

# Apollo's Gold

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## Before reading

- Look at the front cover and read the back cover blurb. What do you think happens in this story?
  - Look at the map on page 4. What do you know about Greece and the Greek islands?
  - Match the chapter titles with the sentences from each chapter.
 

Chapter 1	Get well
Chapter 2	Gold
Chapter 3	Poulati
Chapter 4	The fire
Chapter 5	The man called Takis
- a 'There was still a lot of smoke coming from the boat.'  
 b 'If you don't take a holiday you're going to get very, very ill.'  
 c 'I didn't like the good-looking man. What was he doing here?'  
 d 'The village feels as old as the mountains behind the village and the rocks under the sea.'  
 e 'Sifnos was once very rich, the guidebook told me, because of its gold and mines.'
4. If you have the cassette, listen to Chapter 1.

## Check your reading

### CHAPTER 1

- Why is Liz both angry and sad?
- Put the events in the right order.
 

a Stavros was looking at an old Greek pot.
b Stavros agreed with the doctor.
c Liz's doctor told her to take a holiday.
d Liz went to see her boss, Stavros.
e Stavros told her to go to his home on the island of Sifnos.
f Liz didn't want to take time off work.
g Liz went to see her doctor.
h Liz thought she could stay at home for a few days.

### CHAPTER 2

- Match the beginnings and endings.
 

1 On the boat to Sifnos	a Liz sat in the sun on the deck.
2 In her guidebook	b when a man on the yacht called, 'Hello, beautiful!'
3 In the past	c the people on the island gave gold to the sun god, Apollo.
4 Liz hated it	d in a <i>taverna</i> near a shop that sold jewellery.
5 Liz had lunch	e Liz read a story she didn't know.
- Why do you think the good-looking man on the yacht said 'Go away' to Liz?

### CHAPTER 3

- Look at the words in italics. What is *it* or *them*?
 

a 'The plastic chairs in the café are new and some of the houses are new, but <i>it</i> feels old.'
b '... Blue until <i>it</i> meets the sky.'
c '... as an archaeologist, I found <i>them</i> very interesting.'
d 'But I didn't open <i>them</i> . I just looked at the sea and watched the fishermen.'
e 'How old is <i>it</i> , professor?'
f '... a few bits here and there. Not many people know where <i>it</i> is.'
g ' <i>It's</i> a good place to fish. There are caves under the water.'

### CHAPTER 4

- True or false?
 

a Yiannis died in the fire.
b The fishermen couldn't help Yiannis.
c Yiannis drank too much.
d Liz phoned Stavros from Eleni's <i>taverna</i> .
e Yiannis was an old friend of Stavros's family.
f Liz listened to the men who killed Yiannis.
- Why do you think they killed Yiannis?

### CHAPTER 5

- Match the beginnings and endings.
 

1 Liz asked her boss Stavros	a to have lunch on the yacht the next day.
2 Stavros told Liz to be careful	b he told her to go away.
3 Mike invited Liz	c because the men on the yacht were dangerous.
4 When Takis saw Liz step on the yacht	d they were going to have fun together.
5 Mike told Liz that	e if there was gold in the mines.
- Do you think Liz is right to take a trip on the yacht? Why or why not?

### CHAPTER 6

- Put the events in the right order.
 

a Liz asked Mike about his work.
b Takis told Mike to kill her later.
c Mike decided to kill Liz.
d Liz ran away from Mike.
e The yacht stopped near some high rocks.
f Liz found the gun cupboard downstairs.
g Mike tried to kiss Liz.
- Look at page 29. Takis says, 'I like women. But not when I'm working. What happens if she sees ...?' What don't they want Liz to see?

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## CHAPTER 7

1. Complete the summary.

Takis told Liz that he worked for an ..... police force. He also said the men on the boat were ..... who were selling ..... . When Liz jumped into the sea, Mike came back on deck and ..... at her. Then Mike ..... Takis. Mr John came on deck and asked what was happening. Mike told him that Liz knew about the guns. Mr John had a lot of ..... to ask Takis before he ..... him.

## CHAPTER 8

1. What three things does Liz always have in her pockets? How can she use these things to help Takis?

## CHAPTER 9

1. Correct the summary.

Mike put Liz and Takis in the cave. Takis looked terrible and couldn't speak. Liz took the Swiss army knife and cut Takis and herself free. Takis told Liz to leave but she stayed with him. Takis needed a doctor but Liz couldn't do anything. They talked and Takis told Liz he was married and had children. After half an hour, they heard the yacht again, and Mike came into the cave. He said, 'Mr John needs to talk to you.'

2. What did Takis and Liz talk about in the cave?

- a Family
- b Greece
- c Holidays
- d Archaeology
- e Britain
- f Books
- g Music
- h Jobs
- i Yiannis

## CHAPTER 10

1. Who said what?

- a 'Be careful with that gun. You nearly killed me too.'
- b 'I'm not leaving you alone like this.'
- c 'You are beginning to make me angry.'
- d 'When I couldn't find you in Poulati, I spoke to the police, to Nikos.'
- e 'But I think I found something much better than gold in Aghios Sostis.'
- f 'I'm glad you feel like that, Liz. Because I feel like that, too.'

Liz      Takis      Mr John      Stavros

## After reading

1. Which character do you like most? Why?
2. Choose five of the pictures and write a sentence about each one.
3. Imagine you are Liz. Write a postcard from Liz to Stavros after her first day in Poulati.
4. This is the headline in a Greek newspaper: POLICE CATCH TERRORISTS. Now write the newspaper story.
5. What do you think will happen to Liz and Takis after the end of the story? Write an extra chapter for the book.
6. Make your own activities for other students to do. e.g. Write some 'Who said what?' questions.
7. Do you think *Apollo's Gold* is a good title? Make up your own title for the book.
8. Imagine you are writing some information for a guidebook to Sifnos. Say what there is to see and do in Poulati.
9. What did Liz do on her holiday before the fire? Read Chapter 3 again. Is this the sort of holiday you enjoy?
10. Here is the blurb from another book at this level.

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