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**1 Tick  the four things that are true about Oskar.**

- 1 He died on Tuesday September 11th 2001.
- 2 He likes to invent things.
- 3 He only wears white clothes.
- 4 He loved to mark mistakes in the newspaper.
- 5 He played the tambourine.
- 6 He took a photograph of every sign in Central Park.

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**2 Complete the letter. Choose the correct options (a–h) below. There are three extra sentences.**

**Thomas Schell**

May 21st 1963, New York airport

*A letter to my unborn child:*

I want to tell you <sup>1</sup>..... and leaving your mother. It's not an easy story to tell, but I will start by telling you how I met your mother.

I haven't always been silent—I used to talk a lot. But, when I arrived in America from Dresden not long after the war finished, <sup>2</sup>..... . The first word I lost was "Anna." One day I tried to say, "That woman reminds me of ... ." But the word didn't come. I had loved Anna and had wanted to marry her. She was the only thing I wanted to talk about, <sup>3</sup>..... .

Then other words started to go, like leaves that fall from a tree into a river. I lost "come" one afternoon <sup>4</sup>..... . Then I lost "want" and "hungry." After a time, I lost all of my words, and the silence was total. So I went to a tattoo parlor, and the man wrote "YES" on my left hand, and "NO" on my right hand. Now if someone asks me a question, I open my hands and show them these words.

I started carrying a notebook with me, <sup>5</sup>.....—just one sentence on each page. At the end of each day I used to read through the pages of my life.

- a and I wrote the things I wanted to say in it
- b because I couldn't think of anything to say.
- c but I couldn't say her name.
- d my words started disappearing.
- e so that was the only thing left to do.
- f when I first arrived in the city.
- g why I am now leaving New York,
- h with the dogs in the park.

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3 When and where did Oskar’s dad die?

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4 List six things from Chapter Three that frightened Oskar after his dad died.

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 2 .....  
 3 .....  
 4 .....  
 5 .....  
 6 .....

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5 Read the questions about Chapter Three. Choose the correct answers (a, b or c).

1 Where did Oskar go to make him feel better when he was sad about his father?

- a Down to Central Park.
- b To his Dad’s closet.
- c Up on to the roof.

2 What did Oskar break?

- a A blue vase.
- b His father’s shoes.
- c His key in the lock.

3 What was the first lie Oskar had to tell his mother?

- a The school was closed.
- b He needed some money.
- c He felt sick.

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**6 Complete the conversation between Oskar and Grandma. Choose the best answers from the box.**

I miss him, too. Over.                      I was talking to the renter. Over.                      No. Over.  
 Oskar, it's very late. Over.                      Oskar, what's wrong? Over.                      So do I. Over.

Oskar:                      Grandma? Grandma?  
 Grandma:                      **1** .....

Oskar:                      Did I wake you up? Over.  
 Grandma:                      **2** .....

Oskar:                      Grandma, what were you doing? Over.  
 Grandma:                      **3** .....

Oskar:                      But it's 4.12 a.m.! Over.  
 Grandma:                      **4** .....

Oskar:                      I miss Dad. Over.  
 Grandma:                      **5** .....

Oskar:                      I miss him a LOT. Over.  
 Grandma:                      **6** .....

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**7 Complete the list of things Oskar puts in his backpack for his Lock Mission.**

- **1** .....
- notebook
- some **2**..... with my name, email address, and phone number on them
- flashlight
- **3** .....
- juice
- Grandpa's **4**.....
- tambourine

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**8 Match the two parts of the sentences. Draw lines between them.**

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| <p><b>1</b> On the first weekend I decided</p> <p><b>2</b> It took me three hours and forty-one minutes to</p> <p><b>3</b> But sometimes you shouldn't think too much</p> <p><b>4</b> So I took out my tambourine and shook it extremely loudly</p> <p><b>5</b> Finally I arrived outside</p> <p><b>6</b> Then I pushed the button</p> | <p><b>a</b> and held my finger on it for fifteen seconds.</p> <p><b>b</b> and should just do the thing you are frightened of.</p> <p><b>c</b> as I walked over the bridges.</p> <p><b>d</b> the right apartment building.</p> <p><b>e</b> to visit the first two Blacks on my list.</p> <p><b>f</b> walk to Aaron Black in Queens.</p> |
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**9 Complete the rules of Oskar’s grandparents’ marriage. Circle the correct words.**

- 1 We **always** / **never** talk about the past.
- 2 We never listen to **happy** / **sad** music.
- 3 I am not allowed to watch her **cook** / **paint**.
- 4 She is not allowed to watch me **read** / **write**.
- 5 No **animals** / **children**.

