

Before Reading

BEFORE READING ACTIVITIES (PAGE 76)

ACTIVITY 1 BEFORE READING

1 F 2 T 3 F 4 T

ACTIVITY 2 BEFORE READING

Encourage students to speculate and to make guesses but do not tell them the answers. They will be able to check their answers when they read the story. The 'yes' answers are 2, 5 and 6.

ACTIVITY 3 BEFORE READING

The correct answer is 2, but do not tell students this. They will find out when they read the story.

While Reading

CHAPTERS 1 AND 2 WHILE READING

- 1 31 years.
- 2 He was bored.
- 3 Because a man called Scudder arrived at his flat and asked for his help.
- 4 That someone was going to kill the Greek Prime Minister.
- 5 Someone put a knife through his heart.
- 6 Because he was afraid that they would arrest him for murder.
- 7 To Scotland.
- 8 As a milkman.

CHAPTERS 3 AND 4 WHILE READING

- 1 F The writing in Scudder's notebook was mostly numbers.
- 2 T
- 3 F The young hotel owner thought that Hannay's story was wonderful.
- 4 T
- 5 F Hannay stole the car that belonged to the two men.
- 6 F Hannay spoke about Australia at the election meeting.
- 7 T
- 8 F Sir Harry wrote a letter to Sir Walter Bullivant, a friend of his uncle.

BEFORE READING CHAPTER 5

Encourage students to speculate and to make guesses but do not tell them the answers. They will be able to check their answers when they read the chapter. The 'yes' answers are 1, 3, 4 and 5.

CHAPTERS 5 AND 6 WHILE READING

- 1 How . . .? Cold and hungry.
- 2 Where . . .? To a farmhouse.
- 3 What . . .? He hooded his eyes like a hawk.
- 4 What . . .? He said that he was a sailor called Ned Ainslie who had stolen some money from a car.
- 5 How . . .? He used explosive to blow up the door.
- 6 Where . . .? On top of an old tower.
- 7 How . . .? He crawled slowly and carefully and avoided the wires.

CHAPTERS 7 AND 8 WHILE READING

- 1 Alexander Turnbull took care of Hannay when he was ill with malaria.
- 2 Scudder had sent a letter to Sir Walter Bullivant saying that he was with a good friend.
- 3 Sir Walter Bullivant had told the police that Hannay was not a murderer.
- 4 Karolides was shot dead at seven o'clock in the evening.
- 5 MacGillivray told Hannay that he didn't want to arrest him.
- 6 Marmaduke Jopley told the police that Hannay was a murderer.
- 7 Lord Alloa was ill and didn't come to the meeting at Sir Walter Bullivant's house.

CHAPTER 9 WHILE READING

- 1 Because he was often too ill to go to meetings and even when he was well, he was a man of very few words.
- 2 Because he wanted to collect his pay personally.
- 3 Because he was looking for a place where high tide was at 10.17.
- 4 Because the spy was going to leave from a small harbour, or a place where there was no harbour.
- 5 Because the spy was going back to Germany.

BEFORE READING CHAPTER 10

Encourage students to speculate and to make guesses but do not tell them the answers. They will be able to check their answers when they read the chapter. The 'yes' answers are 1, 4, 5 and 6.

After Reading

ACTIVITY 1 AFTER READING

Possible answers:

POLICEMAN: What time did you arrive at Mr Hannay's flat?

MILKMAN: At about a quarter to seven.

POLICEMAN: Why did you go into the flat?

MILKMAN: *Because a man opened the door and asked me to come in.*

POLICEMAN: You aren't wearing your coat and hat. Why did you take them off?

MILKMAN: *Because the man asked me to lend them to him.*

POLICEMAN: That's not a very likely story! Why did he want your coat and hat?

MILKMAN: *He said it was for a game.*

POLICEMAN: Did he offer you anything in return?

MILKMAN: *Yes, he gave me some money.*

POLICEMAN: So he bought your clothes from you, did he?

