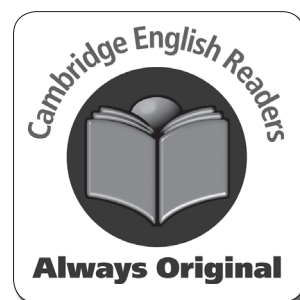


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Before reading

1. Look at the front cover of the book. What can you see in the picture?
2. Read the blurb on the back cover. What does it tell you about the story?
3. Look at the characters in the story on page 4. Four of them have the same job – what is it?
4. What do you find out about the places in the story on page 4?
5. If you have the recording, listen to Chapter 1.

Check your reading

Chapter 1

1. Look at the picture on page 5. Who can you see? What are they doing? How do they look?
2. What do the two newspapers tell people about?
3. Read the chapter. What do you find out about Alex and Sara?
4. What does Alex say the soldiers are going to do in Glossia?
5. Why are people fighting in Glossia?
6. How will Alex and Sara keep in contact while he's away?
7. Sara wants Alex to change something about himself. What is it?

Chapter 2

1. Where are Alex and Ken for most of this chapter?
2. Which of these statements is what Sergeant Ken says?
 - a) The Glossians are fighting the army because they want more guns.
 - b) Some Glossians are fighting other Glossians to get the guns.
 - c) Some Glossians are fighting other Glossians with guns that they got from other people.
3. Why do the other people sell the guns to the Glossians?

4. Look at the picture on page 8. What happens as the plane arrives in Tonek?
5. Which of these sentences is true?
 - a) It is always dangerous in Glossia.
 - b) It's sometimes hot in Glossia.
 - c) All Glossians want the soldiers there.
 - d) The soldiers are there to help all the people.

Chapter 3

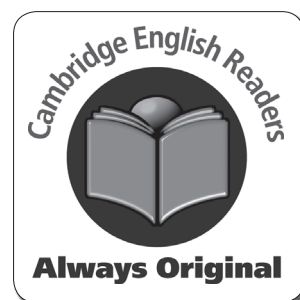
1. Look at the picture on page 10.
 - a) What vehicles are there?
 - b) Who can you see?
 - c) What do the graffiti tell you?
 - d) What impression does it give you?
2. Who is Alex living with?
3. What things is Alex going to do now?
4. Alex thinks the army can help the people. True or false?

Chapter 4

1. In general, what do soldiers do on a patrol?
2. Match the beginnings and endings:
 - 1) The patrol is looking
 - 2) The soldiers don't know
 - 3) Some boys throw something
 - 4) Alex sees someone
 - 5) Ken and Alex
 - a) go into the house.
 - b) who are their friends.
 - c) for guns.
 - d) at a bedroom window.
 - e) which hits Alex in the mouth.
3. Look at Alex's email to Sara. What happened at the house? Put the events in order.
 - a) The boy's angry mother shouts at them.
 - b) The boy starts crying.
 - c) Ken and Alex go to the bedroom.
 - d) Hawk shoots.
 - e) They only find a little boy there.
4. How does Alex feel after the patrol?

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Chapter 5

- Look at the picture on page 17 and answer the questions.
 - What are the children doing?
 - What is the mother doing?
 - What is happening at the door?
- Put the adjectives in the box into the correct sentence.

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 - The two men are wearing _____ masks.
 - The _____ man is carrying a bag.
 - The children are _____ of the two men.
 - Ada says that her family isn't _____.
 - The _____ man says that they have no names.
- What do the two men say they want?
- Why do you think the tall man says *We have no names and no faces?*

Chapter 6

- Match the people and the actions.

1) The young woman	a) takes out a long gun.
2) The tall man	b) gives the short man her doll.
3) The short man	c) takes the doll into the street.
4) Marina	d) picks up the baby.
5) The young woman	e) puts something into the doll.
- What is the tall man going to do with the gun?
- Why does he want to do this?
- What do you think the short man puts inside the doll as well as the phone?
- Which of these things do Marina and Happy have to do?
 - Play with the doll.
 - Play in front of the house.
 - Talk to the soldiers.
 - Take the doll into the street.
 - Run into the house when they see the soldiers.

- What must Ada do with her children?
- What are the two men and the woman waiting in Ada's house for?

Chapter 7

- True or false?
 - Alex doesn't understand why the children run away.
 - Alex picks up the children's doll.
 - The tall man is angry because the gun doesn't work.
 - The tall man shoots Alex.
 - The three soldiers shoot at the window.
 - The woman helps the tall man down the stairs.
 - The short man hides the gun under the baby.
 - The woman and the two men run away.

Chapter 8

- Match the questions and short answers.

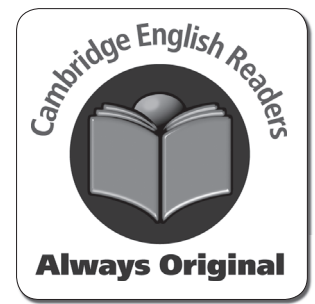
1) Who is dead?	a) The soldiers did.
2) Who killed him?	b) Happy does.
3) Who hates soldiers?	c) The tall man is.
4) Who takes off his mask?	d) Happy does.
5) Who goes with the short man?	e) The short man does.
- Look at the picture on page 29. Who is doing the following things?
 - running away
 - shooting his gun
 - taking Ada and Marina into the house
- Half an hour later
 - Where is the young woman?
 - What do the soldiers ask her?
 - Why don't they check her?

Chapter 9

- What is Sergeant Ken doing?
- Who is helping him?
- Why doesn't Ada answer?
- When does Happy come back?
- Read Sara's email to Alex. What is the answer to her question?

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After reading _____

Choose some of these activities.

1. Think of another title for the book and explain why your new title is good for this story.
2. Write an email to the author, Philip Prowse, saying what you like and don't like about this story.
3. Write an email from Sergeant Ken to Sara explaining about Alex.
4. Make a quiz about this story for the other students, e.g. some True/False questions or some correct/incorrect sentences.
5. Write a newspaper report about what happened in Tonek.
6. Choose one of the pictures and describe it very carefully.