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**10 Read the questions. Choose the correct answers (a, b, c or d).**

- 1 What could be a different title for the chapter called “About my grandma”?
  - a Oskar finds the lock
  - b Oskar’s Grandma disappears
  - c Meet the renter!
  - d The Lock Mission continues
- 2 The word “forever” is closest in meaning to ...
  - a a time finished.
  - b a time that has not started.
  - c for all time in the future.
  - d for all time in the past.
- 3 What does Oskar think is funny, but his grandma does not?
  - a A TV show
  - b Oskar hiding in the park
  - c Oskar’s mum’s joke
  - d Oskar running away
- 4 What does Oskar see through his binoculars?
  - a A note saying “Don’t go away!”
  - b A person in his grandma’s house.
  - c A picture of his dad.
  - d A strange animal in the park.
- 5 What does Oskar’s mom do when he goes out?
  - a She asks where he is going.
  - b She gets him a cab.
  - c She worries about him.
  - d She never asks questions.
- 6 How did Oskar travel to Coney Island?
  - a By boat
  - b By bus
  - c By cab
  - d On foot
- 7 What frightening thing did he do there?
  - a He climbed up a tall building.
  - b He got into a car with a stranger.
  - c He jumped from a tall building.
  - d He went on a roller coaster.

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**11 Correct Oskar’s notes about Mr. Black.**

1 The next Black lived in our apartment building, just one floor below us.

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2 “Hello! Can I help you?” a very young man asked.

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3 He told me that he had lived through both World Wars and that he had been a doctor.

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4 He was very boring, and we talked for a long time.

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5 He said: "I've lived long enough to know that I'm not 100% sure of everything!"

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6 I decided that I really didn't like him.

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**12 Complete the sentences. Use adverbs formed from the adjectives in brackets.**

1 I touched his arm, and he looked up ..... (**sudden**).

2 I walked behind him and looked ..... (**careful**) at the hearing aids.

3 "Do it very, very ..... (**slow**)!" he said.

4 Mr. Black ..... (**immediate**) put his hands over his ears and started to cry.

5 "Mr. Black, are you OK?" I whispered, very ..... (**gentle**).

6 My boots were ..... (**incredible**) heavy after I met Mr. Black.

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**13 Change the direct speech into reported speech.**

1 "You're not going to die any time soon," Mom told him.

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2 "But I can't spend forever in an extremely small box underground." said Oskar.

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3 "It's just a stupid empty box!" Oskar told Mom.

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4 "But I hear you laughing when you're in the living room with Ron." Oskar told her.

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5 "I'm trying to find ways to feel happy again." said Mom.

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6 “Promise me that you’ll never fall in love again, or I’m going to stop loving you,” Oskar told Mom.

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14 Put the information about Mr. Black and Oskar in the correct column.

is too old to walk far      never used trains, buses, or boats      speaks a bit of Spanish  
 talked a lot and laughed a little      waited at the bottom of the stairs  
 was panicky underground      was pleased there was not an elevator      was too old to walk far

Mr. Black	Oskar

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15 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct names from the box.

Arnold Black      Allen Black      Agnes Black      Alice Black      Albert Black

- ..... was gone. She had been a waitress at Windows on the World in the World Trade Center.
- ..... came from Montana. He wanted to be an actor, but he didn’t seem to have acted in anything important.
- ..... was incredibly nervous because she lived in a factory building that people weren’t supposed to live in.
- ..... ’s job was to stand on the front door of a building on Central Park South, and that’s where we found him. He said he hated being a doorman because it was boring.
- ..... didn’t say very much at all. He opened the door and immediately said, “Sorry, I can’t help you.”

