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**1 Complete the text. Choose from the sentences (a–h) below. There are three extra sentences.**

There is a photograph of Aunt Sadie and the six Radlett children sitting at the table at Alconleigh. They are sitting under an enormous spade that, in 1915, Uncle Matthew had used to kill eight German soldiers during the war. <sup>1</sup> ..... We were fascinated by it. You can also see Aunt Sadie’s face. She looks strangely round, her hair strangely soft and her clothes strangely boring. <sup>2</sup> .....

The other children, Louisa, Bob, Linda, Jassy and Matt, sit around the table in party clothes. The camera clicks and life continues, taking them away from the happiness of being a child, away from their dreams and the hopes that Aunt Sadie had for them. <sup>3</sup> .....

When I was a child, I always spent Christmas at Alconleigh. <sup>4</sup> ..... There was one Christmas, for example, when the house caught fire, and another when my horse nearly killed me. There was another Christmas when Linda, then aged twelve, explained sex – or what Linda thought was sex – to the neighbour’s young daughters. <sup>5</sup> ..... Linda was punished by Uncle Matthew and sent to her bedroom, this time for a week.

- a All the children, especially Linda, wanted to be free from their parents.
- b But it is definitely her sitting there, with Robin on her knee.
- c I knew I was lucky to have Aunt Emily.
- d I often think that there is nothing quite as sad as old family photographs.
- e It is still covered with blood and hair.
- f Linda’s words had been so horrible that the girls left Alconleigh crying.
- g The Radlett children all hoped that something bad would happen to their parents’ ship.
- h While some Christmases were boring, others were unforgettable.

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**2 Tick  the six true things about Fanny from Chapter One.**

- 1  Aunt Emily had looked after Fanny for most of her life.
- 2  Her own mother felt that she was too beautiful to have a child at 19.
- 3  She left her father when she was a year old and ran away with another man.
- 4  Her mother became known as “the Bolter”.
- 5  Her father married twice more.
- 6  His other wives did not want to look after her.
- 7  Her mother and father never visited her.
- 8  When she was older, she realized that her parents were not really glamorous or exciting.
- 9  Aunt Emily was never glamorous, but she was always her mother.
- 10  She hated Aunt Emily.

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**3 Read the letter. Choose the correct description (a, b or c).**

*Should I tell the children we're engaged? But what if Fanny hates him? I think that she'll like him, but children are strange. It might be a shock. Oh no, I can't decide. Anyway, we will arrive on Thursday, and I'll ring you on Wednesday evening.*

*Love, Emily*

- a Emily doesn't know whether or not to tell Fanny that she is getting married.
- b Emily doesn't want to tell Fanny that she is getting married until after Thursday.
- c Emily wants to tell Fanny that she is getting married on the phone before she arrives.

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**4 For each question about Chapter Two, choose the correct answer, A (Davey), B (Fanny) or C (Uncle Matthew).**

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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 Who always liked people who shouted back at them?       | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |
| 2 Who had legs like poles from playing sports?            | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |
| 3 Who never changed their mind once they had met someone? | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |
| 4 Who played the piano?                                   | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |
| 5 Who talked about gardens, plants and flowers?           | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |
| 6 Who was lucky that they would have £15,000 a year?      | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |
| 7 Who wrote books?  | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> |

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**5 Answer the questions about Chapter Three. Each question has two or more answers.**

1 What was Captain Davey like with Fanny?

- a .....
- b .....
- c .....

2 How did Linda and Fanny feel about Louisa's coming-out party?

- a .....
- b .....

**3** How was Lord Merlin different to Uncle Matthew?

- a .....
- b .....
- c .....
- d .....

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**6** List five things that Louisa and Aunt Sadie noticed at Lord Merlin's dinner party in Chapter Three.

- a .....
- b .....
- c .....
- d .....
- e .....

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**7** Choose the correct answers (a, b, c or d) about Chapter Four.

