

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 ☐ Llanvay is in Wales.
b ☐ Llanvay is in Scotland.
c ☐ Llanvay 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 Llanvay.

- 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 ¹..... 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 ¹..... ^{took} a train from London to Llanvay.
They ²..... at 1.30pm. As soon as they got off
the ³....., they looked around for
⁴..... Paul said he ⁵..... meet them
⁶..... the afternoon of Monday 5th August.

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