

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 Megan and Anna. *Reader's own answer.*

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Rachel used to live in a house in Blenheim Road in Witney. But now she lives in Ashbury in a flat that she shares with a friend called Cathy. She often travels into London on the train. She is no longer with her husband Tom. She seems to be unhappy and lonely, and drinks a lot of alcohol.
- 2 Tom used to be Rachel's husband, but now he is with another woman called Anna, and they have a baby together. Rachel is very upset because her marriage ended, and she seems unable to move forward in life.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 In May 2012, about fourteen months before Rachel starts telling hers.
- 2 Megan used to be the manager of an art gallery, and more recently she has worked as a nanny.
- 3 Ben was Megan's older brother. He died in a road accident on the motorway.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Rachel sees Jess in her garden with a man, but the man is not her husband. He is a taller, thinner, darker man. Because she sees her kiss the man, Rachel is worried that Jess might be cheating on Jason.
- 2 She sees a newspaper article about a woman called Megan Hipwell. It shocks her because, when she sees the woman's photo, she realizes that it is "Jess" who she has been watching from the train.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Craig is the man that Megan lived with when she was a teenager. She searched for him online because she wanted to see where he is now, and what he is doing with his life.
- 2 He means that he cannot kiss (or have sex with) Megan because he is her therapist.
- 3 Because she does not believe what the man has just told her.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Two police officers. They want to ask her about what she did on Saturday evening.
- 2 Because she regrets lying about her job and wants to tell the police the truth.
- 3 First, Rachel emails Scott to tell him that she has information about his wife that he might be interested in. Later, she emails Tom, her ex-husband, and asks him to tell his wife to leave her alone.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Anna had forgotten that it was her birthday that day.
- 2 It is probably Rachel.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Because Scott looks big and strong, and she knows that he may be Megan's killer.
- 2 That she has been to his house before to visit Megan.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 Because Dr Kamal Abdic refuses to kiss or have sex with her.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Dr Kamal Abdic, Megan's therapist.
- 2 Because Rachel wants to try and find the man with the short fair hair from the train.

- 3 Cathy finds out that Rachel no longer has her job. At first, she is very angry and says that she feels stupid. Later, when she sees how ashamed and unhappy Rachel is, she puts her arms around her and is kind to her.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 Megan goes to Kamal's flat because she wants to share something important with him.
- 2 When she was seventeen, she got pregnant and then had a baby, but something went badly wrong.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 Rachel meets the man with short fair hair who helped her on the Saturday evening that Megan disappeared. She feels anxious and frightened.
- 2 Rachel decides to visit Dr Kamal Abdic because she thinks she might find out some important information by speaking to him. She is also excited about the idea of meeting him because her whole life changed direction after she saw him kissing Megan.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 Anna finds out that Megan Hipwell, who had worked for her as a nanny, may have killed her own child ten years ago.
- 2 Because she realizes that she left her baby daughter alone with a woman who may have killed her own child.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 Scott Hipwell comes to Rachel's flat. He tells her that the police have found out that Megan was pregnant when she died.
- 2 Rachel notices that there is no evidence of Megan in Scott's house – no bags, coats or things of hers in the bathroom.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

- 1 Megan and Craig did not talk about their baby's death, but they buried her at the end of the garden near the railway track. Craig then said he had to go out to go and see someone, but he left Megan on her own and never returned.
- 2 Kamal tells Megan that it might help her to speak to Craig and complete that part of her life. He also advises her to go home to her husband.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

- 1 Rachel is feeling happy and is looking forward to seeing Tom.
- 2 Tom told Rachel that she had chased him with a golf club and made a hole in the wall, but instead of remembering feeling angry, she remembers feeling terrified.
- 3 Rachel remembers that a woman, who she thinks was Anna, walked away from her and got into Tom's car, and then the car drove away.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

- 1 Because she sees Rachel outside their house, and she thinks Tom is not trying hard enough to keep Rachel away from them and their road.
- 2 Tom said that he spoke to Rachel on the phone, but he actually met her in a café. He says that he lied because he knew Anna would get upset if he saw Rachel, and he wanted an easy life.
- 3 Anna feels worried and suspicious because she now knows that Tom has lied to her, and she wonders if he has lied about other things.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

- 1 Because he has found out from Detective Sergeant Riley that Rachel has lied to him about knowing Megan. He also finds out that she has been communicating with Kamal.

- 2 Rachel meets Andy, the fair-haired man from the train. He tells her what he remembers from when they were together on the Saturday night that Megan disappeared.
- 3 Rachel remembers that Tom came towards her in the underpass and hit her hard on the head with his keys. She also remembers that it was not Anna walking away from her and the underpass. It was a different woman, and that woman was wearing jeans and a red T-shirt.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

- 1 Anna finds a mobile phone that she does not recognize in Tom's gym bag. From the phone, she finds out that Tom has been having an affair, probably since their daughter Evie was six months old.
- 2 Anna throws it over the garden fence towards the train tracks. She throws it because she sees the light come on upstairs. She is probably worried that Tom will come down to the garden and find her holding the phone.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

- 1 Rachel goes to Tom and Anna's house. She wants to speak to Anna and warn her about what her husband has been doing. She wants Anna to pack a bag and leave the house.
- 2 Tom admits that he had an affair with Megan and was sleeping with her when she was working for them as a nanny.
- 3 Tom kicks Rachel hard at the bottom of her back, and she falls forward across the grass. He takes the phone from her and then leads her back into the house.

CHAPTER TWENTY

- 1 Megan decides that she is going to do the right thing, and tell Scott the truth about what she has done.

