

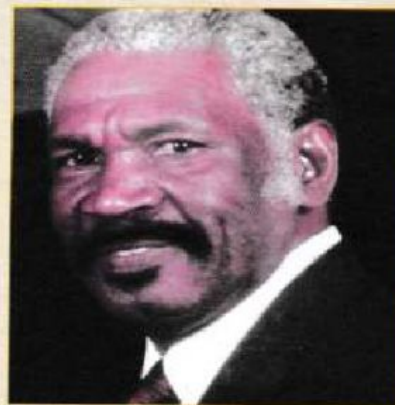
Directions: Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow. **PLEASE** make sure **NUMBER** your answers. **FOR QUESTION 5** you are to tick it on the liveworksheet.



Sir Lynden Oscar Pindling had many friends who knew him during his childhood years, before he became a politician and the leader of this country. One friend, who grew up with Sir Lynden, is Mr Fernley Palmer, Justice of the Peace. In the passage below, Mr Palmer recalls some memories he has of Sir Lynden as a boy.

Sir Lynden, my friend

- 1 I have known Sir Lynden Pindling since we were both three years old. We both were born and grew up in the East Street area of New Providence. Our fathers were Jamaicans who came to The Bahamas to work as police officers. Because our fathers were friends, we also became the best of friends.
- 2 Sir Lynden and I went to school together. Our first school was Miss Duncombe's School, which was located on Prison Lane, off East Street. We went on to Sands School, which was on Sands Lane, off Shirley Street. Following this, we went to Smith's School together. Then we separated and went to different schools. We remained friends however, and I often helped Sir Lynden with his mathematics homework. He was not a very good student in mathematics but he was good at all other subjects. He also took



Mr Fernley Palmer

music lessons and could play the piano. Education was very important in those days so our parents made sure we got the best of it.

- 3 As a boy, Lynden was always popular and had many friends. Whenever he was around, he always drew a crowd. Our favourite games were rolling

hoops and skating. Lynden was better at sports than most of our friends and always dreamed of being an athlete. He loved swimming and together we often walked our dogs to Long Wharf Beach to go swimming. Around 1943, Lynden organized a group of friends to take an early morning swim at 5.00am to keep themselves fit. I still do this almost every day. We also rode our bikes together. Lynden's father had a grocery store and we enjoyed using our bikes to deliver groceries when the store closed at 6.00pm.

4 Lynden attended the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Wellington Street. It was through selling Seventh Day Adventist books that he learned how to communicate with the public and develop his speaking abilities.

5 Our parents were very strict. I can remember one occasion when I was told to catch the

chickens as they hatched.

Instead of doing as I was told, I met up with Lynden and a few other friends and we started to shoot marbles together. Because I was not there to catch them, rats ate the baby chicks. When my father discovered this, he asked me where I was. I told him that I had stopped to shoot marbles with Lynden. My father then told Lynden's father who gave him permission to punish both of us. This, of course, was one of the worst experiences I had with Lynden.

