

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 Llanvovy is in Wales.
b Llanvovy is in Scotland.
c Llanvovy 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 Llanvovy.

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 took a train from London to Llanvovy. They took at 1.30pm. As soon as they got off the train, they looked around for a station. Paul said he would meet them at the station in the afternoon of Monday 5th August.

Llanvoy is a small ¹ There were very ² people around. Charles and Sheila ³ for five minutes but there was no ⁴ of Paul.

⁵ have a cup of coffee,' Charles said. They went to a café ⁶ the station. 'We will see Paul when he ⁷,' Charles said.

They did not see Paul. They saw an army ⁸ and soldiers. The ⁹ were putting ¹⁰ into the back of the lorry.

'What's in the sacks?' Charles asked the ¹¹

'Banknotes,' said the waitress. 'I expect banks send old ¹² here,' said Charles. The army ¹³ them.' Acti

After twenty ¹⁴ Sheila said, 'Shall we walk to the ¹⁵? We have a ¹⁶'

'Okay,' said Charles. 'The ¹⁷ is about two ¹⁸ The last mile is ¹⁹ 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 DUNGGARI	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

13 LASIGN

14 PRATPED

15 NELNUT

There was a from the top of the hill to the tunnel. It The train stopped because the light was red. They put a cover over the exit to the shaft. The criminals were inside.

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.