- 2 Scott becomes furious. He throws Megan against the wall and pushes his arm against her neck, stopping her from breathing. He then later apologizes for hurting her.
- 3 Because he does not want another baby, and because he thinks Megan is not listening to what he is saying. After he becomes angry, he turns and walks away, but Megan follows him and pushes him hard in the back. Tom comes towards her with something in his hand. Megan realizes that she has fallen and has hurt her head.

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

- 1 The first time, she stands up and runs towards the front door while Tom is getting a bottle of beer from the fridge. He throws the beer bottle at the back of her head. She falls to her knees, and then he pushes her down on to the floor. The second time, she pushes him away from her, and then kicks him in the leg as hard as she can. Then she grabs his hair and brings her knee up into his face before pushing him to the floor. She grabs the kitchen door key from the table and runs out through the double doors into the garden.
- 2 The first lie is that Tom attacked Rachel with the corkscrew. The second lie is that Anna tried to stop the blood.
- 3 Rachel travels to Holkham in Norfolk to visit the church where Megan and her daughter Libby are buried.

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 **Example answer:** All of the women have been very badly treated and lied to by Tom, and all of the women have told lies to, or kept secrets from, the important people in their lives. Rachel and Megan are similar in that they are lonely, unhappy and have had

problems connected with the idea of being a mother. Anna is different to Megan and Rachel in that she has a very clear plan for her life and knows exactly what she wants.

- 3 a** Megan lived with Craig in the old cottage. It is where their baby was born, then died and was buried.
b Tom attacked Rachel in the underpass, and it was from the underpass that Rachel saw Megan get into Tom's car before the car drove away.
c Corly Wood was where Tom and Megan sometimes went to have sex in the past. It was also where Tom attacked and murdered her.
4 a until her life improves and she feels better
b it's making her very annoyed or upset
c she wants to follow what happens in the news
d he will not allow her to refuse
5 *Reader's own answers.*

Exercises

CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO

- 1** 1 appointment
 2 therapist
 3 couple
 4 underpass
 5 gallery
 6 mess
 7 track
 8 terrace

CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

- 2** 1 Tom asked Rachel what was wrong with her.
 2 Tom asked Rachel if / whether she understood him.
 3 Cathy asked Rachel what was going on.
 4 Kamal asked Megan why she had left Holkham.

- 5** Kamal asked Megan if/whether she was afraid of Scott.
6 Scott asked Megan how she was getting on with the therapy.

CHAPTERS FIVE AND SIX

- 3** 1 Rachel **panicked** when the police came to her flat because she could not remember if she had **harmed** anyone on Saturday night.
 2 When Rachel saw the dark **underpass** that goes beneath the train track, a **memory** came back to her.
 3 The police **detective** said that a **witness** had seen Rachel on Blenheim Road the evening Megan disappeared.
 4 Detective Inspector Gaskill **sighed** when Rachel lied about how much she had drunk. She also lied about her job, which she immediately **regretted**.
 5 Anna is married to Rachel's **ex-husband**, Tom Watson. Before they got married, they had an **affair** together.

CHAPTERS SEVEN AND EIGHT

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

CHAPTERS NINE AND TEN

- | 5 | Who said it? | Who to? |
|----------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Scott | Rachel |
| 2 | Cathy | Rachel |
| 3 | Scott | Rachel |
| 4 | Tom | Rachel |
| 5 | Rachel | Cathy |
| 6 | a journalist | TV news audience |
| 7 | Megan | Kamal |
| 8 | Kamal | Megan |

CHAPTERS ELEVEN AND TWELVE

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

CHAPTERS THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN

- 7 1 Why does Scott Hipwell want to come to Rachel's flat?
2 Where does Rachel take Scott when he comes to her flat?
3 How does Rachel feel when she leaves Kamal's office?
4 Who does Rachel see when she leaves Scott's house, and where is she?
5 Why does Megan go to see Kamal again?
6 Where was Megan sitting when Craig came into the bathroom? / What was Megan doing when Craig came into the bathroom?
7 Has Megan ever tried to contact Craig?
8 What does Kamal think will help Megan?

CHAPTERS FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN

- 8 1 "Scott seems like a nice guy, but you can't be sure, **can you?**"
2 "I'm not saying he did it, but we don't know, **do we?**"
3 "You'll stay away from Scott Hipwell, **won't you?**"
4 "You want to remember what happened, **don't you?**"
5 "It's strange that when I think of the hole in the wall I feel fear, not anger, **isn't it?**"
6 "I can't be remembering things correctly, **can I?**"
7 "It was crazy that we had sex just hours after we met, **wasn't it?**"
8 "She *looked* healthy? But I thought you phoned her, **didn't you?**"

CHAPTERS SEVENTEEN AND EIGHTEEN

- | 9 | Who said it? | Who to? |
|---|--------------|---------|
| 1 | Scott | Rachel |
| 2 | Rachel | Scott |
| 3 | Andy | Rachel |
| 4 | Tom | Rachel |
| 5 | Anna | Tom |

CHAPTERS NINETEEN AND TWENTY

- 10 1 When Anna and Tom were **meeting up** in secret, Rachel **didn't suspect** anything.
2 Rachel now **remembers** that Megan **had got into** / **got into** Tom's car the night she disappeared.
3 "Rachel, what **are you doing** here? **Are you trying** to get me into trouble?"
4 "I **didn't know** about the baby she killed then. I **wouldn't have let** her look after Evie if I had."
5 Scott **is** away for work, and he **won't be** back until tonight.
6 When Scott **hit** me I **had just started** / **was just starting** to tell him about the affair I had been having.

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

- 11 1 d 2 a 3 e 4 c 5 b 6 f

Project work

Reader's own answers.

Essay questions

Reader's own answers.