPTERS TWO AND THREE

2	Positive meaning	Negative meaning
	<i>friendly</i>	<i>ugly</i>
	excited	bad
	great	difficult
	happy	dirty
	special	
	beautiful	
	wonderful	

CHAPTER FOUR

- 3 1 Children stay the night at boarding school.
- 2 One boy kept a frog in his tuck box.
- 3 I had a new school uniform.
- 4 I was always frightened of the cane.
- 5 Mothers sent their hungry sons food every week.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 4 1 How **fast** will it go?
- 2 My half-sister started the car and we drove **slowly** through the village.
- 3 My family were all OK, but I was **badly** hurt.
- 4 My nose was **nearly** cut from my face.
- 5 “**Well** done. This is for you,” she said.

CHAPTER SIX

- 5 1 My very old half-sister **chose** to marry an English doctor.
- 2 I quickly **put** some of the goat droppings in the pipe.
- 3 Then we **heard** a loud shout.
- 4 The young doctor’s pipe **flew** out of his mouth.
- 5 The young doctor **lay** on the ground.
- 6 My half-sister and the doctor quickly **understood**.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 6 1 f 2 c 3 a 4 e 5 g 6 d 7 b

ALL CHAPTERS

- 7 1 It was normal **to cut** a child’s adenoids with no anaesthetic in those days!
- 2 How wonderful **to be** away from school!
- 3 People in the street were excited **to see** our car.
- 4 My very old half-sister chose **to marry** an English doctor.
- 5 After five minutes, he started **to feel** better.
- 6 Today, cameras are very easy **to use**.

Project work

Reader’s own answers.