

KENSUKE'S KINGDOM - Ch. 1 "Peggy Sue"

■ Cloze – complete the text with a word or phrase from the box. There are 5 EXTRA ones.

THERE ARE – CLOSE DOWN – ON – LIE – BIRTHDAY – PHONE CALL – WITH – PROMISE – SAVE UP – YEARS – DAYS – LETTER – SCHOOL – SAILING – THERE WAS – IN – JOBS – FACTORY

I disappeared on the night before my twelfth _____. Only now can I at last tell the true story. Kensuke made me _____ that I would say nothing until at least ten _____ had passed. Because of that I have had to live out a _____. Now I want the world to know Kensuke as I knew him, as my friend and a great man.

My childhood was just normal. I went to _____ everyday and after class I would play football _____ the Mudlarks. Every weekend I did a paper round to _____ for a mountain bike. Sundays we went _____. We had some great days on the water.

Then the _____ arrived. The brickworks were going to _____. Mom and dad were both being made redundant. _____ a terrible silence at the breakfast table that morning. After that we never went sailing on Sundays any more. They both tried to find other _____, but there was nothing.

■ Choose the correct option

- ***Our lives changed completely after the arrival of the letter.***
 - a) My friends and I kept on playing every day and my parents found new jobs.
 - b) My parents argued a lot and my father was scarcely ever home.
 - c) My father spent hours fixing up things and my mother just would sit there saying nothing.
- ***After Eddie moved away to the south, football just wasn't the same without him.***
 - a) The Mudlarks entered a competition to win a prize.
 - b) All the Mudlarks moved south and started playing football professionally there.
 - c) The Mudlarks disbanded.
- ***One Saturday I came home from my paper round and found my mother crying.***
 - a) His father has gone off without saying much.
 - b) His father has got drunk and he was in hospital.
 - c) His father has told her he didn't love her any more. He wanted divorce.

■ TRUE or FALSE???

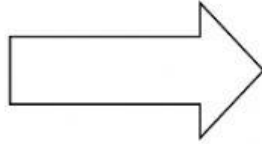
- After the phone call came, my mother explained to me that my father was not coming back. **T – F**

- My father wanted us to meet a good friend of him, called Peggy Sue. **T – F**

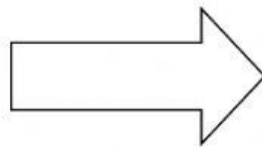
- The plan was to make a competition with Bernacle Bill to be ready to travel around the world in eighty days. **T – F**

➤ Determine which are the causes or consequences of the following events.

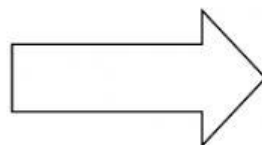
Kensuke asked
Michael not to say
anything until ten
years went by.



A letter arrived
informing that the
brickwork factory
closed.



They took a long
training course with
Barnacle Bill to learn
how to handle their
new yacht.



Michael took Eddie
Dodd's football as a
"Lucky mascot"
before setting sail on
their grand
adventure.