- 1** Which of these sentences is true?
  - a Lord Fort William was 39 years old, but he looked much younger.
  - b Louisa did not love Lord Fort William, but she was happy.
  - c Louisa had always been more frightened of Uncle Matthew than any of her brothers or sisters.
  - d Louisa was always the centre of attention.
- 2** Who helped Linda?
  - a Lord Fort William
  - b Lord Merlin
  - c Louisa
  - d Uncle Matthew
- 3** What shocked Lord Merlin about Linda?
  - a That she cried a lot.
  - b That she had not had a coming-out party.
  - c That she was not educated.
  - d That she was not married.
- 4** Where did Uncle Matthew, Lord Merlin, Aunt Sadie and Linda go together?
  - a To the theatre to see *Romeo and Juliet*.
  - b To dinner with Lord Merlin's friends.
  - c To a museum to look at some art.
  - d Out hunting in the countryside.

- 5 Why was it not a success?
- a Aunt Sadie was so embarrassed by Uncle Matthew that she went home early.
  - b Lord Merlin was angry about what Uncle Matthew said.
  - c Linda was so bored that she fell asleep.
  - d Uncle Matthew spent most of the time crying or shouting.
- 6 How was Linda and Fanny's coming-out party different to Louisa's?
- a Because Uncle Matthew was not there.
  - b Because there were a lot of young men there.
  - c Because Lord Merlin held it at his house.
  - d Because it was not at Alconleigh.

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**8 Complete the information about Anthony Kroesig in Chapter Four.**

**Known as:** 1 .....

**Looks:** 2 ....., blond and seemed very 3 .....

**He had:** a 4 ....., beautiful 5 ..... and a large 6 .....

**But he:** was very 7 ..... and he only thought about 8 .....

**His family:** controlled the 9 .....

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**9 Complete the conversation between Linda and Lord Merlin in Chapter Five. Choose the best answers from the box.**

I didn't. He came with one of my friends.	You don't know anything about love . . .
No, of course not. Why are you marrying him?	I'm happy for you to get married in maybe a year or two, but why marry someone boring like Tony Kroesig?
Why do you think that?	

Linda: Are you happy that I'm marrying Tony?

Lord Merlin: 1 .....

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Linda: I'm in love.

Lord Merlin: **2** .....

Linda: I don't *think*. I *know*.

Lord Merlin: **3** .....

Linda: If he's so boring, then why did you bring him to my party?

Lord Merlin: **4** .....

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**10 Match the two parts of the sentences from Chapter Six.**

- 1** Tony and his parents wanted .....
- 2** The Kroesigs told Linda that if she had the wedding in London, .....
- 3** They also told her that the important people who could help Tony's career .....
- 4** On the day of the wedding, Uncle Matthew and Aunt Sadie .....
- 5** The Kroesigs did not think that Linda .....
- 6** Tony started working in his father's bank .....

- a** and had stopped thinking that Linda was funny.
- b** the wedding to be in London.
- c** there would be more guests and she would get more presents.
- d** was useful for Tony's career.
- e** were not speaking to the Kroesigs.
- f** would never go to Alconleigh, especially in the winter.

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**11 Complete the text. Choose the correct words. There are two extra words**

disappointed    bolt    lonely    career    politics    annoyed    pregnant    diamonds

Linda hated these "important people" and thought that they were boring. She tried to be interested in Tony's <sup>1</sup> ....., but she could not understand why somebody with a lot of money wanted to work *with* money all day. Tony was also interested in <sup>2</sup> ....., another thing Linda hated. The Kroesigs knew that Linda was not interested in Tony's career or politics, and this <sup>3</sup> ..... them. The autumn after Linda was married, I got married to Alfred Wincham, a very intelligent man. Alfred and I moved to Oxford, and I am very happy. We now also have three children. But this is Linda's story and not mine, so I will say no more.

Alfred and I saw a lot of Linda around that time. She often came to Oxford and chatted for hours and hours. She did not seem unhappy, but she was clearly very <sup>4</sup> ..... Tony worked all

the time and Lord Merlin had gone abroad again.

One day, while visiting me in Oxford, Linda told me that she was <sup>5</sup> ..... . She did not seem happy about it. The child, a baby girl, was born in May. Linda was ill for a very long time before and after the child was born. The doctors said that if she had another child, it would kill her.

This <sup>6</sup> ..... the Kroesigs. They wanted Tony to have many sons so that their banking company could continue. Linda did not care and was not at all interested in the baby.

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**12 Circle the correct words.**

As time went on, Tony became <sup>1</sup> **less and less** / **more and more** like his father.

“I <sup>2</sup> **hate** / **love** poor people,” he said one day, when Linda and I were having tea with him in a café near where he worked. “They <sup>3</sup> **always** / **never** want more money – my money.”

