**Chapter 1 The Beginning**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think this happens because something bad about the father’s business takes place, so they can’t afford the city life anymore.

2. I think they are at a train station.

3. I think they are worried and a little nervous too.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(a)

B. Match the characters and their descriptions.

1. Mother • • also known as Bobbie; the eldest

2. Father • • the youngest sibling

3. Roberta • • never cross or unfair; always ready to play

4. Peter • • wanted to be an engineer

5. Phyllis • • perfect and loving; helped the children

**Chapter 2 The Old Gentleman**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. Yes, because they can enjoy the beauty of nature.

2. I think the man is on the train.

3. The sign says to look out at the station.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(b)

B. Write the information in the right place.

**The Old Gentleman The Children’s Mother**

bought the things the doctor ordered wrote a thank-you letter

waved at the children had a violent fever

wrote the children a letter needed some medicine

**Chapter 3 The Engine Incident**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. Yes, because she doesn’t seem to have money for the train ticket.

2. I think she fell onto a pile of coals.

3. I think he is very surprised to see her.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (c)

**Chapter 4 The Foreign Visitor**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think they meet the visitor at the train station.

2. I think they are giving a stamp to the man.

3. No, because the man seems to be a little awkward.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(b)

B. Write T for True or F for False.

1. T

2. F

3. T

4. T

5. F

6. T

7. F

8. T

**Chapter 5 The Great Train Rescue**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think there is something huge, such as a big piece of rock or something, is on the railway.

2. They are waving hard to stop the train.

3. I think Peter feels desperate.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. (c) 2. (d) 3. (g) 4. (e) 5. (f) 6. (a) 7. (b)

**Chapter 6 The Presentation**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think they get invited because they prevented an accident by stopping the train.

2. I think they are writing to the railway company to accept their invitation.

3. Bobbie writes a letter to the old gentleman.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(a)

B. Put the information in the right place.

d, e 🡪 a 🡪 b 🡪 c 🡪 f

**Chapter 7 The Barge Fire**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think they will try to put out the fire.

2. I think Peter is trying to catch a fish, not knowing what is happening.

3. Phyllis realizes what is happening to the barge.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Write the information in the right place.

**Peter Bobbie Phyllis**

saved the baby ran to the café pointed at the smoke

wanted to catch a fish took the baby from Peter said they had to do something

**Chapter 8 The Terrible Secret**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. Yes, because their father is still not coming back and nobody knows why.

2. I think she is shocked because there is a picture of her father on the paper.

3. I think she will go to her mother and ask about her father.

After You Reads

A. Choose the best answer.

(b)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. (b) 2. (e) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (g) 6. (f) 7. (a)

**Chapter 9 The Boy in the Red Sweater**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think they meet the new friend, while playing a game near the railroad.

2. I think the boy hurt his leg.

3. I think they will take the boy out of the tunnel and help him see a doctor.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Put the information in the right place.

**Jim The Old**

**Gentleman**

a e b

g c

h d

f

**Chapter 10 The End of the Trouble**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. The children have suffered from their father’s absence and missed him very much.

2. I think he means to tell the children that there is something important in the newspaper.

3. Yes, because the old gentleman has been trying to help their father clear of the false charge.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (d)