

Jungle Love

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Before reading

1. Look at the title and front cover. What type of story do you think this is and where in the world is it set?
2. Read the back cover blurb and look at the maps on page 5. Were you correct? What do you know about this part of the world?
3. Read the contents page and the list of characters on page 4. Who do you think are the couple on the front cover and what do you think happens to them?
4. If you have the cassette, listen to Chapter 1.

Check your reading

CHAPTER 1

1. Jennifer or Lisa? Who ...
 - a loved the magical atmosphere of the jungle?
 - b complained there were no single men on the tour?
 - c loved talking about herself?
 - d was annoyed by the other girl's behaviour?
 - e compared Ian to a pirate?
 - f thought that Ian was married?

CHAPTER 2

1. True, false or don't know?
 - a Lisa thought the holiday was good value for money.
 - b Lisa was an experienced man-hunter.
 - c Ian and Caroline decided to end their relationship.
 - d Lisa enjoyed annoying Jennifer.
 - e Lisa was jealous of Jennifer's life in London.
 - f Lisa managed a top-quality restaurant.
2. At the end of the chapter, Lisa said 'I've got a plan'. What do you think her plan was?

CHAPTER 3

1. Complete the summary.
Jennifer moved to the balcony to from Lisa, and overheard an between Ian and Caroline about On the beach, Jennifer thought about her fiancé, and about how he wanted to move to the Then an attractive Belizean man called invited Jennifer to go for a moonlight He promised that, if she swam in the water, all her would come true.
2. How do you think Jennifer felt about her future marriage to Pete? What makes you think this?

CHAPTER 4

1. Which character was Jennifer thinking about?
 - a '... he was probably every bit as dangerous as a jaguar too.'
 - b '... smiling into your eyes behind their girlfriend's back ...'
 - c '... doing their best to make you live in some falling down old cottage ...'
 - d 'Or else they're threatening you.'
 - e '... the final light of the sun was shining on his dark skin, turning it a beautiful reddish-brown.'
2. Summarise Jennifer's feelings about Ian in the story so far.

CHAPTER 5

1. Look at the words in italics. Who is *she*, *he*, *me* etc.?
 - a 'That's why *she's* going back early, to go back to work.'
 - b 'What *he* needs is someone like *me*.'
 - c 'Trouble is *your* middle name and don't you go denying it.'
 - d 'I think *you* should have been a schoolteacher rather than a tour leader.'
 - e 'Where did *you* get to last night anyway?'
 - f 'He says if I don't phone him ... he's going to break off *our* engagement.'
2. If you were Jennifer, what would you do next?

CHAPTER 6

1. Match the beginnings and endings.
 - 1 Jennifer realised that Pete's phone message meant
 - 2 Jennifer felt glad that her engagement was over
 - 3 Although Jennifer liked Pete
 - 4 Jennifer understood that rather than let things happen to her
 - 5 Jennifer was surprised to learn that
 - a but at the same time she felt guilty.
 - b Ian and Caroline were no longer a couple.
 - c that Gary had told him she had been unfaithful.
 - d she knew she was not in love with him.
 - e she should now take decisions for herself.

CHAPTER 7

1. What did Lisa do? Write YES or NO.
 - a She got dressed up for a special dance that night.
 - b She passed on Pete's message to Jennifer.
 - c She thought she could use Pete's phone number to keep Jennifer away from Ian.
 - d She met Ian by accident on the beach.
 - e She showed Ian that she knew a lot about birds.
 - f She got physically close to Ian.
 - g She kissed him.

