

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*
- 4 **a Example answer:** People carry things in backpacks.
- b Example answer:** People write things in scrapbooks. They put photos in them, and they do drawings. They can look at their scrapbooks and remember things.
- c Example answer:** Police use this tape. The tape tells people, "Don't come near this place!"
- d Example answer:** People need torches to see in dark places.
- 5 *Reader's own answer.*

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 People, cars, shops and his school. He can also see planes in the sky and (his friend) Gaia's flat.
- 2 Because there is another boy at school with the same name – Adeola.
- 3 Because she talks to her sunflower seed.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 **Example answer:** Someone hit her and hurt her. Someone frightened her.
- 2 Because he doesn't like carrying lots of money in the streets.
- 3 A shop on Blucher Street isn't there any more, but there aren't many bricks on the ground. The small pile of rubble looks blue.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 He sees that more buildings fell down, and more people died.
- 2 The bricks in the rubble look blue.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Because he doesn't want to leave the flat with Michael's mum. He doesn't like that she shouted at his mum, and he also doesn't want to leave his mum behind.
- 2 They are finding spores from a new plant in people's mouths. The spores are killing people. The plants are called "Bluchers" because they are near Blucher Street.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Ade sees a light in Gaia's tower. He worries because he thinks, "Is Gaia there?"

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Obi finds Ben in Gaia's tower. He's very sad because his wife died. The spores killed her.
- 2 Gaia went to Brighton with her family.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 The salt kills the Bluchers. Obi pours it out of the windows around the bottom of the tower.
- 2 Because it will wash the salt away from the tower. Then the Bluchers will start to eat the building.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Ade puts on the backpack with the oxygen and the mask. He needs the oxygen because the spores from the Bluchers can kill him.
- 2 Ade is going to tell Gaia about the pigeon. He saw Dory catch it, kill it and cook it. This will interest Gaia.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Because the walls of the tower are starting to fall down, and there are Bluchers in the building. She is frightened.
- 2 A helicopter.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 Because he wants to find Pigeon.

- 2 Ade lives in the same street as Gaia.
- 3 Because sometimes it is the same colour as the Bluchers.

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- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
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- 3 **Example answer:** Ade is sad because his mum is ill, and he is sad because Gaia isn't there. But Obi and Dory look after Ade. Obi teaches Ade things. Ade learns a lot from Obi. Dory is kind to him and gives him food. Ben understands about Ade's mum, and talks to him about her. Ade can look after Pigeon and love him.
- 4 **Example answer:** He learns to help people. He learns to work with people and help the group. He is brave.
- 5 *Reader's own answer.*
- 6 *Reader's own answer.*

Exercises

CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO

- 1 1 Ade lives in a **tower block** in London.
- 2 Ade feels **safe** in his flat.
- 3 Ade's flat is on the seventeenth **floor**.
- 4 For months, Ade **looks after** his mum.
- 5 Ade buys food and cooks **meals** for them.
- 6 Ade's stomach **hurts** because he is hungry.
- 7 Buildings start to **fall** down.

CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

- 2 1 More buildings fell down, **and** more people died.
- 2 People looked out of their windows from all the towers, **but** nobody saw the buildings fall down.
- 3 I wanted to talk to her, **but** I didn't say anything.

- 4 The police know about this **because** helicopters are flying around all the time.
- 5 Maybe they don't say anything **because** they don't want to frighten people.
- 6 The next day, the school closed, **and** I didn't see Gaia again.

CHAPTERS FIVE AND SIX

- 3 1 Ade
- 2 Obi
- 3 Dory
- 4 Ade
- 5 Dory
- 6 Obi
- 7 Ben
- 8 Ade

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 4 1 Sometimes Dory cooks tasty meals, but sometimes the meals are strange.
- 2 The tape keeps the Bluchers' spores outside because the spores kill people.
- 3 Salt kills Bluchers.
- 4 Obi knows this because he read a story. A man in the story killed trees and plants with salt.
- 5 It will rain, and the rain will wash the salt away.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 5 1 "We need some more food." "I'll get it."
- 2 "Maybe someone **needs** help."
- 3 "**Come** back inside!"
- 4 "**I'm going to die**," I thought.
- 5 "What is it?" "**It's** pigeon meat!"
- 6 "I want **to catch** another pigeon."
- 7 "**It's going to give** us a tasty meal."
- 8 "**I'll tell** Gaia about this."

CHAPTER NINE

- 6 1 Who** comes into the living room one morning?
Ade's mum comes into the living room one morning.
- 2 Why** does Ade's mum look a bit frightened?
Ade's mum looks a bit frightened because Ade asks her to go out of the flat.
- 3 What** does Dory pour into nice cups?
Dory pours tea into nice cups.
- 4 Who** does Ade's mum talk to about "it"?
Ade's mum talks to Dory about "it".
- 5 How** much salt do they have in the evening before dinner?
They haven't got any more salt.
- 6 Where** does Ade find more salt?
Ade finds more salt in people's kitchens / in the kitchens of the flats.

CHAPTER TEN

- 7 1** frightened
2 helicopter
3 tower
4 metal
5 plant
6 taste

ALL CHAPTERS

- 8 a** 11 **b** 10 **c** 9 **d** 5
e 1 **f** 8 **g** 6 **h** 7
i 2 **j** 3 **k** 4

Project work

Reader's own answers.