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**16 Put the things that happened to Oskar’s grandfather in the correct order (1–8).**

- a  A woman ran toward him with a silent baby in her arms.
- b  Soldiers came and took him to hospital.
- c  He burned his hands.
- d  His father hit him.
- e  He shot the animals running around the zoo.
- f  He went to look for Anna.
- g  Planes bombed Dresden.
- h  The bombs began to fall again.

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**17 Read the text. Write one word in each gap.**

My memory of that last night I <sup>1</sup>..... with Dad is very clear, when he told me that last bedtime story.

“Long ago, New York City had a sixth borough,” he <sup>2</sup>..... started. “The Sixth Borough was an island, with just a thin bit of water <sup>3</sup>..... it and Manhattan. And some people—the people who were really good at sport—could jump across the water to the island if they tried really <sup>4</sup>..... . Everyone loved that—the crowds used to clap and cheer every time someone managed to jump from Manhattan to the Sixth Borough.”

“It sounds fun!” I said.

“Yes, it was. But every year, <sup>5</sup>..... people could make the jump. Soon only one or two people could do it. At first <sup>6</sup>..... thought the jumpers were eating too much and getting too fat to jump. But it wasn’t that. It was because the Sixth Borough was moving.”

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**18 Complete the text. Choose the correct words (a, b, c or d).**

If you walk twenty-four steps directly east from the gate <sup>1</sup>..... the play park, there is a tree.

- a on
- b up
- c into
- d until

If you look on that tree, you <sup>2</sup>..... two names cut into it. But there’s no record of those

- a see
- b will see
- c would see
- d would have seen

names in the phone books, or in hospital records, or <sup>3</sup> **a** anywhere . Actually, they have studied all  
**b** everywhere  
**c** nowhere  
**d** somewhere

the names on all the trees in Central Park, and 5% of them aren't listed in <sup>4</sup> **a** some records.  
**b** much  
**c** every  
**d** any

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**19 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct words from the box.**

have to      couldn't      would      shall      should      would

- 1 I knew it ..... be an exciting place to be, but I ..... stop imagining a plane flying toward the building and crashing into it.
- 2 There ..... be lots of smoke and people screaming all around me.
- 3 Then I would ..... choose if I stayed there and burned, or jumped into the street, where it was cool, but I ..... definitely die.
- 4 "Hello! I'm Ruth. .... I show you around this very special building?" she said.

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**20 Read the information about the Empire State Building. Choose the correct numbers from the box.**

1,860      eighty-sixth      half an hour      two

- 1 ..... = The floor of the Empire State Building where Ruth Black lived.
- 2 ..... = The time it took Ruth to show Oskar and Mr. Black around.
- 3 ..... = The number of cafés at the top of the Empire State Building.
- 4 ..... = The number of stairs down to the ground floor.

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**21 Complete the text. Choose the correct words (a, b, c or d) for each gap.**

When Mr. Black told me he was finished, my boots were <sup>1</sup>..... they had ever been in my life. I couldn't talk to Mom, so I decided <sup>2</sup>..... I needed to talk to Grandma. I ran up the seventy-two stairs to her apartment and rang the doorbell. She didn't answer, so I rang again and waited. Then I opened the door and went <sup>3</sup>..... .

“Grandma? Hello?”

I thought maybe she had <sup>4</sup>..... to the store, or perhaps for a walk in the park, so I sat on the sofa and waited. I was very worried <sup>5</sup>..... her and invented terrible accidents that had happened to her. I got a bit panicky and started looking around the apartment for her.

“Grandma?”

I <sup>6</sup>..... everywhere—in the dining room, the kitchen, the bathroom, and in Grandma's bedroom.

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|--------------|----------|-----------|----------------|
| 1 a as heavy | b heavy  | c heavier | d the heaviest |
| 2 a that     | b what   | c which   | d who          |
| 3 a in       | b into   | c out     | d up           |
| 4 a been     | b being  | c gone    | d went         |
| 5 a to       | b over   | c for     | d about        |
| 6 a found    | b looked | c saw     | d watched      |

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**22 Read the answers. Complete the questions with the correct question words.**

1 ..... are you?

