

Monday 11/1/21: Skim and scan the text and respond to both sets of questions.

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They hadn't recognized me.

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They lowered their guns.

'What do you think you're doing?' one of them said sternly. 'You know you mustn't pass the checkpoint

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I thought quickly. I didn't want to tell them I'd been right into enemy territory.

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'I - Granny sent me to look for something to light the fire. Our paraffin's run out. I thought - I was looking for pieces of wood. I only found some old cardboard boxes.'

For a moment, I thought they were going to search my bag, but a car coming from the other direction distracted them.

'Don't sneak past us again, you silly kid. Go on. Get lost.'

I darted away from them, racing for home, the bag of medicines bouncing against my leg.

When I reached the familiar entrance to the old stairwell, I nearly fell over Samar, who was sitting on the bottom step, her arms round her knees. Tears had made dark tracks down the dust on her cheeks.

My heart almost stopped when I saw the woeful look on her face.

'Granny!' I shouted. 'She's not ...'

Samar shook her head. She stood up. She was

trying to tell me something urgently, her strange noises louder than usual, and her hands flying about too fast for me to follow.

She stopped trying at last and signed a question.

Where have you been?

I pointed east.

'To the other side. To Granny's doctor. See?'

She looked inside the bag, grinned with delight and nodded furiously.

I knew. I knew where you'd gone. I told them you were out looking for food, to stop them worrying.

It was only afterwards that I learned what she'd been trying to tell me. I was too impatient just then to stop and work it out. I pulled her towards the stairs, but she shook me off. I flew up them to our floor, and then I was once more in the flat, crossing the marble-floored hallway, running to our corner and lifting up our curtain.

Chapter 15 – retrieval and inference – speed and fluency

- 1) Look at the first paragraph.
Who could the girl only think about? (1)
- 2) Look at the first page of Chapter 15.
What did the girl think could have happened to Granny?
..... (1)
- 3) Did the militiamen look friendly or scary? (1)
- 4) Use evidence from the paragraph beginning, 'I was almost...' to support your answer for Q3.
Give four pieces of evidence.
1.....
2.....
3.....
4..... (2)
- 5) Look at the whole page.
A militiaman speaks to the girl.
Write his speech that shows he is annoyed the girl is there.
Give three different lines of speech from the man, that shows his annoyance.
1.....
2.....
3..... (3)

I have copied and pasted the chapter again so that for the questions below, you don't need to scroll all the way back to the top.

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LO: to use specific strategies to unpick retrieval questions

Chapter Fifteen. (Reading speed endurance practise – 300 words to cover + 10 marks = 14 mins)

- 1) Look at the opening page.

What did the girl give back to Abu Bashir?

..... (1)

- 2) Look at the opening page.

Was the girl grateful to Abu Bashir? How can you tell? Use evidence from the text to support your view.

.....
..... (1)

- 3) Look at the paragraph beginning, 'I was almost...'

Why did the men look frightening to the girl? Give three reasons.

1.....

2.....

3..... (2)

- 4) How did the girl make the men recognise her?

..... (1)

- 5) Why didn't the girl want the men to look into her bag?

.....(1)

- 6) What was it that happened that put the men off from searching her bag?

..... (1)

- 7) Samar had dust on her face when the girl returned to the apartment.

Use evidence from the text that supports this view.

.....
..... (1)

- 8) What was the first question Samar asked the girl?

..... (1)

- 9) What did Samar say the girl was out doing so that the girl did not get into trouble while she was finding Dr Leila?

.....(1)