

## Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
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## During-reading questions

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Leamas tells the American that he is waiting for one of his agents. This tells us that Leamas works for a secret service. Later, we learn that Leamas is angry because his agent has discussed his work for the British secret service with a woman. Therefore, we learn that Leamas works for the British secret service.
- 2 The woman tells Leamas that his agent, Karl, will cross to the West later that night, at the same checkpoint. He will come by bicycle, she says. She also tells Leamas that all his other agents in the East have been caught.
- 3 Leamas's agent is shot by an East German border guard before he can reach the West German checkpoint.

### CHAPTER TWO

- 1 He is in charge of the secret service which Leamas works for. He works at a building in Cambridge Circus, in London.
- 2 Control wants Leamas to return to Germany. He has a plan. He wants to get rid of an important agent of the GDR secret service. This man is called Mundt. Control wants Leamas to help him with the plan.
- 3 After he starts to work at the Circus, he often gets drunk, he is rude to colleagues and he stays away from his work. He wants people to think that the service has behaved badly to him, and that he hates his job.

### CHAPTER THREE

- 1 After Leamas leaves his work at the Circus, he gets a job in a library. Liz is a young woman who works there. She becomes Leamas's friend, and later she becomes his lover. She tells Leamas that she is a Communist.
- 2 Liz likes Leamas, but she suspects that he has a problem. She thinks that something is wrong in his life. She thinks that he will soon disappear.
- 3 **Model answer:** Leamas feels that he is using her, a Communist, to be part of the plan to destroy Mundt, another Communist. Or perhaps he is beginning to love her, and is ashamed that he will soon leave her.

### CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Ashe follows Leamas when Leamas leaves the prison. He pretends to know him from Berlin.
- 2 **Model answer:** Leamas is talking about Liz, and he is talking to Control. Leamas likes Liz and wants to protect her. Control already knows that Liz is Leamas's friend and that she is a Communist. "How does he know all this?" Leamas asks himself. Perhaps Control does want to involve Liz in his plan and Leamas suspects this.
- 3 **Model answer:** Control wants Leamas to meet someone who works for the East German secret service.

### CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Ashe says that he used to know Leamas in Berlin. He says that Leamas once lent him some money, which he now wants to give back to him.
- 2 **Model answer:** Perhaps Leamas thinks his life will always be in danger. This is because he will pretend to work for one secret service while he is really working for another one. Being a double agent is very dangerous.

## CHAPTER SIX

- 1 The man says that he is called Peters. Leamas thinks he might be a Russian but he speaks English very well. He asks Leamas many questions about his secret work. Leamas thinks Peters is good at his job.
- 2 Peters tells him that Karl Riemeck's woman friend has been killed. She was hiding in West Berlin but she was not safe.
- 3 **Model answer:** Leamas thinks that because the dead woman wasn't safe in West Berlin, Liz will not be safe in London. Control promised not to involve Liz in his plan. But perhaps Leamas wonders whether he can trust Control.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Leamas pretends to get very angry at the idea that there could be a Circus German operation that he did not know about.
- 2 Peters says that the British police are searching for Leamas. The newspapers have reported this. Everyone will believe that he has defected. Leamas wonders why Control has allowed this to happen. It is not part of the plan which Leamas has agreed with Control.
- 3 He has to decide whether to go to the East with Peters, or to try to escape back to Britain alone, without being caught by the police. He decides to go to the East.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 We know that this "friend" has been watching Leamas's movements since he left prison, and has seen him with his recruiters. And we know by the end of the chapter that this "friend" is George Smiley.
- 2 **Model answer:** George Smiley (as we know from Chapter Two) used to work for the Circus, and Control has involved him in his plan. Perhaps he visits Liz because

he is worried about her, now that Leamas has left her. He is kind to her and tells her that he will help her if she wants help. But perhaps that is part of Control's plan.

- 3 *Reader's own answer*

## CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Leamas and Peters fly from Holland to West Berlin. Then a big black car takes them from West Berlin into East Berlin and into the countryside of the GDR. They finally arrive, by moonlight, at a farmhouse. Inside, there is old, dark-coloured furniture and photos of Soviet leaders. The farmhouse smells like a place where nobody lives.
- 2 Leamas pretends that he thought he was going further east, perhaps to Russia, and he is angry that he has to stay in the GDR.

## CHAPTER TEN

- 1 The farmhouse is at the top of a high hill, and other hills with tall trees surround it. There are no houses near it.
- 2 Although Leamas says that the money could not be for an East German double agent, Fiedler believes that Rolling Stone was an operation against the GDR, and that the money was for an East German.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 Fiedler hopes that the letters will give information about the dates when the money was collected. This could connect Mundt with the payments.
- 2 **Model answer:** Leamas says that Mundt killed two people. But people in the Circus said that Mundt was allowed to escape from Britain after that. This suggests to Fiedler that Mundt was working for the Circus as a double agent. And this suggests to Leamas that Control's plan is still working.
- 3 **Model answer:** Someone in the GDR wants

Liz to know that her work for the British Communist Party is valuable. This is what someone wants her to believe. But perhaps Control is involving Liz in his plan, in a way we do not yet understand.

## CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 The lights in Leamas's part of the house are not on. Leamas is good at fighting in the dark, and he attacks one of the guards who come to arrest him. But another guard turns on the lights and hits Leamas, who falls to the floor.
- 2 Mundt is going to put Fiedler and Leamas on trial because he says they are enemies of the GDR. They are both part of a Circus plan to get rid of him. Leamas will also be tried for murder, because the guard he attacked has died. Mundt knows that Fiedler has contacted the Praesidium about him, and Mundt does not want to be arrested himself.

## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 Fiedler's report to the Praesidium had included the information about the money in the Copenhagen bank. Fiedler can prove it was collected on a day when Mundt was in that city.
- 2 Liz is used to small numbers of people at her Communist Party Branch Meetings in London. She knows that not many people come because Britain is not a Communist country. But she is disappointed that not many people come to similar meetings in the Communist GDR.
- 3 **Model answer:** Liz will be involved in the trial of Mundt.

## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

- 1 Fiedler talks about Mundt's easy escape from Britain after killing two people there. The

British police allowed him to escape, Fiedler says. This proves that Mundt was working for the British secret service.

- 2 Fiedler connects the Circus money left in the Copenhagen bank, which Leamas will tell them about, with Mundt. He says Mundt was in the city when the money was collected. The Circus paid Mundt a large amount of money for information, he says.

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

- 1 Karden knows about his work at the library after he left the Circus. He knows that the library still owed Leamas some money, so he did have some money when he attacked the grocer. Leamas is worried that someone in London has given Karden information about his life before his defection.
- 2 There are several reasons. A "friend" paid Leamas's bills after he went to prison. The Circus has bought the lease of Liz's flat for her. Smiley, whose connections with the Circus are well known to the GDR secret service, has visited Liz. He has offered to help her after Leamas left her. This help for Liz shows that Leamas is still part of the Circus.
- 3 He wants the Tribunal to free Liz because she was not part of the plan to get rid of Mundt. He also wants to show that Fiedler believed Leamas was a real defector. He wants to show that Fiedler was not part of the plan himself. Leamas wants to save Fiedler because he likes him and thinks he is a good, honest man.

## CHAPTER SIXTEEN

- 1 The young man guides Leamas and Liz to East Berlin, and to a point in the Berlin Wall where they can climb over it to the West. He tells them the exact time to do this and how much time they have. He tells them they will be shot if they turn back.

- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 **Model answer:** She might tell people in the western Communist parties that Mundt is a traitor.
- 4 **Model answer:** (only two reasons required)  
 Reason 1: He wants to know that Liz is safe, because he feels bad about involving her in the plan.  
 Reason 2: He knows that Leamas will be killed if he goes back for her. So he wants Leamas to go back for her and be killed himself. This is because Mundt will be safer when both of them are dead.  
 Reason 3: He wants to be sure that Leamas escapes but that Liz does not. (Leamas works for the Circus and cannot tell anyone about Mundt. Liz does not work for the Circus so they cannot easily stop her talking about what has happened.)

## After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 **a** Berlin: the story starts and ends here; Leamas has worked here for many years; Riemeck, his last agent, is killed at a checkpoint on the Wall; Leamas flies to Berlin and goes through Berlin on the way to the farmhouse in the East where he meets Fiedler; he is shot on the Wall as he tries to get back to the West.
- b** Cambridge Circus, London: this is the main office of the Circus, the British secret service.
- c** Bywater Street, London: this is Smiley's house where Leamas meets Control after he leaves prison and has met Ashe.
- d** Görlitz: this is where Liz is taken to the Tribunal.
- 4 Ashe, Kiever and Peters are three people who work for the East German secret service.
- a** Ashe does work for Kiever. He makes the

first approach to Leamas from the East German secret service. Liz remembers that she met Ashe at a Communist Party meeting in London so perhaps he gave information to Mundt about her.

- b** Kiever takes over from Ashe. He has a "customer" for Leamas's information and takes Leamas to Holland to meet Peters. He has a foreign accent.
- c** Peters is the most important of the three men. He does the first interrogation of Leamas and he takes Leamas through the Iron Curtain to meet Fiedler.
- 5 *Reader's own answer.*
- 6 *Reader's own answer.*

## Exercises

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 1 checkpoint  
 2 agent  
 3 binoculars  
 4 searchlight  
 5 siren  
 6 interrogate

### CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 c 2 b 3 c 4 b

### CHAPTER THREE

- 3 1 The young woman asked if he had done this kind of work before.  
 2 Leamas asked Liz if she had got far to go.  
 3 Liz asked Alec what he believed in.  
 4 Leamas asked Liz if she was religious.  
 5 She suddenly asked Leamas if he was leaving.  
 6 The other customers asked each other if the grocer had pushed Leamas or not.