My name is Thomas.

2 ..... have you been living here?

Nearly two years.

3 ..... is Grandma?

She went out.

4 ..... hurts too much?

Losing my Dad.

5 ..... was he in the World Trade Center?

He was there for a meeting.

6 ..... was the last time you talked?

A long, long time ago.

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**23 Read the questions and choose the correct answer (a, b, c or d).**

- 1 What does Oskar suddenly find on his phone?
 

a A message from Abby Black.	b A new message from his dad.
c A message from his mom.	d A message from Mr. Black.
- 2 Who had Abby Black spoken to on the phone?
 

a Her husband	b Oskar's grandma
c Oskar's mom	d The police
- 3 Why didn't Oskar's mom ever ask him where he was going?
 

a She did ask him.	b She already knew where he was.
c She did not know he had left the house.	d She was not interested.
- 4 What does Abby Black say about her husband?
 

a He left New York.	b He lost his job.
c He is in prison.	d They are not married now.
- 5 What does Oskar decide to do about Abby Black's ex-husband?
 

a Forget about him.	b Go and talk to him.
c Tell the police about him.	d Try to find him.

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**24 Unscramble the sentences from Chapter Fourteen.**

1 you / will / you / why / wanted / understand / to / it. / I / hope / have / I

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2 went / what / told / to / them / the / I / happened. / had / bank / and

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3 and / hand / his / his / looked / mouth. / over / put / shocked / William

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4 William's / went / to / tear / on / his / finger. / down / cheek / and / a

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**25 Write T (true) or F (false).**

- 1 Oskar spoke to his dad on the phone for the last time before he died. ....
- 2 He didn't tell anyone about the phone calls from his dad. ....

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**26 Answer the questions about Chapter Fifteen.**

1 Where was Oskar’s grandfather when he heard about the plane crashing into the World Trade Center?

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2 What did he do?

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3 Who did he start following?

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4 What did he agree to help Oskar do?

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**27 Complete the sentences. Write the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.**

1 What will we do when we’ve ..... (**dig**) the coffin up and opened it?

2 You ..... (**tell**) me if you wanted me to know.

3 If Dad were here, he ..... (**be**) very proud of you.

4 Maybe if we ..... (**not have**) so much paper, the world would be a safer place.

5 If that was my dad, he ..... (**fly**) back into the window and leave the messages on the phone backward.

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**28 Match the words and write the new words.**

- |         |           |       |
|---------|-----------|-------|
| 1 back  | a bell    | ..... |
| 2 clip  | b book    | ..... |
| 3 door  | c board   | ..... |
| 4 door  | d fighter | ..... |
| 5 fire  | e knob    | ..... |
| 6 spot  | f light   | ..... |
| 7 flash | g pack    | ..... |
| 8 scrap | h light   | ..... |

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**29 Match the words in the box with the definitions.**

hug    shrug    binoculars    tattoo    funeral    tambourine    vase    panic

- 1 When people come together at a church to bury a dead person. ....
- 2 To have a sudden strong feeling of worry that stops you from thinking clearly. ....
- 3 You put flowers in it on a table or a shelf, for example. ....
- 4 To mark a person's body with a words or pictures that stay there forever. ....
- 5 You use them to see a very long way. ....
- 6 You play this by hitting it and shaking it, often while people are singing. ....
- 7 To move your shoulders up and then down to show that you do not know something or that you do not care very much. ....
- 8 You put your arms around someone to show that you love them or like them a lot. ....

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**30 Rewrite the sentences. Choose the correct words to replace the underlined words. Use the correct tense.**

pick up    climb over    plug it in    dig up    look after

- 1 He lifted my tambourine and started to shake it.  
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- 2 Mom probably told him to watch and check on me.  
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- 3 I was ready to take Dad's coffin from the ground.  
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- 4 We got to the other side of the wall into the cemetery.  
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- 5 So I got the old phone out and gave it electricity.  
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