PIG-HEART BOY

Before-reading questions

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

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Cameron first had problems with his heart two years ago.
- **2** He hits (the left side of) his chest.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 There are not enough human hearts to use. They are also close in size to human organs, and we already use pigs for food.
- **2** He has nothing to lose. He knows that he only has a little time to live.

CHAPTER THREE

- **1** The family wait outside the station for fifteen minutes.
- **2** Dr Bryce turns the scanner off because Cam's mum is pregnant and she is worried the scanner will hurt the baby.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Julie is a girl in Cameron's class. Cameron likes Julie.
- **2** Cameron gives too much information about his operation, and everybody starts to feel ill.

CHAPTER FIVE

- **1** He knows that he should not tell anyone about his operation.
- **2** It took four hours.

CHAPTER SIX

1 Cameron is very frightened when he gets out of the car.

2 Example answers: "No, we're not interested." – Would you like to tell us/sell us your story? Can we buy your story? Can we ask you some questions? Would you like to come on our TV programme? Can we take your photograph? "No, he won't." – Will Cameron come outside and talk to us? Will Cameron allow us to take his photograph?

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 The feeling is like elephants running in his stomach.
- **2** His parents will not allow him to take the money from the newspapers.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Her mum says that now Cameron has got a pig's heart he may have germs inside his body.
- **2** The police want them to keep the letters because people fom animal rights groups may do something bad to the family.

CHAPTER NINE

- **1** Blood is inside the bucket.
- **2** He's against it, if the experiment is not necessary.

CHAPTER TEN

- **1** Cameron wants to go to the pool after school.
- **2** He wants to show the world that he is as good as everybody else.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 His body is rejecting his new heart.
- **2** Nan tells Cameron to keep going and find something else to fight for.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 Nan dies.
- 2 Reader's own answer.

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CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 Nan died a few weeks ago.
- **2** Julie made Cameron feel bad about himself.

After-reading questions

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

Exercises

CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO

- 1 1 transplant
- 2 beat
- **3** infection
- 4 argue
- **5** donor
- 6 reject

CHAPTER THREE

2 Who spoke?

Who to?

- 1 Dr Bryce
- Cameron
- 2 Dad
- Cameron, Mum and
- Dr Bryce
- 3 Dr Ehrlich
- Cameron, Mum and
- Dad
- 4 Dr Bryce
- Mum
- Cameron
- Mum and Dad
- **6** Dad
- Cameron

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 false
- 2 false
- 3 true
- 4 true
- false
- true
- 7 false
- 8 true

CHAPTER FIVE

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

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 told
- 2 felt
- **3** ate
- 4 fought
- **5** hurt
- 6 heard
- 7 ran
- 8 broke

CHAPTER SEVEN

- **6 1** What happened when the red light appeared on the TV camera?
 - **2** Why was a pig heart used **in** Cameron's operation?
 - **3** Mum and Dad put the letters **in** the bin.
 - **4** We have a home and food **on** the table.
 - **5** Cameron went downstairs **before** his dinner.

CHAPTER EIGHT



1 Where does Mum take Cameron on Monday morning?

Mum takes Cameron to school.

2 Why doesn't Cameron want to speak to

Cameron doesn't know what to say to Marlon.

- **3** Who does Marlon sit next to in class? Marlon sits next to Cameron in class.
- **4 Where** does Cameron put the book? Cameron puts the book (back down) on Julie's desk.
- **5 Who** is waiting for Cameron when he arrives home from school?

Nan is waiting for Cameron.

6 Whose name is on the letters in the kitchen? Cameron's name is on (all) the letters.

CHAPTER NINE

- **8 1** Who was Dad talking to on the telephone?
 - **2** Where did Cameron go after school?
 - **3** Who was ahead of Cameron (in the pool)?
 - **4** What did the woman call Cameron?
 - **5** Where was Cameron taken by the police?
 - **6** What made Cameron feel ill?

CHAPTER TEN

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

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CHAPTER ELEVEN



- 10 1 I thought that I was dead until I heard a noise.
 - **2** Mum did not want me to have the operation.
 - **3** Nan carefully turned my head to face her again.
 - **4** I don't want another transplant operation.
 - **5** I knew what he was going to say.
 - **6** You wanted to touch the bottom of the pool.

CHAPTER TWELVE



- 11 I don't think you will have the operation.
 - 2 If I don't/do not tell you, then you won't/ will not know as much as I do.
 - 3 Nan didn't/did not talk to me like I was a little child.
 - 4 I didn't/did not have to stop and take a few breaths of air.
 - 5 She wasn't/was not lying on her side, and she didn't/did not have a little smile on her face.
 - 6 I didn't/did not hear Dad leave Nan's room.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN



- **12** 1 live
- 2 forget
- **3** hate
- 4 last
- 5 unhappy/sad
- 6 best
- 7 after

Project work

Reader's own answers.