

CHAPTER 1

My name is Edward Malone. I was in love with a girl called Gladys. I asked her, “Will you marry me?”

“No,” she said, “I’m not in love with you.”

I was very upset.

“Why not?” I asked.

“I want to marry a **brave** man. I want my husband to be famous,” she said.

“OK. I’ll be brave and famous!” I said.

I worked for a newspaper. I wrote articles. I worked for a man called Mr. McArdle.

“You’re a very good writer,” he said.

“Thank you,” I said.

“Why did you want to see me?” he asked.

“I need your help. Can you send me on an adventure?” I asked.

“What sort of adventure?” he asked.

“Anything that is dangerous,” I said.

“You want to die?” he asked.

“No, I want to live,” I said.

“Okay. Go and see Professor Challenger,” he said.

brave (adj) not scared, having courage



*Professor Challenger was a very big man.
He looked like a giant. He had a big beard.*

“Is this my adventure?” I asked.

“He was in South America. He has some exciting photographs,” said McArdle. He smiled at me.

I went to see Professor Challenger. His driver opened the door and let us in. Mrs. Challenger was there.

“Please, sit down,” she said.

“Is this your first meeting with the professor?” she asked.

“Yes,” I said.

“Professor Challenger is a **grumpy** man,” she said.

“Thank you for telling me,” I said.

“Are you here to ask him about South America?” she asked.

“Yes,” I said.

“He’ll get angry. He has a strange story. Please say you believe him. Otherwise, he may hurt you.”

The driver took us to the Professor. He was in his **study**.

He was a very big man with a beard. He looked like a **giant**.

“What do you want?” he asked. His voice was very loud.

“I came to talk to you about South America,” I said.

grumpy (adj) easily annoyed, often angry, bad-tempered

study (n) a room where someone studies, reads and writes

giant (n) very big, strong man (usually in stories)

Professor Challenger was very angry.

“You’re from the newspaper!” he shouted.

He walked towards me. He wanted to hit me. I was scared.

He ran at me. We fell to the floor. We rolled down the hall.

The driver opened the front door. We rolled into the street.

A policeman was there.

“Stop! What’s going on?” the policeman asked.

“He attacked me,” I said.

“Did you attack him?” the policeman asked.

The professor didn’t say anything,

“You gave him a black eye. I’m going to arrest you,” said the policeman.

“No, it was my fault,” I said.

“Okay. Don’t do it again,” said the policeman.

“Come inside. I want to talk to you,” said the professor.



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the policeman asked.*

VOCABULARY CHECK

Test-1

Fill in the blanks with the words below.

safe protect strangely grumpy nasty brave
lift nodded pour case famous

1. They stayed at a hotel on their honeymoon.
2. This place is not It is dangerous.
3. Police searched the crime scene and found a gun and an empty
4. "Why is he behaving so?" he asked me.
5. "..... some more milk and stir it," she said.
6. They hired three guards to them on their journey.
7. I'm not going to talk to her any more. She said very things about me.
8. Don't that bag on your own. It's too heavy.
9. He was a man. He jumped into the river to save the child.
10. We asked her, "Do you accept our offer?" She and then said, "Yes."
11. Professor Challenger is a man. He easily becomes angry.

Test-2

Match the definitions (1-10) on the right with the words (a-j) on the left.

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|-------------------|---|
| a. ___cliff | 1. frightened, afraid |
| b. ___nod | 2. to pull |
| c. ___path | 3. easily annoyed, often angry |
| d. ___pit | 4. a very steep area of rock |
| e. ___drag | 5. to move something up |
| f. ___destination | 6. a track, a small road |
| g. ___scared | 7. not able to get out of a dangerous place |
| h. ___lift | 8. a place someone is going to |
| i. ___grumpy | 9. a deep hole in the ground |
| j. ___trapped | 10. to move your head up and down |

ANSWER KEY

COMPREHENSION CHECK

Test 1

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. False
6. True
7. False
8. True
9. True
10. True

Test 2

1. Lord Roxton
2. Because he wanted to be famous and brave.
3. Mr. McArdle
4. South America.
5. Zambo
6. Gomez and Manuel
7. Three
8. Pterodactyls
9. Canoes
10. Ginko

Test 3

- a. 2
- b. 6
- c. 5
- d. 1
- e. 9
- f. 8
- g. 3
- h. 7
- i. 10
- j. 4

GRAMMAR CHECK

Test 1

1. We left the boxes outside.
2. They spent time in the park.
3. The apemen attacked from the trees.
4. Lord Roxton shot Gomez.
5. Edward fell into a pit.
6. The Indian took a letter to the village.
7. I drew the map of the plateau.
8. I told them about the apemen.
9. We looked over the fence.
10. They saw some dinosaur footprints.

Test 2

1. Lord Roxton tied the rope to a tree.
2. Edward looked around the pit.
3. He took out a wooden box.
4. The papers wrote about the dinosaurs.
5. We left our food and supplies.
6. He is acting very strangely
7. We spent time with the men.
8. They went back to the fort.
9. They took us to their camp.
10. The canoes were full of people.

VOCABULARY CHECK

Test 1

1. famous
2. safe
3. case
4. strangely
5. pour
6. protect
7. nasty
8. lift
9. brave
10. nodded
11. grumpy

Test 2

- a. 4
- b. 10
- c. 6
- d. 9
- e. 2
- f. 8
- g. 1
- h. 5
- i. 3
- j. 7