

Before-reading questions

- 1 **a** *Reader's own answer.*
b *Reader's own answer.*
c *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 **a** It was about animal families across the world.
b Because they made a TV programme about them before (Big Cat Diary).

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 She is one of the Marsh Pride lions. She is important because she is their leader.
- 2 They live near the Mara River in the Masai Mara in Africa.
- 3 The lionesses hunt food for the pride and look after its cubs. The males fight other male lions and animals. They protect the pride.
- 4 The pride are Charm and her cousin Sienna and their children. Charm's children are Yaya, Tatu, Alan and Alanis. Sienna has her three-year-old son Red and her other young son and two daughters.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 They hunt big animals – wildebeest, buffalo and zebra.
- 2 They wait for many hours in the long grass. Then a buffalo or zebra comes near and the lionesses can kill it.
- 3 She walks slowly behind the wildebeest. Then she jumps on it and kills it.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Because there is lots of grass near the Mara River after the rain. The animals drink the water and eat the grass.
- 2 We do not know. Maybe she has a fight with a lion from a different pride.
- 3 Because they have lots of hair and other animals can see them easily.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Because it is not hot, and it is dark. Other animals cannot see her, but she can see very well in the dark.
- 2 Because she is alone.
- 3 Yaya helps her.
- 4 They eat the wildebeest.

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*
- 4 They are good news because they can give the pride new cubs. They are bad news because the young females (and males) must leave.
- 5 Because she and Yaya have new cubs. The new adult males will protect them and their cubs.

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

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| 1 leader | 2 plains | 3 female |
| 4 hunt | 5 fight | 6 protect |
| 7 safe | 8 leave | |

CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 Lions like hunting big **animals**.
- 2 They hunt wildebeest, **buffalo** and zebra.
- 3 They wait for many hours in the long **grass**.
- 4 Then a buffalo or zebra comes **near**.
- 5 One day, Charm sees a big male **wildebeest**.
- 6 Charm walks slowly behind the wildebeest. Then she **jumps** on it and kills it!

CHAPTER THREE

- 3 1 When does it rain a lot?
- 2 What do the animals drink and eat?
- 3 How did Sienna get hurt?
- 4 Why is Sienna hungry?
- 5 Why are male lions bad at hunting?
- 6 How does Yaya help the pride?

CHAPTER FOUR

- 4
- 1 Charm often **hunts** at night.
 - 2 Other animals cannot **see** her easily.
 - 3 Wildebeest can **smell** very well.
 - 4 Charm slowly **comes** near the wildebeest.
 - 5 It does not **hear** her.
 - 6 Some hungry hyenas **come** for food.
 - 7 They can easily **kill** her.
 - 8 Then Red, Tatu and the other lions **find** Charm and Yaya.

CHAPTER FIVE

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

CHAPTER SIX

- 6
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| Across | Down |
| 1 farms | 1 farmers |
| 3 rhino | 2 poison |
| 4 wildebeest | |
| 5 cow | |

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 7
- 1 Alanis is in the picture.
 - 2 She is leaving the pride.
 - 3 Because the new males do not want her in the pride.
 - 4 *Reader's own answer.*
 - 5 She is alone.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 8
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| 1 f | 2 a | 3 c | 4 e |
| 5 g | 6 d | 7 b | |

Project work

Reader's own answers.