“Oh, shut up, Tony,” Linda said, as she pulled a mouse from her pocket. “I <sup>4</sup> **hate** / **love** the poor. When I was a child, we <sup>5</sup> **didn’t have** / **had** many poor people around us. You’re just a <sup>6</sup> **poor** / **rich** foreigner.”

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**13 Read these sentences about Chapter Seven. Write T (true) or F (false) or DS (does not say).**

- 1 Moira loved living with Tony’s parents. ....
- 2 Linda hated their house. ....
- 3 Christian Talbot was a fascist. ....
- 4 Christian wore very smart, expensive clothes. ....
- 5 He looked very bored during lunch. ....
- 6 Christian wanted to change Linda. ....

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**14 Match the people with what happened to them in Chapter Seven. Draw lines between them.**

Jassy

**a** asked for a divorce.

Linda

**b** ran away to America.

Matt

**c** realized that he could not control his children.

Tony

**d** went to fight in the war in Spain.

Uncle Matthew

**e** went to live with Christian.

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**15 Complete the text with the missing words.**

Linda's wedding to Christian was very different <sup>1</sup> ..... her wedding to Tony. It was small and very quick. Only Davey and I came, and <sup>2</sup> ..... of the Radlett family were there. Lord Merlin sent presents, but he <sup>3</sup> ..... not come. Christian also arrived late.

"He's very handsome," Davey said. "But this wedding is <sup>4</sup> ..... a mistake!"

Christian moved into the house that Lord Merlin <sup>5</sup> ..... bought for Linda. She soon realized that she was not happy, but she never told me or her family. Christian was very kind to her, but he was <sup>6</sup> ..... busy with his work and hardly noticed Linda, just like Lord Merlin said.

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**16 Put the events from Chapter Eight in the correct order (1–8).**

- a  Linda met her brother Matt.
- b  Linda bought a return ticket and left very quickly.
- c  Linda arrived in Paris.
- d  Lavender Davis appeared.
- e  Christian went to work with refugees in Perpignan.
- f  Christian met Linda at Perpignan train station.
- g  Christian introduced Linda to Robert Parker and Randolph Pine.
- h  Christian asked Linda to join him in Perpignan.

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17 Complete the text from Chapter Nine. Choose the correct words (a, b, c or d).

It was not long <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Linda discovered Christian was in love with Lavender Davis. Later,

- a after
- b before
- c during
- d when

Linda could never remember <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ she felt at the time. Was she jealous? Was she <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

- a how
- b that
- c which
- d why

- a already
- b always
- c still
- d yet

in love with Christian? I do not think so. But she was annoyed. Lavender was <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that

- a anything
- b everything
- c nothing
- d something

Linda was not. As a child Lavender had been boring: she played sports and climbed trees, and she

loved school. Lavender never seemed interested <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ love.

- a in
- b of
- c to
- d with

Linda did not see Christian and Lavender kissing or in bed together. Christian was just happy when

he was around her. He <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to Lavender for comfort. He liked serious, educated women.

- a goes
- b has gone
- c was going
- d went

Linda felt embarrassed when she was with Robert and Randolph. Christian was spending every minute

of the day with Lavender, and the two men <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ felt very sorry for her.

- a clear
- b cleared
- c clearer
- d clearly

One afternoon, while looking out of the window, Linda saw Christian and Lavender walking together. They looked happy and comfortable. Linda quickly packed her things and wrote a letter to

Christian, saying that she <sup>8</sup> **a** has left him forever.

- b** left
- c** was leaving
- d** would leave

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**18 Complete the conversation. Choose the best answers (a–h) below. There are two extra answers.**

Fabrice: Tell me, who made you cry in the train station?

Linda: <sup>1</sup> .....

Fabrice: That is a very strange reason to leave your second husband. Surely with your experience of husbands, you know that falling in love with other women is something that husbands do? Why didn't you go back home?

Linda: <sup>2</sup> .....

Fabrice: The second husband? Where is he? Perhaps you could borrow some money from him? Or did you write him a goodbye letter? Women love writing goodbye letters.

Linda: <sup>3</sup> .....

Fabrice: You came from Perpignan? What were you doing there?

Linda: <sup>4</sup> .....

Fabrice: We were being horrible?

