

# The Long Tunnel

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## Exercises

### 1. Choose the right option A, B or C.

- 1 a ☐ Paul, Sheila and Charles were second year students at university.  
b ☐ Paul, Sheila and Charles were third year students at university.  
c ☒ Paul, Sheila and Charles were first year students at university.
- 2 a ☐ Llanvory is in Wales.  
b ☐ Llanvory is in Scotland.  
c ☐ Llanvory is in England.
- 3 a ☐ No one was at the cottage when they arrived.  
b ☐ A strange man was at the cottage when they arrived.  
c ☐ The police were at the cottage when they arrived.
- 4 a ☐ The guard on the train had sleeping pills put in his coffee.  
b ☐ The guard on the train had been kidnapped.  
c ☐ The guard on the train had been tied up and gagged.
- 5 a ☐ Sheila was tied up and gagged.  
b ☐ Charles was tied up and gagged.  
c ☐ Paul was tied up and gagged.
- 6 a ☐ The criminals replaced the bags of money with bags of paper.  
b ☐ The criminals replaced the bags of money with boxes of paper.  
c ☐ The criminals replaced the bags of money with bags of clothes.
- 7 a ☐ Two of the criminals were arrested.  
b ☐ All of the criminals were arrested.  
c ☐ One of the criminals was arrested.

### 2. Put the events in order according to the story

- ☒ Paul, Sheila and Charles were sitting their exams.
- ☐ Paul and Sheila trapped the criminals in the shaft.
- ☐ Sheila and Charles agreed to spend a week with Paul in Wales.
- ☐ The criminals were arrested by the police.
- ☐ Sheila saw soldiers putting bags of money into a lorry.
- ☐ Sheila and Charles found out that some criminals were going to steal the money from a train.
- ☐ When they got to the cottage, Paul was not there.
- ☐ While the criminals were out of the cottage, Sheila and Charles rescued Paul.
- ☐ Sheila and Charles found Paul's exam paper.

### 3. True or false. Write T or F

- 1 ☒ At universities in England, April is the month of examinations.
- 2 ☐ The cottage had electricity and a telephone.
- 3 ☐ There was a café outside the station at Llanvory.

- 4 ☐ Sheila and Charles had two cups of tea at the café.
- 5 ☐ There wasn't a telephone box on Paul's map.
- 6 ☐ The stranger they met at the cottage had a beard.
- 7 ☐ Sheila and Charles waited in an old building while they decided what to do.
- 8 ☐ Sheila got into the cottage through a window.
- 9 ☐ The signal in the tunnel was usually red.
- 10 ☐ After the criminals were arrested, Paul, Sheila and Charles decided to cancel their holiday.

### 4. Write questions for these answers.

- 1 *Where were Paul, Sheila and Charles studying?*  
Paul, Sheila and Charles were studying at university.
- 2 *How long*  
Their summer vacation was three months long.
- 3 *What*  
Paul suggested they go to stay in Wales.
- 4 *Where*  
They were going to stay in a cottage.
- 5 *What*  
A cottage is a small house in the country.
- 6 *Was*  
No, the cottage was not near a town – it was close to a village.
- 7 *Did*  
The cottage had water but no electricity.
- 8 *Why*  
They wanted to stay in a remote place in order to relax.
- 9 *How*  
Charles and Sheila planned to get to the village by train.
- 10 *How*  
They planned to walk from the village to the cottage.
- 11 *What*  
Paul gave them a map.

### 5. Use the words in the box to fill in the gaps.

Paul would few on Let's miles uphill outside sacks  
waitress cottage sign comes lorry soldiers station map  
distance waited minutes train took arrived notes burns

Charles and Sheila <sup>1</sup>.....took..... a train from London to Llanvory.  
They <sup>2</sup>..... at 1.30pm. As soon as they got off  
the <sup>3</sup>....., they looked around for  
<sup>4</sup>..... Paul said he <sup>5</sup>..... meet them  
<sup>6</sup>..... the afternoon of Monday 5th August.

Llanvay is a small <sup>7</sup> ..... There were very  
<sup>8</sup> ..... people around. Charles and Sheila  
<sup>9</sup> ..... for five minutes but there was no  
<sup>10</sup> ..... of Paul.  
<sup>11</sup> ..... have a cup of coffee,' Charles said. They  
went to a café <sup>12</sup> ..... the station. 'We will  
see Paul when he <sup>13</sup> .....,' Charles said.  
They did not see Paul. They saw an army <sup>14</sup> .....  
and soldiers. The <sup>15</sup> ..... were putting  
<sup>16</sup> ..... into the back of the lorry.  
'What's in the sacks?' Charles asked the <sup>17</sup> .....  
'Banknotes,' said the waitress. 'I expect banks send old  
<sup>18</sup> ..... here,' said Charles. The army <sup>19</sup> .....  
them.' Acti  
After twenty <sup>20</sup> ....., Sheila said, 'Shall we walk to  
the <sup>21</sup> .....? We have a <sup>22</sup> .....'  
'Okay,' said Charles. 'The <sup>23</sup> ..... is about two  
<sup>24</sup> ..... The last mile is <sup>25</sup> ..... It  
won't take us too long.'

## 6. Unjumble the letters to write the words

- 1 STARMENRANGE Charles and Sheila made  
.....  
..... arrangements ..... to stay with Paul.
- 2 READSTER The police .....  
all the criminals at the end of the story.
- 3 ELLB They knew it was time for the exam when  
a ..... rang loudly.
- 4 ELONGBED They found an exam paper that  
..... to Paul.
- 5 DEDCIDE When Paul did not arrive, they  
..... to walk to the cottage.
- 6 DAGGEG The criminals .....  
Paul so he could not speak.
- 7 DUNGGERI Soldiers were .....  
the sacks of banknotes.
- 8 SPEECA The criminals planned to  
..... up the shaft.
- 9 ROYLR Soldiers were loading sacks into the back  
of a .....  
.....
- 10 ROVE Another bell rang when the exam was  
..... and the students  
were allowed to go.
- 11 ETOMER It was a ..... and  
lonely cottage far away from the town.

- 12 THAFS There was a .....  
from the top of the hill to the tunnel. It
- 13 LASIGN The train stopped because the  
..... light was red.
- 14 PRATPED They put a cover over the exit to the  
shaft. The criminals were .....  
inside.
- 15 NELNUT No one saw the robbery taking place  
because the train was in the  
.....

## 7. Choose A, B or C

- 1 What did the criminals do to Paul?  
a ☐ They arrested him.  
b ☒ They held him prisoner.  
c ☐ They took him hostage.  
d ☐ They kidnapped him.
- 2 Why did the criminals want to use Hilltop Cottage?  
a ☐ It had a good view.  
b ☐ They could see the police coming.  
c ☐ It was over the railway tunnel.  
d ☐ It was quiet and remote.
- 3 What did Charles do while Sheila and Paul trapped the criminals?  
a ☐ He went to the police station.  
b ☐ He ran to the telephone box and called the police.  
c ☐ He stayed in the cottage.  
d ☐ He waited at the bottom of the shaft.
- 4 Which is the odd word out?  
a ☐ Knot.  
b ☐ Knife.  
c ☐ Kite.  
d ☐ Knock.
- 5 Which of these don't you make?  
a ☐ A mistake.  
b ☐ A decision.  
c ☐ A living.  
d ☐ An accident.
- 6 What did the criminals give to the train's guard?  
a ☐ Money in bags.  
b ☐ Ropes and gags.  
c ☐ Plastic sacks.  
d ☐ Sleeping pills.