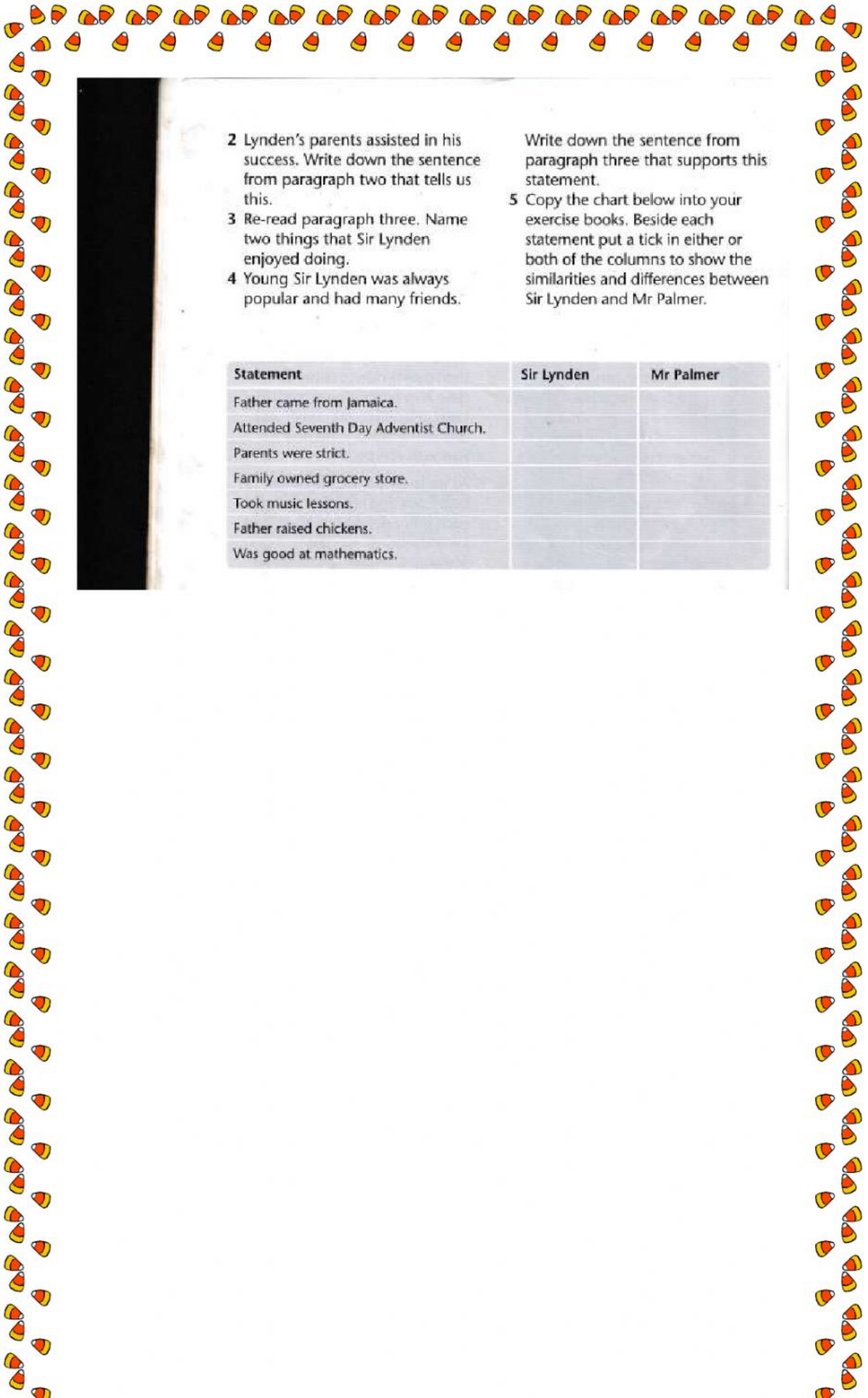
6 As we grew up, we continued to be friends and kept in touch with each other during our adult lives. I will always cherish the memories of our friendship and the times I spent with this man who played such a great role in shaping and building this nation.

*Excerpts taken from a conversation
with Mr Fernley Palmer,
Justice of the Peace*



Questions

- 1 Copy the three statements below. Write 'F' for fact or 'O' for opinion at the end of each statement.
 - a Sir Lynden's and Mr Palmer's parents were too strict.
 - b Miss Duncombe's School was the first school that Sir Lynden and Mr Palmer attended.
 - c Both of their fathers were police officers.

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- 2 Lynden's parents assisted in his success. Write down the sentence from paragraph two that tells us this.
- 3 Re-read paragraph three. Name two things that Sir Lynden enjoyed doing.
- 4 Young Sir Lynden was always popular and had many friends.

Write down the sentence from paragraph three that supports this statement.

- 5 Copy the chart below into your exercise books. Beside each statement put a tick in either or both of the columns to show the similarities and differences between Sir Lynden and Mr Palmer.

Statement	Sir Lynden	Mr Palmer
Father came from Jamaica.		
Attended Seventh Day Adventist Church.		
Parents were strict.		
Family owned grocery store.		
Took music lessons.		
Father raised chickens.		
Was good at mathematics.		