MILKMAN: *No. He said he only wanted them for ten minutes.*

POLICEMAN: What happened after the man left the flat?

MILKMAN: *I waited and waited but he didn't come back. Then at half past seven the servant arrived.*

POLICEMAN: What did the servant do?

MILKMAN: *He looked around the flat and found the dead body. It was terrible. That's when he called the police.*

POLICEMAN: Well, it's a good story but I don't believe it. You killed the man in the study, didn't you?

MILKMAN: *No, of course I didn't! It's nothing to do with me!*

ACTIVITY 2 AFTER READING

Any answers that fit the meaning and grammar of the text are acceptable in a cloze exercise like this. Some alternative answers are given below, but others may also be possible.

Dear Sir Walter

I have just met a very *brave* (*clever, interesting*) man called Richard Hannay *who* is wanted by the *police* for the Langham Place *murder*. But he didn't do *it*, and he is in *terrible* (*serious, bad, great*) trouble. The man who *was* murdered, Franklin Scudder, had *discovered* that some men who *call* themselves the 'Black Stone' *plan* (*intend*) to steal secret information from the French and British governments to give to the *Germans*, who are really our *enemies*. Scudder wrote the whole *story* in his notebook, in *code*. Hannay has got the *notebook* and the key to *the* code, so the Black Stone want to kill him. *When* he finds some more *evidence* (*proof*) that Scudder's story is *true* (*correct*) he is going to *warn* (*tell*) the British government that *the* Germans are planning to *kill* (*shoot, murder*) Karolides, the Greek Prime Minister and start a war *with* us. I have told *him* (*Hannay*) to go to you *for* help. He will call *himself* Twisdon, say the words 'Black Stone', and whistle the *song* 'Annie Laurie'. Please believe *me* (*him*). I am sure that *he* (*Hannay*) is telling the truth.

Yours sincerely

Harry Andrews

ACTIVITY 3 AFTER READING

21+17 11+18 13+12 24+9 14+1 3+16 15+4
6+2 19+22 23+20 10+7 8+5

Yesterday morning, Mr Hannay and I went to Bradgate, *where* we found a house with 39 steps down to the sea. That afternoon, Hannay discovered *that* there was a German on a nearby yacht, the *Ariadne*. Later in the afternoon, he watched the garden of the house, *where* he saw three men who seemed to be English. He thought that they could be the criminals *because* one was old, one was fat, and one was thin and dark. That evening, I told my men to hide around the house *and* at half past nine Mr Hannay went in. He stayed in the house for such a long time *that* I was beginning to get very worried. *When* I heard him blow his whistle, my men and I ran into the house. My men caught the fat man, *but* the thin man had run away. Suddenly, the old man escaped from Mr Hannay *who* was holding him. He ran to the wall of the room *and* there was an explosion. I realized that the cliff and the steps had been blown up *so* we could not follow the thin man. Luckily, he did not escape, *because* we had put men onto the *Ariadne* an hour before.

ACTIVITY 4 AFTER READING

Possible answers:

- 1 When Scudder stayed with Hannay, he pretended to be *Captain Theophilus Digby of the British Army*.
- 2 When Hannay was talking to the milkman, he pretended that *he was playing a game*.
- 3 When Hannay heard that the hotel owner was bored, he pretended to *be in the gold business in Africa*.
- 4 When Hannay met Sir Harry Andrews, he pretended at first to *be Australian*.
- 5 When two men in a big car stopped to speak to Hannay, he was pretending to *be a road mender called Alexander Turnbull*.
- 6 When Hannay met Marmaduke Jopley, *he pretended to be a murderer*.
- 7 When Hannay met the bald writer, *he pretended to be a sailor called Ned Ainslie*.
- 8 The three Germans at Trafalgar House were *pretending to be British*.
- 9 Hannay realized that the fat man had *pretended to be Lord Alloa*.