**Chapter 1 The Three Rooms**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I don’t think it’s strange because some of them can share a room.

2. I see a big ship and some dock workers.

3.I think this story begins in the ship, in the early 1900s.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Match the characters and their descriptions.

1. The narrator • • captain of the ship, Independence

2. Mr. Cornelius Wyatt • • known as beautiful, smart, andsuccessful

3. Nicolino • • a very curious person

4. Wyatt’s sisters • • known as friendly and clever

5. Wyatt’s wife • • an Italian Jewish art dealer

6. Mr. Hardy • • a sensible, young artist

**Chapter 2 Mrs. Wyatt**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1.She might be very beautiful and smart as her husband described.

2.I think the narrator is introducing himself to Mrs. Wyatt.

3.I think the narrator thinks Mrs. Wyatt is modest because she’s wearing all black.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(b)

B. Write the information in the right place.

**Mrs. Wyatt Cornelius Marian**

plain-looking in a bad mood sweet and smart

nicely dressed did not speak Wyatt’s sister

**Chapter 3 The Oblong Box**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I thinkit is a box containing something scary.

2.The men are carrying a strange looking box.

3. I think this box will be important because it looks like it is containing something important.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(b)

B. Put the information in the right place.

• b, c • d

• a, g • e, f

**Chapter 4 Wyatt’s Incident**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think the narrator or someone might ask Wyatt about the box.

2. I think Wyatt is so excited about something.

3. I think the narrator should be worried about Wyatt because they are friends.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Write T for True or F for False.

1. F

2. T

3. T

4. F

5. T

6. T

7. T

8. T

**Chapter 5 The Mystery of the Third Room**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think there might be someone hiding in the third room.

2. I think Wyatt is trying to open the box.

3. I think there could be a dead body of someone because the box looks like a coffin.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(a)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. (c) 2. (d) 3. (a) 4.(b)

**Chapter 6 The Big Storm**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. Yes, I think so because a storm in the sea is usually dangerous.

2. People are trying to fight the storm.

3. I think people are frightened and desperate.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Put the information in the right place.

**Cause Effect**

b 🡪 c

f 🡪 e

d 🡪 a

**Chapter 7 Wyatt’s Death**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. He might have died on the ship because of the storm.

2. I think he’s waiting for the lifeboat to come.

3.He doesn’t want to lose his precious box.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(a)

B. Put a check (√) next to the things that the lifeboat contained.

(√)the captain and his wife (√)food

(√)Mr. Wyatt and his guests (√)clothes

an English officer (√)tools

(√)the narrator the oblong box

a few servants medical supplies

**Chapter 8 The Secret Is Revealed**

Before You Read

[Sample Answers]

1. I think it is about the box because no one knows what is in the box yet.

2. I think Wyatt’s lover is inside the box.

3. Wyatt is feeling miserable because he loved the dead woman in the box.

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

(c)

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. (e) 2. (b) 3. (f) 4. (a) 5. (g) 6. (d) 7 (c)