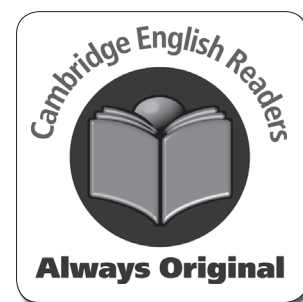


Worksheet

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Before reading

1. Look at the front cover of the book. What does the picture show? Where do you think it is?
2. Read the blurb on the back cover. What is the story about?
3. What do you know about pearls? What do we use them for? What colour are they? Where do they come from?
4. Look at the maps on page 5. Where does the story take place? What do you know about this place?
5. Look at the 'People in the story' on page 4. How many of them are actors? How many of them are police officers? What does the other one do?
6. If you have the recording, listen to Chapter 1.

Check your reading

Chapter 1

1. Look at the picture on page 6. Who are the two people? What is the woman showing the man?
2. Look at the picture of the photo on page 7. Who is it? Describe him.
3. What things does Hunter say Peters takes from museums?
 - a) a Van Gogh painting
 - b) a Fabergé egg
 - c) a Greek vase
 - d) an old book
 - e) a Michelangelo sculpture
4. Which of the things in question 3 is Hunter after him for? Why?
5. What does Epati think Peters wants to steal from Rarotonga?
6. Write down four things that you find out about the necklace.
7. Peters is already in Rarotonga. True or false?
8. Where is Hunter going and why?

Chapter 2

1. There are a lot of people at the airport because
 - a) Wolfgang Peters is arriving.
 - b) Kate Watson is arriving.
 - c) Janet Hunter is arriving.

2. Where is Peters staying? Why does that help Hunter?
3. What happens at these times?
 - a) 11.45
 - b) after fifteen minutes
 - c) 1.30
 - d) after a minute or two
 - e) after five minutes
4. Apart from the necklace, what other things can you see in the museum?
5. Peters looks at everything in the museum. True or false?

Chapter 3

1. Epati suggests three places where his police officers can catch Peters with the necklace. Which are they?
2. Why does Peters disagree with Epati's ideas?
3. What three groups of people do Hunter and Epati see in front of the Aitutaki Restaurant?
4. How does Epati feel about having famous actors on the island?
5. Maria Gomez is a famous actor. True or false?

Chapter 4

1. Put the events in the correct order.
 - a) At 11.30 a taxi arrives.
 - b) People shout and run out of the museum.
 - c) Hunter sits in her car at nine o'clock.
 - d) Someone says the necklace isn't there.
 - e) A woman gets out of the taxi and walks into the museum.
 - f) Epati leaves the museum.
 - g) Hunter realises it's not a woman and runs to the museum.
2. What do you think happens?

Chapter 5

1. Why is Peters called the 'Minute Man'?
2. Why does Hunter say that this time he is the 'Minute Woman'?
3. Match the beginnings and ends of the sentences:
 - a) Epati questioned Peters

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- b) They didn't find anything
 - c) Peters says he's in Rarotonga
 - d) At the moment Peters
 - e) In the evening Peters
- 1) in Peters' hotel room.
 - 2) is in the restaurant.
 - 3) for three hours.
 - 4) is going to watch some dancing.
 - 5) to enjoy the island.

4. Put the prepositions/prepositional phrases in the box into the correct sentences.

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- a) Kate Watson comes ____ the restaurant.
 - b) Maria Gomez is ____ her.
 - c) Hunter walks in ____ Watson and Gomez.
 - d) The actors sit ____ .
 - e) Peters is sitting ____ Watson and Gomez.
 - f) When they leave Peters is ____ the actors.
 - g) Kate Watson says something ____ Peters.
5. What do you think Kate Watson says to Wolfgang Peters?

Chapter 6

1. True or false?
 - a) Two planes are leaving this morning.
 - b) The actors are late for their plane.
 - c) Peters doesn't want the police to look in his bags.
 - d) Hunter thinks that Peters has the necklace.
 - e) The police know Peters steals things for very rich people.
 - f) Epati suddenly realises he took the necklace for Kate Watson.
 - g) Epati phones to stop Watson's plane.
 - h) Hunter gives Peters his computer back.
2. What do you think Hunter is going to look for on Peters' computer?

Chapter 7

1. Put the adjectives in the box into the correct sentences.

white stupid angry funny good easy small

- a) Kate Watson is ____ because of her bags.
 - b) The police officer brings in Maria Gomez's ____ bag.
 - c) Maria Gomez goes ____ when they find the necklace inside it.
 - d) Hunter says that computers are ____ things.
 - e) She says it wasn't ____ for her to find the email.
 - f) Epati says it was ____ work by Hunter to find it.
 - g) Kate Watson says Peters is ____ because her email is on his computer.
2. Who does what?
- a) Who is carrying a small bag: Gomez or a police officer?
 - b) Who wants to leave: Watson or Peters?
 - c) Who finds the email: Hunter or Epati?
 - d) Who sends the money: Peters or Watson?

After reading

Choose some of these activities.

1. Look at the pictures and write a description of Janet Hunter.
2. Write a newspaper report of the case.
3. Think of another title for "The Black Pearls" and explain why it would be good.
4. Write an email to the author, Richard MacAndrew, saying what you like and don't like about the story.
5. Write how the story continues – what happens to each of the characters?
6. Make a quiz about this story for other students, e.g. some true/false questions, or some correct/incorrect sentences.
7. Read page 19 again and look at the picture. Explain how Peters took the necklace.
8. You are Tunui Epati. Write a police report of the case for your boss.