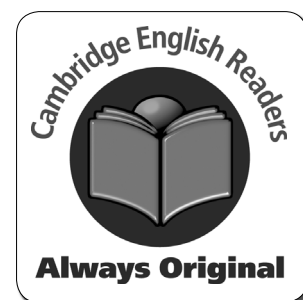


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Before reading

1. Look at the front cover of the book. How do you think the picture relates to the title?
2. Read the blurb on the back cover. Who is the main character? Why do you think the programme is called *Big Eye*?
3. Look at the information on page 5. How many people take part in the competition the house? What is the aim of the competition?
4. Have you ever seen a programme like this on TV? What is your opinion of this kind of 'reality' TV programme?
5. If you have the recording, listen to Chapter 1.

Check your reading

Chapter 1

1. Who is narrating this story?
2. Why are five of the beds in the bedroom empty?
3. Read the information on page 6 again. How many more days are there for the people to stay in the house?
4. Which statement is true?
 - a) Simon has left a carrot on Annie's bed.
 - b) Leo has carved a carrot.
 - c) There is a flower carved out of a carrot on Annie's bed.
 - d) There is an orange flower on Annie's bed.
5. Who does Annie go to talk to and in which room?
6. What is the day's task?

Chapter 2

1. How does Annie feel about being in the house and in front of the cameras all the time?
2. The four men are very happy about writing the poem. True or false?
3. Match the beginnings and endings:
 - 1) Nigel thinks
 - 2) Leo is
 - 3) Simon says
 - 4) Annie does
 - 5) Janine did

- a) Annie has to stay inside while they write.
 - b) it isn't fair to be asked to write a poem.
 - c) some cleaning while they write the poems.
 - d) the cleaning before she left the house.
 - e) a writer of detective novels.
4. Who has a lot of accidents?
 5. What do they have to wear for the poetry competition?
 6. When Annie reads the first poem
 - a) who is embarrassed?
 - b) who laughs so much he cries?
 - c) who smiles?

Chapter 3

1. Put the events in the correct order:
 - a) Big Eye tells them that the winner will have a date with Annie.
 - b) Simon goes to complain to Big Eye about the competition.
 - c) Leo is the winner.
 - d) Annie reads the other three poems.
 - e) Simon is affectionate with Annie.
 - f) Annie chooses the winning poem.
 - g) Annie makes fun of Nigel.

Chapter 4

1. Leo and Annie have their date
 - a) in the Diary Room.
 - b) in a restaurant.
 - c) in a secret room.
 - d) in the House dining room.
2. How is Annie's character described in two words? '_____ and _____'.
3. Which of these things happen to Annie while they have dinner or happened in the past?
 - a) She spilt soup on her dress.
 - b) She crashed her car into a tree.
 - c) She locked two boys in a room at the museum.
 - d) Her bikini top came off.
 - e) She lost her handbag.
 - f) She got fruit juice on her arm and nose.

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- g) She dropped a bowl of peas.
- h) She broke a mirror.
- 4. Why is spaghetti a bad thing for Annie to eat?
- 5. What does Leo decide they should do with the spaghetti?

Chapter 5

1. Who says these things?
 - a) 'Why are you girls always so blind when it comes to good looks?'
 - b) 'That spaghetti will make a lot of mess in the shower.'
 - c) 'Leo's *not* a lot of things...He's not polite, he's not active, he's not a good cook, he's not funny...'
 - d) 'I hope you don't go, Annie.'
 - e) 'The votes have been counted. The public has made a decision.'
 - f) 'I'm happy to go. I've had enough of this place!'
2. Why do Leo and Annie argue at dinner?
3. How do the contestants feel on this Leaving Night?
4. Why is it noisy outside the House?

Chapter 6

1. Who do you think made the plate of fruit and the other presents Annie finds on her bed each morning? Give reasons for your opinion.
2. What task does Annie invent for the men to do?
3. Who
 - a) makes food for Annie?
 - b) does something for her body?
 - c) does something for her mind?
4. Who pushed whom into the pool and why?
5. What sort of questionnaire do you think Leo has produced for Annie?
6. How does Annie feel about Pete?
 - a) She wants him to become her boyfriend.
 - b) She doesn't like him at all.
 - c) She thinks of him as just a nice friend.