CHAPTER 8

1. What do you think will happen in the second half of the story? Tick (✓) your choices.
 - a Jennifer will remain single.
 - b Jennifer will return to Pete.
 - c Jennifer will return to Gary.
 - d Jennifer and Ian will have a relationship.
 - e Lisa will remain single.
 - f Lisa and Ian will have a relationship.
2. What did Jennifer mean when she said: 'I think Pete's probably mad *with* me, not *about* me.' (page 48)

CHAPTER 9

1. What was Ian referring to when he said: 'Don't you just hate it when people give you mixed messages?' (page 54)
2. Lisa and Ian's night on the beach. Put the events in the right order.
 - a Pretending to be frightened, Lisa threw herself into his arms.
 - b Ian said he couldn't have a new relationship until he had finished with Caroline.
 - c Lisa felt both disappointed and annoyed.
 - d Soon they were alone together in the water.
 - e They began to kiss, but Ian pulled away.
 - f Ian invited Lisa to go for a midnight swim.

CHAPTER 10

1. Match the adjectives to either Jennifer or Lisa.
 - a human and weak
 - b furious
 - c lonely
 - d embarrassed
 - e guilty
 - f determined
 - g confused
2. Jennifer says: 'I do sometimes let things *just happen*.' (page 60)
Give at least three examples of things that Jennifer has let happen to her in the story so far.

CHAPTER 11

1. What did Lisa tell Pete? Tick (✓) the sentences.
 - a Jennifer still loved him and wanted to say sorry.
 - b Jennifer thought Pete had treated her badly.
 - c Jennifer had tried to phone Pete.
 - d Jennifer had had a holiday romance in Belize.
 - e Pete should fly to Belize immediately.
 - f Belize would be the perfect place for a wedding.
2. Which information about Lisa and Mary is new in this chapter?
 - a Mary worked as a tour leader.
 - b Mary often got annoyed with Lisa.
 - c Mary liked Lisa despite all her faults.
 - d Lisa wanted to live in London.
 - e Mary thought her education was more important than relationships.
 - f Lisa was afraid of being old and lonely herself.
 - g Lisa was determined to win Ian.

CHAPTER 12

1. Make your own lists of adjectives to describe the men in Jennifer's life: Pete, Gary and Ian.
2. Do you think Jennifer should...
 - a have some time on her own before she starts another relationship?
 - b go straight into a new relationship?

CHAPTER 13

1. Who said what?
 - a 'What are you playing at?'
 - b 'You said you were going to phone Caroline to break it off with her.'
 - c 'You're both lovely for different reasons.'
 - d 'You girls still need to be choosy. Find yourselves a *good* man.'
 - e 'When we were together last night it was beautiful.'
 - f 'We've been a real pair of fools, haven't we?'
 - g 'Perhaps we'll be able to get on better with each other now.'
2. How do you think the story will finish in the final chapter?

CHAPTER 14

1. Correct the summary. There are 10 mistakes.

Lisa was unhappy about her mother's marriage. The girls sat up late, drinking coffee and making friends. Lisa felt guilty that she hadn't been kinder to Jennifer and Jennifer said Lisa could stay with her in London as long as she wanted while she looked for a flat.

For the first time Jennifer understood how dishonest Pete had been and she wasn't angry when Lisa told her that Pete was staying in England.

The story ended with Jennifer staying in Belize City and Lisa planning her new life with Pete in London, which he loved. It was certain that the girls had found the happy ending they were looking for.

After reading

Choose some of these activities.

1. What did you find out about the history, life and culture of Belize from *Jungle Love*?
2. Would you like to go on an organised tour in a Central American country?
3. Imagine you are Lisa or Jennifer. Choose a point in the story and write a postcard home to a friend.
4. On page 40, Lisa said: 'All's fair in love . . .' Do you agree?
5. What qualities would you look for in a *good* man (or woman)?
6. Look at pages 93 and 94. Either write the final conversation between Jennifer and Pete or continue the one between Lisa and Pete.
7. Which girl did you like most by the end of the story? Why?
8. What do you think happened to Jennifer and Lisa after the holiday?
9. Choose a chapter. Make your own activities for other students to do. e.g. Put the events in the correct order.
10. Here is the blurb from another book by Margaret Johnson at this level.

All I Want

Alex is thirty and wants just one thing in life: her boss, Brad. But however hard she tries, things keep on going wrong for her. Then Alex discovers what it is she really, really wants.

Do you want to read *All I Want*?