

Before-reading questions

- 1 There are four people's stories: Felicity, Senara, Josie and Martha.
Reader's own answers. Model answer:
Felicity, Senara and Josie are teenagers, but Martha is a child. The main character is Senara. Her story is told using the first person ("I").
- 2 **a** false. Cornwall has problems of poverty and homelessness.
b true
c false. Synaesthesia makes people see colours and shapes where other people do not.

During-reading questions

PROLOGUE

- 1 Because she wants to stop Senara digging under the camellias. She is scared of what Senara might find there.

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Because their drone crashed in the garden and they want to get it back.
- 2 She went there in 2008 when she was two years old, with her mother, Jenna.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Because she hopes that he will come back to Cornwall to look after his sister (Josie's mum), who has depression. Then Josie will be able to leave home instead of staying to look after her mum.
- 2 She has come from London. It is dangerous to stay there during the war because of bombs.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Because he has been watching her every day for a week. She is afraid that he will follow her home to Cliff House and come into the garden.

- 2 Because she knows that Senara is friends with Martha (Clem's grandmother), and she wants Senara to talk to Martha about her will.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Because she thinks that he was not a nice person. He preyed on girls.
- 2 She puts it in the pool house.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 She invites Josie in to talk to her, and she orders pizza for Josie and her mum. She also offers to order food online for them in the future.
- 2 She does not care that Clem is going to have a party, but she does not want Clem and her friends to damage the house. She also wants to come to the party because she wants to feel like a part of it all.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 He thinks that Senara is a maid at Cliff House because she is wearing a black dress like the one that his family's maid in London wears.
- 2 Her father hit her.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Because he is very sorry for his mistake. She also learns that Rik and Meg are twins (brother and sister), not boyfriend and girlfriend.
- 2 It was bombed, and her mother and her sister were killed.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Because she thought that Rik might be interested in her, and she is very disappointed when she realizes that he is not.

- 2 Josie is happy because the bones in the garden probably do not belong to Rachel, and because she is in love with Meg.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 She leaves three letters.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Maybe she already knows something about the body buried in the garden, and if it is Rachel's or not.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 Because she wants to get away from her parents, who hit her. She also wants to get away from Jenna, Felicity and Alex, who are going to hide Andy's body. She wants to begin a new life where no one knows her.
- 2 She buries Aubrey in the garden because she does not want anyone to know that he has killed himself.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 Because she does not want their lives to be ruined. She experienced something like this in 1946 when Aubrey killed himself. If people knew about that, Violet's life would have been ruined.
- 2 The postcards have the same spelling mistake ("truely") that Senara saw on Felicity's business card.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 She says in her letter to the police that the other body in the garden is an intruder's. She says that her husband killed the intruder many years ago in self-defence.
- 2 Because Senara was her friend and she knows that Senara will make the house part of the village, and not leave it empty for most of the year.
- 3 She contacts Rik, not the police. *Reader's own answer.*

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Martha lives alone, she is bored and she wants someone to talk to. Senara thinks that Martha is interesting, and Martha probably listens to her.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Josie's friends use "depressed" to mean "sad" or "worried". They do not have depression, like Josie's mum does. Josie's problems are that her mum is not well enough to take care of herself or Josie, so Josie has to look after them and the house. They don't have enough money because Josie's mum cannot work, and Josie does not have other family to help her.
- 3 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Clem is friendly and invites Senara to stay, but she probably does not ever want to be true friends with Senara. In Chapter Twelve, she says, "I only made friends with Senara because I thought that she could help me to keep it (Cliff House)."
- 4 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Rik comes from a very rich family in London with a big house. He does not have to worry about money or his future in the same way that Senara does. It is possible for him to do many things in London that Senara cannot do in a small village in Cornwall.

Exercises

PROLOGUE AND CHAPTER ONE

- 1 For Felicity, Clem has a bright orange **aura**.
- 2 Senara and her friends think that Cliff House may be **haunted**.
- 3 They lose their **drone** in the garden.
- 4 They use a **rope** to climb over the fence.
- 5 The **camellias** have red and pink flowers.
- 6 Martha is worried that they have **damaged** the house.

CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 Josie is Gareth's **girlfriend**.
 2 Uncle Andy is Josie's mum's **brother**.
 3 Lucy is Josie's **neighbour**.
 4 Betty is Martha's **friend**.
 5 Alex is Martha's **grandson**.
 6 Felicity is Alex's **sister**.
 7 Barnaby is Martha's **husband**.
 8 Martha is Felicity's **grandma**.

CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

- 3 1 Mum had always **let** them go off by themselves since they were little.
 2 The woman **must** be Clem's mum.
 3 There **used** to be a very old burial ground at the edge of the garden.
 4 Martha knew that, if she was with Betty, this **would** be all right.
 5 During breakfast, Aubrey **made** them all laugh.
 6 "He **can't** be dead," Josie cried. She could not believe it.
 7 Mum looked like she **might** be going to cry.
 8 "Mum **will** never know. She's 40,000 miles away."

CHAPTER FIVE

- 4 1 Felicity about Rachel
 2 Felicity about Andy
 3 Josie about her mum
 4 Martha about Josie
 5 Senara about Clem
 6 Martha about Senara

CHAPTER SIX

- 5 1 I **had never spoken** to Clem like that before, but I did not want to be alone with her friends.
 2 I **was wearing** an ordinary black dress.
 3 We told Josie that Molly **had dug up** another bone.

- 4 "I **have been thinking** about death – a lot," Josie said.
 5 Aubrey was not funny like he **had been** the first morning at breakfast.
 6 He could never forget what **had happened** in the last war.
 7 After they **had swum**, Josie and Meg could not stop talking.
 8 Josie tried to understand what she **was feeling**.

CHAPTERS SEVEN AND EIGHT

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

CHAPTER NINE

- 7 1 false. Felicity leaves a message for her grandma in Exeter.
 2 false. Martha was with two people from Senara's school at 9.40 p.m.
 3 true
 4 true
 5 false. Martha did not talk to anyone. She shut the pain away inside herself.
 6 false. Senara's mum arrives at Cliff House in the morning.

CHAPTER TEN

- 8 1 Felicity said that she would go and make some cakes, while Rachel was still sleeping.
 2 Andy told Felicity not to look so scared.
 3 Jenna said that she did not mean to do it.
 4 Alex said that they couldn't drop him off the cliff.
 5 Rachel promised that they would never hear from her again. No one would.
 6 Mum said that she used to be friends with Felicity and Alex and Rachel.

CHAPTERS ELEVEN AND TWELVE

- 9 1 What did Clem show the police (last night)?
- 2 Why did Angie come to Cliff House / leave her house?
- 3 Who wrote the postcards from Andy in Thailand?
- 4 Where did Martha and Barnaby meet?
- 5 Why did Felicity's parents put up a high fence and electric gates?
- 6 When / How long ago had Andy actually died?
- 7 Who knows who the other body is?
- 8 Why did Clem make friends with Senara?

Project work

Reader's own answers.