Chapter 7

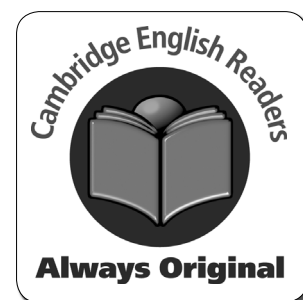
1. In general, how would you describe the kind of questions Leo asks Annie?
2. How does Annie react to the questions? She finds them
 - a) interesting and helpful.
 - b) helpful but annoying.
 - c) annoying and stupid.
3. How does Annie say she feels about herself because of the answers she gives?
4. What makes Annie angry with Leo?
5. Which of these words and phrases does Annie actually use to describe her life?
 - a) unhappy with everything
 - b) very dissatisfied
 - c) stuck
 - d) bored with everything
6. In what ways is Pete similar to how Annie describes her 'perfect boyfriend'?
7. What surprises Annie at the end of the chapter?
8. Who do you think will be voted out of the House next?

Chapter 8

1. Put these events in the correct order.
 - a) Annie talks to Big Eye in the Diary Room.
 - b) The three contestants go into the garden to drink coffee.
 - c) Pete leaves the House.
 - d) Simon makes dinner for just Annie and himself.
 - e) Simon kisses Annie.
 - f) Simon tells Annie he finds her attractive.
 - g) Leo is called to the Diary Room.
 - h) Annie goes to bed.
 - i) Leo and Simon argue in the garden.
2. Why does Pete think he has to leave the House, not Leo or Simon?
3. What plan does Annie make to find out who is leaving the presents? What happens?
4. What do you think the paper key means?

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Chapter 9

- Who said these things?
 - I'm not a very good dancer.
 - I *am* a good dancer.
 - I'm a useless dancer.
- What are the characteristics of the tango, according to Simon?
- How would you describe Simon's behaviour when they are learning to tango?
- How does (a) Leo describe Simon as a dancer (b) Annie describe Simon's face when they are starting to dance?
- How is dancing with Leo different from dancing with Simon?
- Why are they all surprised by what Big Eye says?
- Who do you think the people will vote out of the house and why?
 - Annie didn't hold Leo's hand because she felt _____.
 - Annie said Leo was very _____ to her at the spaghetti date.
 - Leo made Annie feel _____ because of his behaviour on the date.
- How does Annie feel when she goes through the crowd outside the House?
- What does she find out about Leo from Violet?
- How does Leo explain the meaning of the key to Annie? Did you guess correctly in Chapter 8?
- Why does Annie say she was a winner, as well as Leo?

After reading _____

Choose some of these activities.

Chapter 10

- Which of these statements is true? Simon is angry about leaving the house because
 - he loves Annie and wants to stay with her.
 - he knows he danced better than Leo.
 - he is a bad loser.
 - another reason (what?)
- Why did Simon kiss Annie?
- What does Annie realise about her view of other people when she finds out about Simon's behaviour?
- What does Leo say about why he makes a joke about everything?
- Put the adjectives in the box into the correct sentences.

shy	kind	happy	sorry	nervous
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 - Annie was very _____ when she walked out of the House.
 - Both Annie and Leo were _____ the contest was ending.
- Write a paragraph saying which character you liked best and which least, and explain why.
- Write a physical and character description of either Leo, Simon or Annie.
- Think of another title for *In the House* and explain why it would be good.
- If you were making a film of this story, which famous actors would you choose to play the main parts? Explain who and why.
- Write an email to the author, Margaret Johnson, saying what you did and didn't like about the story.
- What do you think about this kind of reality TV programme? Write a paragraph expressing your views.
- You are Leo. Explain how you feel at having won the contest and Annie.
- Write Annie's diary saying what she and Leo do in the first week after leaving the House.