

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answers.*
- 2 **Example answer:** Younger people might want to be free to enjoy themselves and to forget about the war. Older people, who maybe fought in a war, may find it harder to forget. War can also change what people think about other countries and the people who live there. For example, Uncle Matthew does not like Germans.
- 3 *Reader's own answers.*
- 4 **Example answer:** Many wanted to work and earn their own money. They also wanted to choose who they married.

- 2 **Example answer:** Uncle Matthew is loud and angry and speaks without thinking. Davey is calm and thinks about what he says and does.
- 3 Fanny will receive £15,000 each year.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Lord Merlin is the opposite of Uncle Matthew. Lord Merlin does not hunt or fish. He is an artist and a musician.
- 2 **Example answer:** Linda sees Lord Merlin and his friends and is fascinated by them. She feels like an adult, not a child.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 "The centre of attention" means that for the first time, everyone wants to talk and listen to Louisa. They are more interested in her than anyone else.
- 2 The young man is Tony Kroesig, Linda's future husband.
- 3 They don't enjoy it because they had lied to Uncle Matthew and they worry about him finding them. Tony's friends are there and Tony does not speak to Linda much. Tony's friends all know each other very well and chat and laugh together with Tony.

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 **Example answer:** They are sitting under an enormous spade covered with blood and hair. Uncle Matthew wants to be reminded of his time in the war. It could be to remind his children what he did for them.
- 2 The Bolter is Fanny's mother. She has this name because she runs away from every relationship.
- 3 **Example answer:** The child hunt tells us that Uncle Matthew is very different from most parents. In some ways, he treats his children like animals! It shows us that he is not always kind.
- 4 **Example answer:** Fanny is worried that Aunt Emily's new husband might change her life with Aunt Emily.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 They think he looks kind and gentle and that he does not look like a captain. They think that Uncle Matthew will hate him.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Uncle Matthew fought against the Germans in the First World War.
- 2 The Radletts are from the countryside. The Kroesigs are from the city. The Radletts are English. The Kroesigs are also English, but they have a German name. Uncle Matthew is a lord. Sir Leicester Kroesig is a banker. The Kroesigs care about money and careers a lot. The Radletts care more about their house and the countryside. The Radletts are the opposite.

- 3 Example answer:** Uncle Matthew used the spade to kill eight German soldiers during the First World War. He looks at the spade because he is angry and does not want the Kroesigs in his house.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1** He was unhappy because Linda spent the money on a diamond necklace. He wanted her to spend it on the important people who can help Tony's career.
- 2 Example answer:** The important people are people who can help Tony in his banking career, for example, bankers or politicians.
- 3** They want boys who can continue the family business.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Example answer:** Moira lives with Tony's parents. This is probably because Linda does not want to look after her.
- 2** She likes Christian because he is the opposite of Tony. He does not care about money. He wants to help people.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1** There is a war in Spain and many Spanish people have left their country. They are now refugees in Perpignan in France, and life is difficult. Christian wants to help the refugees. He asks Linda to join him and she wants to help and do something different.
- 2** Lavender Davis lived near Linda when they were children. She now works in Perpignan with Christian.
- 3** Linda gives the best rooms to the people who have the word *Labrador* on their cards. She does this because she had a Labrador dog when she was young. She does not know that *labrador* means labourer in Spanish.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Example answer:** As a child, Lavender was boring, played sports, climbed trees and loved school. Lavender was not interested in love and was a serious girl. Lavender was very ordinary. Linda did not go to school and was interested in people, fun and love. Now, Lavender is a serious and educated woman. Linda tried to be serious, but she did not enjoy it. Linda thinks Christian is more comfortable with Lavender because they are more alike and she is the sort of woman he likes.
- 2 Example answer:** Fabrice is interested in Linda and he likes to talk to her. He is romantic and they have fun together.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1** Fabrice cannot take Linda to the house in Venice because of the war. He has to wait in Paris to find out what he will have to do.
- 2** Fabrice tells Linda about his fiancée, who died. Linda is so jealous that she feels ill.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1** Davey met a man who had been in Perpignan. The man told Davey that Christian was living with Lavender Davis. When they realized she was not at her house in London, they asked some other people and found out where she was.
- 2 Example answer:** Fabrice has had relationships with a lot of women and has not married them.
- 3** He thinks the family are strange because it takes them six weeks to start looking for Linda.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 Linda is happy because if the war has begun it means it must then end. She feels that she has finally found love with Fabrice and, when the war ends, she can begin a life with him.
- 2 **Example answer:** Linda gets angry because Moira does not behave like she did when she was a child. She is not excited by the same things and she is much more serious.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 Fanny is worried because the doctors have said that Linda will die if she has another baby.
- 2 **Example answer:** The Bolter means that women like her and Linda are always looking for new men to fall in love with. This is more difficult when they are older.

After-reading questions

1-5 *Reader's own answers.*

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 1 false
Aunt Sadie is married to Uncle Matthew.
- 2 false
Uncle Matthew killed **eight** German soldiers with a spade during the war.
- 3 false
Fanny **always** spends Christmas at Alconleigh.
- 4 false
Aunt Emily is Fanny's **aunt**.
- 5 true
- 6 false
Brenda was Fanny's white **mouse**.
- 7 true
- 8 true

CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 **Aunt Emily** is 40 years old.
- 2 **Uncle Matthew** always wakes up very early.
- 3 **Linda** cried with jealousy when Fanny received a horse for Christmas.
- 4 **Fanny** is an heiress.
- 5 **Davey Warbeck** refuses the meat.

CHAPTER THREE

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

CHAPTERS FOUR AND FIVE

- 4 1 Uncle Matthew to Aunt Sadie
- 2 Tony Kroesig to Linda
- 3 Linda to Uncle Matthew
- 4 Uncle Matthew to Lady Kroesig
- 5 Fanny to Captain Davey
- 6 Lord Merlin to Linda

CHAPTERS SIX AND SEVEN

- 5 1 She often came to Oxford and **chatted** for hours and hours.
- 2 "Linda **doesn't like** the child very much," I said to Aunt Emily.
- 3 I **didn't see** Linda much during the next few years.
- 4 I chatted to Linda while she **was having** her bath.
- 5 "**I had forgotten** that Father was so frightening," she said.
- 6 "**I've known** Christian since he was a child."

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 6 1 Lord Merlin sent presents, **but** he did not come.
- 2 Christian wanted to help **so** he travelled to Perpignan as soon as he could.
- 3 **Although** she spoke a little French, Linda did not understand a single word.

- 4 **When** they arrived at his office, he introduced her to Robert Parker and Randolph Pine.

CHAPTERS NINE AND TEN

- 7 1 Christian liked **serious** women, like Lavender Davis.
 2 Linda felt **embarrassed** when she was with Robert and Randolph.
 3 When Linda arrived in Paris, she felt sad and **tired**.
 4 Linda said that the breakfast was **wonderful**.
 5 The telephone call between Linda and Fabrice was long and **silly**.
 6 Linda felt **jealous** when Fabrice talked about his dead fiancé.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 8 1 virtuous 2 sinner
 3 sunbathe 4 darling
 5 desperately 6 promise

CHAPTERS TWELVE AND THIRTEEN

- 9 1 Linda told Fabrice (that) she would wait.
 2 Linda told Moira (that) she should stay and help.
 3 Linda told Moira (that) she had a present for her.
 4 Fabrice told Linda (that) he would be five minutes.
 5 Fanny told Linda (that) she was going to have one, too.
 6 Linda told Fanny (that) he had been so good to her.

Project work

Reader's own answers.