

## Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 **Example answer:** Adrian is a boy, and he is about 13 years old. He is wearing glasses. He looks quite shy. Pandora is a girl. She is very pretty, and she looks the same age as Adrian. Bert is an old man. He looks about 80. He does not look rich.
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*
- 4 *Reader's own answer.*

## During-reading questions

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Because his mother never gives him vitamins.
- 2 His mother has got a job, and now she will not be at home to cook and clean. Bert is not very nice, and helping him is hard work. Pandora is going out with his friend, Nigel.

### CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Because he wants to give Barry Kent money. If he gives Barry money, Barry will not hit him.
- 2 Because he does not want Pandora to see him. He does not want her to think that he needs money.
- 3 He rings Social Services to get more help for Bert.

### CHAPTER THREE

- 1 She wants everyone to help with the housework.
- 2 **Bad things:** His spots get worse. Mum and Dad are getting a divorce. Bert gives Adrian stress because he tells Social Services that he is his grandson. Mum leaves her family. **Good things:** He gets money from his Mum and from his Dad. Nigel and Pandora split up. Barry Kent might stop hitting him.

### CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Because he wants Mr Lucas to know that he does not like him.
- 2 He cleans the house a lot, and buys flowers. Because he wants her to live with them again.
- 3 A man turns the electricity off because Dad did not pay the bills.

### CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Because he is afraid of Adrian's grandmother.
- 2 He loses his job.
- 3 They were a good thing because Pandora and Adrian became closer.

### CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Because she gave money to a poor man and did not buy Adrian a present on holiday.
- 2 Because it costs a lot of money.
- 3 Because Pandora wants to split up.

### CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 He enjoys seeing a Salvador Dalí painting at the Glasgow art museum.
- 2 **Good things:** Adrian is a prefect, and Bert goes back home.  
**Bad things:** Bert has a problem with his legs. Dad still has no job. Mum still loves Mr Lucas.

### CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 He puts it under his bed. He does not want Dad to see that it is for a lot of money.
- 2 He cooks a chicken. He goes on a survival weekend with her. Adrian is not sure if she loves him more or not.

### CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Adrian has to pay the bill. His parents are very angry.
- 2 Having the stolen key ring and putting it back. Getting Mum's coat back from Pandora's house.

## CHAPTER TEN

- 1 Because he thinks they might die before the wedding because they are old.
- 2 They both like him. Adrian likes Barbara, too. Pandora is angry and sad about this.

## After-reading questions

- 1 He finds love. He gets a job. His mum and dad split up, his mum leaves, and then comes back. He makes friends with Bert, and helps him. He becomes a prefect. He has problems with Barry Kent, but then Barry stops hitting him.
- 2 **a** Mum – She wants to learn how to be an assertive woman.  
**b** Adrian – He feels sad.  
**c** Mum – She wants to feel free, and leave Adrian's father.
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*
- 4 **Example answer:** Adrian didn't have a mobile phone or the internet. He had to use the phone to speak to Pandora, and it was expensive. He had to wait for letters and postcards from people. It was easy for him to get a job.

## Exercises

## CHAPTER ONE

- 1 **Adrian** likes squeezing his spots.
- 2 **Mum** is not like the mothers on television.
- 3 **Pandora** has got brown eyes, like a dog's.
- 4 Adrian thinks **Mr Lucas** likes his mother.
- 5 Adrian doesn't like going to **Bert's** house at first.
- 6 When Adrian learns **Nigel** is going out with Pandora, he is angry.

## CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 If you love someone, you might **get married** to them.

- 2 If you go to England, you will use **pounds** to buy things.
- 3 If you stop loving someone, you might **divorce** them.
- 4 If you want to know what's happening in the world, you can read a **newspaper**.
- 5 If someone doesn't have enough money, **Social Services** might help them.
- 6 If you do something wrong, you could go to **prison**.

## CHAPTER THREE

- 3 1 Adrian has to give **half** of his money to Barry Kent.
- 2 **All** Adrian's spots have gone because of the early morning air.
- 3 Mum thinks, "I do too much housework. Adrian and my husband don't do **enough**."
- 4 Adrian gets more spots, but his mum says, "It's just **a few** spots."
- 5 Adrian gets **some** money from his mum and then from his dad.
- 6 There were **a lot of** plates to wash in Bert's house.

## CHAPTER FOUR

- 4 1 Dad keeps **staying** in bed until 1 p.m.
- 2 Grandmother keeps **saying** horrible things about Mum.
- 3 Dad keeps **talking** about Mum, too.
- 4 Mum keeps **writing** to me on postcards. Why can't she send letters?
- 5 Mum keeps **crying** because she is sad and wants to see Adrian.

## CHAPTER FIVE

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

## CHAPTER SEVEN

- 6 1 Adrian **had to** stand on the train to Sheffield.
- 2 Adrian **didn't like** the clothes that Mum **was wearing**.
- 3 Mr Lucas **kept** touching my mother while he **was driving**.
- 4 Adrian went to the shop while Mum and Mr Lucas **were** at the castle.
- 5 Adrian **gave** Pandora the phone number, so she **rang** him back.
- 6 Adrian **bought** postcards from the museum.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

- 7 1 c    2 a    3 d    4 e    5 b

## CHAPTER NINE

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

## CHAPTERS NINE AND TEN

- 9 1 steal
- 2 prison
- 3 stress
- 4 company
- 5 director
- 6 spots
- 7 test
- 8 luck

## Project work

*Reader's own answers.*