

# UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

## 1 COMPREHENSION CHECK

Answer the following questions.

- 1 Why were the king and the duke angry with Huck?
- 2 What happened to the bag of money?
- 3 Why did the king and the duke say that they were dance teachers?
- 4 What did the boy on the road tell Huck?
- 5 How much money did the king get for Jim?
- 6 Why did Aunt Sally give Huck a big kiss on the cheek?
- 7 Why did Huck know a lot of things about Tom, Sid and Aunt Polly?
- 8 What did Huck think when he heard the steamboat on the river?
- 9 What did Tom say when he saw Huck on the wagon?
- 10 What happened to the king and the duke?

## 2 CHARACTERS

Write a brief description of each of the following characters you have met so far. Use the information in the previous chapters to help you. The first is done for you.



0  A Mary Jane was a pretty girl with long brown hair. She had two younger sisters, Susan and Joanna ...

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**PRELIMINARY**

**3 NOTICES**

Look at the text in each notice. What does it say? Mark the correct letter – A, B or C. The first is done for you.

**ST. PETERSBURG  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Open 9 am to 6 pm  
On Sundays we open at noon  
**Pets Not Welcome**

**0**

- A  The library is open only on Sundays.
- B  You can't bring your dog here.
- C  You can eat a snack here.

**DANGER! – ALERT!**

High water due to violent storms!  
Cross Mississippi River at Jackson's  
Island Bridge only.

**1**

- A  You must not cross the Mississippi River during a violent storm.
- B  Jackson's Island Bridge is dangerous because of high water.
- C  You can cross the Mississippi River if you use Jackson's Island Bridge.

**MISSOURI STEAMBOAT**

Please have your ticket ready before  
boarding the steamboat.  
Only one suitcase per passenger allowed.  
One dollar extra for each extra suitcase.

**2**

- A  You must buy a ticket before boarding the steamboat.
- B  You must pay \$4 if you travel with four suitcases.
- C  You can only bring one suitcase on board.

**DR. MATTHEW CONNELLY, DENTIST**

*By appointment only.*

Please make an appointment with the  
secretary any weekday between 9.30  
am and 11.30 am, except on Thursdays.

*Doctor's office closes at noon on Fridays.*

**3**

- A  You can only make an appointment on Thursdays.
- B  You don't need an appointment on Fridays.
- C  Dr. Connelly doesn't work on Friday afternoons.

Trains for St Louis leave from platform 3  
on weekdays and from platform 5  
on Sundays and holidays.

On rainy days trains for all destinations  
leave from platform one. Train timetable  
not available until next week.

**4**

- A  If you want to go to St Louis on Wednesday use platform 5.
- B  You cannot check the train times this week.
- C  Cargo trains don't stop here.

#### 4 WRITING

Read the following information about the great American hero Martin Luther King, and fill in the gaps with the correct word in the box below. The first is done for you.

lives peacefully people however places honor same  
transportation rights problem student holiday speech slavery

After the American Civil War (1861-65), (0) *slavery* ended forever. (1) ....., in the south of the United States, Afro-Americans did not have the same (2) ..... and opportunities as white people. This was a terrible (3) ..... and Martin Luther King decided to solve it.

Dr. Martin Luther King was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, a southern state. He was an excellent (4) ..... and became a Baptist Minister<sup>1</sup>. At that time there was segregation in the South. This meant that Afro-Americans could not use certain kinds of (5) ..... . They could not go to the (6) ..... schools and churches as white people.

Dr King disagreed with this and he protested (7) ..... against segregation in the cities and towns of the South. In August 1963 Dr. King organized a huge demonstration called the Civil Rights March in Washington D.C. More than 200,000 (8) ..... joined him! On that occasion he gave his famous (9) ..... , "I have a dream".

These are some lines from that speech:

*"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today."*

In 1964 America passed the Civil Rights Act, which changed and improved the (10) ..... of millions of Afro-Americans. Segregation became illegal in schools, churches and other public (11) .....

Dr. King won the Nobel Peace Prize in the same year.

Some Americans did not agree with the Civil Rights Act. On April 4, 1968 James Earl Ray killed Dr. King in Memphis, Tennessee; this was a tragic day for America. The third Monday in January is a national (12) ..... in the United States, when Americans celebrate Martin Luther King Day in (13) ..... of this great American hero.

#### 5 SPEAKING

- 1 Does your country have a national hero?
- 2 If so, what was his/her name and what did he/she do?

1. **Baptist Minister** : a religious leader in the Baptist Christian religion.