Linda: <sup>5</sup> .....

Fabrice: What could we do? We never invited them to come.

Linda: <sup>6</sup> .....

- a** He's in Perpignan.
- b** In England, people think that I'm beautiful.
- c** I was trying to go home but my return ticket has expired. I only have a little bit of money, and I know nobody in Paris. I was so tired, so I cried.
- d** My first husband was rich, and my second is poor.
- e** Nobody. It was me. I left my second husband because he has fallen in love with another woman.
- f** Not so much now, but yes, at the beginning.
- g** They had nowhere to live! They had to stay outside in horrible weather for weeks. Hundreds died.
- h** Well, I was trying to stop you, the French, from being horrible to the Spanish.

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**19 Complete the text. Form new words using the words in capital letters.**

That evening, Fabrice <sup>1</sup> ..... Linda out to dinner and then to a bar, where they did not dance but chatted all night. She told him about Uncle Matthew, Aunt Sadie, Louisa, Bob, Jassy and Matt. Fabrice seemed very <sup>2</sup> .....  
 In the taxi on their way home she refused again to visit his flat, and <sup>3</sup> ..... the hotel, she held out her hand to say good night.  
 "See you tomorrow," Fabrice said and got into the taxi. The next morning, while Linda was having breakfast, the telephone <sup>4</sup> ..... It was Fabrice.  
 "Hello, hello, good morning. Are you having breakfast?"  
 "Yes," Linda replied.  
 "Is it good?" Fabrice asked.  
 "It's <sup>5</sup> .....," Linda said. "Are you having your breakfast?"  
 "I've had it. I must tell you that I like very long conversations in the morning," Fabrice said. "And I know English people don't like talking."  
 "What English people do you know?" Linda said.  
 "I know some. I was at school in England, in Oxford."  
 "No! When?"  
 "1920," Fabrice said. "When I was nine years old. Maybe I saw you in the street."  
 Linda was <sup>6</sup> .....  
 "As I said, English people don't like talking," Fabrice laughed.  
 You're wrong. I love chatting. It's my favourite thing in the world and you'll probably stop talking before I do."  
 They had a long and very silly conversation until <sup>7</sup> ..... Fabrice said, "Now you need to dress. I'll come and collect you and we'll go to Versailles."  
 Linda had always wanted to visit Versailles. When they arrived, she remembered a story about two English ladies who had seen the ghost of Marie Antoinette in the gardens. Fabrice thought the story was <sup>8</sup> .....

- TAKEN
- INTEREST
- OUT
- RINGING
- WONDER
- SILENCE
- FINAL
- BORED

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**20 Read the answers. Write the questions.**

- 1 .....  
Married people are usually very happy in France.
- 2 .....  
Fabrice had dinner with Linda every night in the flat.
- 3 .....  
He usually stayed with her until seven o'clock the next morning.
- 4 .....  
Sometimes he took Linda to see Paris.
- 5 .....  
Linda had never realized the difference between French and English clothes.

6 .....  
 Fabrice wanted to take Linda to the Riviera or Venice, but he had to stay in Paris.

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**21 Complete the lists from Chapter Eleven. Put the words from the box into the correct categories.**

sunbathing    dancing    swimming    tennis    seeing Fabrice at night    shopping

**Things Linda likes:** .....  
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**Things Linda doesn't like:** .....  
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**22 Complete the sentences. Choose names from the box.**

Fabrice    Aunt Sadie    Linda    Uncle Matthew    Lavender    Christian

1 ..... was happy because the beginning of the war was the first step towards the end of the war and a life with .....

2 ..... was pleased that Linda was helping in the war.

3 ..... was also happy, but he did not like his children working for foreigners.

4 ..... did not seem interested in hearing about Linda, but he did not want to divorce her. He did not seem to want to marry ..... either.

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**23 Complete the text. Choose one word (a, b, c or d) for each gap.**

When spring arrived, Linda noticed that everybody <sup>1</sup>..... become much more nervous. She spent her days waiting for Fabrice, sunbathing, and playing with her dog. But, on one beautiful, windy blue and white day in April, Linda's world <sup>2</sup>..... .

"You must go back to England," Fabrice said. "I <sup>3</sup>..... to help with the war." He had not seen her for nearly a week and arrived looking very worried.

