1 **Look at the front cover of the book and answer these questions.**

1 When do you think the story happens?

a ☐ today

b ☐ 1930s

c ☐ 2020

2 Where do you think the story happens?

a ☐ France

b ☐ England

c ☐ America

2 **Read the back cover of the book and answer these questions.**

1 What does Cal find under the floor of the cabin?

2 Where is it from?

3 Do you think Cal is going to . . .

a take it to the police?

b put it back under the floor?

c lose it?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1 **Read pages 1–5, then answer these questions.**

1 Who are the three people in the Red Mask Gang?
2 Who drives the gang's car?
3 What happens to the police car?
4 Where is Eddie going to stay for a week or two?
5 How much is Eddie's share of the money?

2 **Read pages 6–9. Match the words with the pictures.**

a 'He's only twenty or twenty-one. But he's got a lot of money.'
b 'Oh, no! No! NO!'
c 'Er – Collins. Edward Collins.'
d 'Where can I put my money?'
e 'Hi, there! How long are you staying?'

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3 **Read pages 10–15. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?**

	T	*F*
1 The police take Eddie's things to the police station.	☐	☐
2 Wilma finds a red mask in Eddie's coat.	☐	☐
3 Wilma finds the money in Cal's cabin.	☐	☐
4 Joe and Blanche hear about Eddie's car accident on the radio.	☐	☐

4 **Read pages 16–23 and answer these questions.**

Who . . . ?

1 . . . goes out onto the lake?

2 . . . asks Wilma about Edward Collins?

3 . . . knows about car brakes?

4 . . has a gun?

Why . . . ?

5 . . . can't Blanche get their car to start?

6 . . . can't Blanche stop Cal's car?

5 **Before you read page 24, can you guess what happens?**

	Yes	*No*
1 Joe and Blanche escape with the money.	☐	☐
2 Wilma gets the money after the car crashes.	☐	☐
3 Wilma and Cal share the money after the car crashes.	☐	☐
4 Nobody gets the money.	☐	☐

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1 **Complete this summary of some of the story. Use these words:**

newspapers floor Mask money accident wants share robbers

Joe, Blanche, and Eddie are bank _____. The _____ call them The Red _____ Gang. After a robbery, Eddie goes to stay at the Blue Lake Cabins. He puts his _____ of the robbery money under the _____. Eddie dies in a car _____. Cal Dexter finds the _____, but Wilma Pinch sees him. Now she _____ the money, too.

2 **Use these words to join the sentences together.**

but when for and

1 'I can stay there. A week or two.'
2 Blanche drives the car faster. It's dangerous.
3 His name is Cal Dexter. He is a writer.
4 'Dexter is going to look for the money. He gets back.'

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3 Look at each picture and answer the questions.

Who is this?

Where is this car?

Who is this? What is she doing?

Who is listening to this radio?

Who is holding this gun?

Who is this?

LIVEWORKSHEETS