

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*
- 4 *Reader's own answer.*

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Benjamin Postlethwaite is a lighthouse keeper on Puffin Island.
- 2 The *Pelican* is a ship. It hits the rocks near Puffin Island and goes under the water.
- 3 Allen sees many beautiful paintings of different ships and boats on the walls of the lighthouse.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Miss Duval is Allen's nanny and teacher. Allen is frightened of her because she is not kind to him.
- 2 Allen's mother's idea is to write a letter to Benjamin Postlethwaite.
- 3 Allen and his mother are sad because Allen has to go to boarding school.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Allen ran away from boarding school. Mr Mortimer wants him to run every day as punishment for running away.
- 2 Mr Carter is Allen's art teacher.
- 3 Allen is happy because they can live together again.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Allen sees a picture of Benjamin Postlethwaite and the story about the *Pelican*.
- 2 Allen takes a train and then a small ship and then a boat to Puffin Island.
- 3 **Example answer:** He will be happy because he will remember him. / He won't be happy because he doesn't like people visiting Puffin Island.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 The little puffin has a bad leg. Benjamin Postlethwaite helps it.
- 2 **Example answers:**
 - a (Agree) Ben is a kind man because he helps the puffin. He also helped the people on the *Pelican* in 1926.
 - b (Disagree) The puffin leaves the lighthouse because it wants to fly in the sky.
- 3 Benjamin Postlethwaite has not read his letters because he cannot read.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Allen teaches Ben to read.
- 2 The people in the town are worried about the war.
- 3 A boatman brings Allen an important letter. He has to go to war.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 The navy ship goes down in the sea.
- 2 Allen thinks about his mother and his dead friend John and Ben and the puffin.
- 3 **Example answer:** Wars can make many new problems and they can make people very sad.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Her new husband is Mr Carter.
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Now there are hundreds of puffins on Puffin Island.
- 2 Clare is Allen's wife. Millie and John are their children.
- 3 **Example answer:** Allen and his family and Puffin Island and the puffins were important to Ben.

After-reading questions

- 1 **Example answer:** Lighthouses helped boats and ships move safely on the sea.
- 2 Allen loves Benjamin's painting very much. Benjamin is important to Allen.
- 3 **Example answer:** At the start of the story, Benjamin is a lighthouse keeper on Puffin Island. He cannot read. He has no family or friends. At the end of the story, he is a famous painter. Allen's family is his family.
- 4 Allen loves the sea but he knows it can be dangerous.
- 4 Sometimes Allen saw birds by the river.
- 5 Allen was very good at running.
- 6 Allen liked his art teacher.
- 7 Allen read books with a small light.
- 8 Allen and his mother walked in the country at weekends.

CHAPTER FOUR

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| 4 | 1 found | 2 wrote |
| | 3 sent | 4 took |
| | 5 gone | 6 felt |
| | 7 saw | 8 thought |

CHAPTER FIVE

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

CHAPTER SIX

- 6 1 **Where** did Allen stay on Puffin Island?
Allen stayed in the lighthouse with Ben.
- 2 **What** did Ben learn to do quickly?
Ben learned to read quickly.
- 3 **Who** were worried about the war?
The people in the town were worried about the war.
- 4 **Who** taught Allen to paint better?
Benjamin taught Allen to paint better.
- 5 **Where** did the puffin fly many times?
The puffin flew near the lighthouse many times.
- 6 **What** did Allen send to his mother?
Allen sent letters and paintings to his mother.
- 7 **What** did a boatman give to Allen?
A boatman gave Allen an important letter. / A boatman gave an important letter to Allen.
- 8 **Why** did Allen have to leave Puffin Island?
Allen had to leave Puffin Island to fight in the war.

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

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| 1 | 1 true | 2 false |
| | 3 false | 4 false |
| | 5 false | 6 false |
| | 7 false | 8 true |

CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO

- 2 One night, the *Pelican* sailed near Puffin ¹**Island**. There was a lot of rain and the wind was strong. There was a very bad ²**storm**. The *Pelican* hit the ³**rocks** and then it ⁴**went** under the water. The next day, Benjamin gave Allen a beautiful ⁵**painting** of a ship. Allen and his mother lived with Allen's ⁶**grandparents**. The house was cold and grey. Sometimes Allen's mother was not well and a doctor ⁷**visited** her. Allen and his mother were not happy there. Allen's teacher and ⁸**nanny** was Miss Duval. She was not ⁹**kind** to Allen. Sometimes she hit his hand. One day she left. Allen was happy but his grandfather was angry. Allen had to go to ¹⁰**boarding school**.

CHAPTER THREE

- 3 1 Allen put his beautiful painting in a box.
- 2 Allen ran away from his boarding school.
- 3 The headmaster had big eyebrows.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 7** 1 d 2 a 3 f 4 b 5 e 6 c

CHAPTERS EIGHT AND NINE

- 8** 1 The world was different after the war.
2 I found mother in the school's garden.
3 My mother's new husband is Mr Carter.
4 Mr Carter asked too many questions about the war and the navy and the prison.
5 Allen arrived on Puffin Island in the late afternoon.
6 There were hundreds of puffins on the island.
7 Allen and Clare had two children.
8 You can see Ben's pictures everywhere in the world.

Project work

Reader's own answers.