

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* It could mean moving past grief into a happier stage of life.

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 She has begun to walk along it when she hears a voice. She turns and her foot misses the wall, so she falls.
- 2 She is lucky because she falls on a day bed two floors below instead of falling all the way to the ground.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 She doesn't want to pass Will's house every day and think about what she had been part of.
- 2 They stopped going to the pub because people had a lot to say about what happened to Will. It became easier to stay at home.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 She promises to go to a bereavement group.
- 2 She doesn't want him to think that she tried to kill herself.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 She knows from Jake that his father sleeps with lots of women. It helps him with his grief. But he still seems nice and he had helped her in the ambulance.
- 2 Tanya thought that Will would think she had got pregnant just to catch him.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* She needed a new start somewhere away from the home where she and Mr Traynor lived with Will.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* She tells them to go to hell because they won't let her stay with them. She thinks that they care more about their new baby than about her.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* They look at the foundations of the new house that Sam is building. But this chapter is also when they make the foundations of their relationship.
- 2 She feels relaxed.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* She means that she has become one of Sam's "crazy girlfriends" (Jake's words).

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Fred has joined a dating website to look for sex. Sunil is listening to music again. Daphne has stopped smelling her husband's shirts and Jake goes out a bit more.
- 2 She tells Lily to leave because her friends have stolen Louisa's grandmother's necklace.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 There are pots with red and purple flowers, two pots with blue flowers and some tomato plants. Lily has done this.
- 2 Louisa learns that Sam is not Jake's father (who she knows is sleeping with lots of women). He is Jake's uncle.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 He wanted to have sex with her in the hotel.
- 2 She feels like she must have done something or sent a sign to these men to be treated like this. She feels guilty.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 She follows Louisa's plan. Louisa pretends to be Lily and texts Mr Garside to ask him to come to the flat. When he arrives, Sam and Donna make him give them the phone. After Lily has checked it, Sam then jumps on it and breaks it.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* He is in trouble at work because someone saw the ambulance outside Louisa's building when Mr Garside came, but there was no emergency call. He then sees Louisa pause as she comes towards him and realizes that she is thinking about Will.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 Lily leaves to go home with Mrs Traynor.
- 2 Lily agrees to go to her old school in Oxfordshire and she will stay with Mrs Traynor. She will leave Louisa's flat.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 Sam is angry because he wanted to drop Louisa before they arrived there.
- 2 The men run towards the ambulance because they want to attack it – they want the medicines that are in the ambulance.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

- 1 He calls Louisa because he wants to offer her the job again. He is having problems with the person that he first employed.
- 2 She decides to take the job in New York.

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Louisa now has something that she can do for Will, and someone to care for. She is not as depressed as before. Yes, she looks after Lily very well by letting her stay in her flat and looking after her when she is not her own family.
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Louisa allows Treena to live in her flat because Treena said that she wanted to live in London where she could get a good job – but the rents were too expensive. Letting her sister use the flat stops Lou feeling guilty about having it.
- 4 *Reader's own answer.*

Exercises

CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO

- 1 1 h 2 e 3 c 4 g
5 b 6 f 7 d 8 a

CHAPTER THREE

- 2 1 I made a promise **to** my father.
2 I stepped out **into** the warm summer evening.
3 The group agreed that Jake's father was coping **in** his own way.
4 She gives out information **like** a TV newsreader.
5 My eyes ran **over** his face.
6 I sat up suddenly **at** the sound of the doorbell.
7 She's married **to** my stepfather Francis Stupid-face Houghton.
8 She breathed the smoke **up** into the air.