"I have a plane ticket for you," he said. "You must go this afternoon. I <sup>4</sup>..... send your clothes and everything else by train. Come now, you must go."

Linda picked up her dog and followed Fabrice out into the street. She did not understand that she

was leaving her happy life <sup>5</sup> ..... her forever. And, when she arrived at her house in London, she still did not understand.

London seemed grey and cold. The war got worse, and people cried openly on the bus and in the streets. Every day, Linda hoped that Fabrice <sup>6</sup> ..... appear. She sat by the telephone all day and when it rang and it was not Fabrice, she was very angry.

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|------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 a had    | b has     | c is          | d was          |
| 2 a change | b changed | c was changed | d was changing |
| 3 a must   | b might   | c have        | d can          |
| 4 a 'd     | b 'll     | c 'm          | d 've          |
| 5 a behind | b between | c off         | d out          |
| 6 a could  | b should  | c will        | d would        |

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**24 Write *Fanny's children* or *Moira* about these sentences from Chapter Twelve.**

- 1 ..... did not feel excited about bombs.
- 2 ..... felt excited about seeing the German soldiers.
- 3 ..... loved bombs.
- 4 ..... ran away to America.
- 5 ..... spent all day thinking of plans to catch the Germans if they arrived.

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**25 Write *yes* or *no* about Chapter Thirteen.**

- 1 Aunt Sadie was very happy to have everybody back in Alconleigh. ....
- 2 Uncle Matthew was angry when Fanny's mother arrived. ....
- 3 Juan could cook. ....
- 4 Fanny and Linda were pregnant. ....
- 5 Fanny died when her child was born. ....
- 6 Fabrice was caught by the Germans and shot. ....

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**26 Complete the sentences. Use the verbs in the box in the *past perfect* form.**

meet      go      be      look after      try      leave      hear

- 1 Aunt Emily ..... me for most of my life.
- 2 Uncle Matthew never changed his mind once he ..... someone, and Davey was welcomed into the family.
- 3 Uncle Matthew ..... even ..... to make the house as hot as Lord Merlin's house.
- 4 Louisa ..... always ..... more frightened of Uncle Matthew than any of her brothers or sisters.
- 5 Uncle Matthew said that he ..... never ..... of anything so stupid in his life.
- 6 It was now 1939, and Christian ..... to work with refugees in Perpignan, a small town in France.
- 7 Why ..... she ..... Tony and her child for something that was not true love?

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**27 Complete the second conditional sentences.**

- 1 "If I ..... (**be**) the Bolter, I ..... (**marry**) him!" he said, laughing.
- 2 The doctors said that if she ..... (**have**) another child, it ..... (**kill**) her.
- 3 If you ..... (**dress**) better, you ..... (**be**) quite beautiful.
- 4 When I ..... (**marry**) my first husband, I thought that I ..... (**love**) him forever.

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**28 Complete the sentences. Write the words in brackets in the correct order.**

- 1 The cupboard was ..... (**and / dark / small / very hot**).
- 2 It was ..... (**and / large / sunny / very beautiful**) with enormous windows.
- 3 "I often visit her mother, who is still alive. She's a ..... (**old / wonderful / woman**)."
- 4 But, on one ..... (**blue and white / day / windy / beautiful**) in April, Linda's world changed.
- 5 She was a ..... (**girl / little / polite / shy**) and was nothing like Linda or the other Radlett children.

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**29 Circle the correct words.**

- 1 "A lot of men would find it more **annoyed** / **annoying** to have a wife who had never heard of George III," Aunt Emily replied.
- 2 She felt sad and tired and was **desperate** / **desperately** for her own bed.
- 3 He was very **disappoint** / **disappointed** with Linda's choice.
- 4 Christian did not seem interested in hearing about Linda, but he did not want to **divorce** / **divorced** her.
- 5 He liked serious, **educate** / **educated** women.
- 6 Linda felt **embarrass** / **embarrassed** when she was with Robert and Randolph.
- 7 Our favourite **sin** / **sinner** was Oscar Wilde.
- 8 "His name is Christian Talbot, and he's a **communist** / **communism**."

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**30 Complete the lists. Put the words from the box into the correct categories.**

office	diamond	assign	refugee	labourer	spade
necklace	port	countryside	regret	heiress	bolt

- Actions:** .....
- People:** .....
- Places:** .....
- Things:** .....

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