### CHAPTER FOUR

- 4 1 rudeness  
 2 beauty

- 3 goodness
- 4 boredom
- 5 embarrassment

## CHAPTER FIVE

- 5 1 **Leamas** did not talk about himself.
- 2 **Ashe** thought Leamas was “one of those cold-war people”.
- 3 **Ashe** lived in a small flat in Dolphin Square.
- 4 **Leamas** made a phone call from a public telephone.
- 5 **Leamas, Ashe and Kiever** ate at a Chinese restaurant.
- 6 **Kiever** talked about money with Leamas.

## CHAPTER SIX

- 6 1 Where **did Leamas fly to?**
- 2 What **did Peters look like?**
- 3 Which **country did Leamas guess that Peters came from?**
- 4 How much **money was the customer offering to Leamas?**
- 5 Who **spoke Dutch, German and French?**
- 6 Why **did Leamas decide that Peters was good at his job?**
- 7 Why **did Leamas suddenly become angry?**
- 8 Who **did Leamas think about that night?**

## CHAPTER SEVEN

- 7 1 Peters **interrogated** Leamas for two days at the house by the sea.
- 2 Leamas told Peters about a Circus **operation** called Rolling Stone.
- 3 Leamas **deposited** thousands of dollars in two different banks.
- 4 Someone had to use German names in order to **withdraw** the money.
- 5 Control said Leamas had to make the East German agents **work out** what to think about Leamas’s information.

- 6 The police were searching for Leamas because they thought that he had **defected** from Britain.
- 7 There were **articles** about Leamas in all the English newspapers.
- 8 Leamas knew that the operation against Mundt would **fail** if he stopped talking to Peters.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

8	positive	negative
	<i>friendly</i>	<i>confused</i>
	<i>kind</i>	<i>strange</i>
	<i>special</i>	<i>terrified</i>
		<i>worried</i>

## CHAPTER NINE

- 9 1 “You’ll **be travelling** by car from West Berlin to the East.”
- 2 “I’ve **been travelling** all day,” thought Leamas.
- 3 “We’ve **been talking** about what to do with you, since the British discovered your defection.”
- 4 “You’re **not going** any further east.”
- 5 “If I’d **known** I was only going to the GDR, I **wouldn’t have** defected.”
- 6 “If your colleagues **hadn’t found out** about your defection, we **would have left** you in Holland.”

## CHAPTER TEN

- 10 1 When Leamas woke up the next morning, he knew it **was going to** be a long day.
- 2 Fiedler was **used to** interrogating people.
- 3 That’s OK. I **don’t mind** telling you everything.
- 4 Leamas knew that Fiedler **would be** interested in Rolling Stone.
- 5 It would **not be easy** to find out who the payments were for.
- 6 You **ought to** tell me everything you know.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 11 1 “I have not **received** any post from England.”
- 2 He **expected** to hear from his colleagues in

Paris in about a week.

- 3 Fiedler and Leamas were both **relaxed** and Leamas talked a lot about his job.
- 4 The two men began to like each other and almost to **trust** each other.
- 5 It was amazing that Mundt **managed** to escape.
- 6 As the days passed he started to seem **tense** and worried.
- 7 The letter came from the **organizers** of the Communist Party in Britain.
- 8 There are going to be visits for **members** of your branch to the branch in Leipzig.

## CHAPTER TWELVE

- 12 1 c    2 e    3 j    4 h    5 a  
 6 f    7 b    8 i    9 g    10 d

## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 13 1 noisy, loud  
 2 good, great, fine  
 3 stupid, unintelligent  
 4 displeased, unhappy  
 5 cruel  
 6 happy, calm

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

- | 14 Who spoke?   | Who to           |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 the Presiden  | Karden           |
| 2 Leamas        | Karden           |
| 3 Karden        | Leamas           |
| 4 the President | Liz              |
| 5 Liz           | the President    |
| 6 Karden        | Liz              |
| 7 Liz           | Karden           |
| 8 Liz           | Karden           |
| 9 Leamas        | the President    |
| 10 Fiedler      | Liz              |
| 11 Leamas       | the President    |
| 12 Mundt        | Fiedler/everyone |

## CHAPTER SIXTEEN

- 15 1 Mundt led Liz out of the building where she had been a prisoner.  
 2 Leamas told Liz that Mundt was a spy for the British secret service.  
 3 Control had not told Leamas everything about his plan.  
 4 Fiedler is a good, honest man, but he is an enemy of Britain. / Mundt is a horrible, violent man, but he is a friend of Britain.  
 5 Leamas and Liz will have ninety seconds to escape over the Wall.  
 6 The young man stopped the car not far from the Wall.  
 7 Only Leamas reached the top of the Wall.  
 8 Leamas and Liz were shot by the East German border guards.

## Project work

*Reader's own answers.*

## Essay questions

*Reader's own answers.*