

## Year 7

### Literature: Mysteries of the Unexplained.

#### While reading Chapter 1

**1 Think whether the sentences are right (✓), possible (?) or completely wrong (X). Then check your answers with the book. Do you agree?**

- a People say they have seen aliens. \_\_\_\_\_
- b Aliens exist. \_\_\_\_\_
- c Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon. \_\_\_\_\_
- d Mr and Mrs Trent saw a flying saucer in the sky. \_\_\_\_\_
- e Mr and Mrs Trent took a picture of what they saw in the sky. \_\_\_\_\_
- f 'The Roswell crash' was a plane crash. \_\_\_\_\_
- g Betty and Barney Hill went into a UFO. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **2 Match the name and the description.**

<i>Maurice Masse</i>	-	<i>Armstrong and Aldrin</i>	-	<i>governments</i>	-	<i>Lonnie Zamora</i>	-	<i>William Brazel</i>
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- a ..... spend a lot of money trying to discover more about space.
- b ..... saw two big things with bright eyes.
- c ..... saw fire balls in the hills.
- d ..... saw two men in his fields.
- e ..... found many pieces of metal in his fields.

#### Chapters 2-3

#### **3 Put these sentences in the right order, 1-5.**

- a Since 1930, over 3,000 people have said they have seen the monster. ....
- b The most famous photograph was taken in 1934. ....
- c The first description of a monster in Loch Ness was 400 years ago. ....
- d The first newspaper report was in 1933. ....
- e The first colour photo came out in 1977. ....

#### **4 Which sentences in Activity 3 have ...**

- a numbers below one thousand? .....
- b numbers above one thousand? .....
- c numbers above two thousand? .....

#### **5 Which monsters are in ...**

- a America? .....
- b Africa? .....
- c Asia? .....
- d Europe? .....

## READING COMPREHENSION

### STRANGE BUT TRUE.

#### TEXT 1

On December 22, 1980 a Saudi Arabian aircraft was flying 29,000 feet above the Persian Gulf when an explosion tore a hole in the side of the plane. The sudden decompression sucked out Samina Khatoon, aged 10, and her twin brother Ahmed. The plane immediately made an emergency landing but the search for the children was fruitless. The children's parents thought their children were lost for ever, but three years later, they were watching television in Abu Dhabi when they saw their daughter being interviewed. The girl said she and her brother had fallen into the sea from a plane and been found by an Arab fisherman.. "He thought we were a present from Heaven, and raised us as if we were his own children."

#### TEXT 2

*In 1984 George Veriopoulos, a Greek Orthodox priest, was preparing a dish of boiled sheep's head when he noticed something shiny at the bottom of the sheep's teeth. He scraped away some meat with his knife and saw gold all along the sheep's jawbone. It turned out to be 14 carat with an estimated value of \$6000. The eight-month-old sheep had been given to the priest by his brother, who had a farm in Patisson, near Athens. The Greek ministry of agriculture investigated and confirmed that the story was true and they also examined the other sheep in the herd. No-one can explain how the gold got into the sheep's mouth. George split the money he earned from the sale of the jawbone with his brother and donated his half to various good causes.*

#### TEXT 3

Yuliya Vorobyeva, aged thirty-seven, was driving a crane in a mine in Donetsk in the Ukraine in 1978 when she received a 398 volt shock. Everybody thought she was dead but while a doctor was carrying out an autopsy two days later, he suffered a shock of a different kind when the 'corpse' suddenly regained consciousness. After coming to she didn't sleep at all for six months, and then slept for three weeks and woke to find she could see right through people - literally. She was later employed at Donetsk hospital to diagnose rare illnesses, such as diseases of the pancreas.

#### TEXT 4

When she was a child, Marianne Atkins from New York had an imaginary friend that she used to play

with. She told her parents that her little pal's name was Betty Louty and that she lived far away. Several years later, the family went on holiday to Jamaica, and while they were strolling around a market on the island, they saw a stall with hundreds of beautiful hand made dolls. Marianne's mother said she could have one, and the little girl finally chose a lovely black doll after looking at all of them with great care. Back in New York Marianne's mother was washing the doll's clothes when she discovered a label on the inside of her dress with the name: Betty Louty.

#### TEXT 5

On New Year's Day 1984, Fred Simons, aged 79, was sitting on his patio in Lakewood, near Los Angeles when something crashed from the sunny sky into his backyard. To his amazement, he discovered it was a nine-inch twenty-two-pound shell of the kind used in World War II. It left a crater four feet deep in Fred's backyard.

Neighbours said that they heard a whistling sound before the shell plummeted to the ground, but no one could see or hear a plane. A bomb squad from the sheriff's department found that the shell contained no explosives.

#### TEXT 6

In July 1991 Robert Lindsey was boating on a reservoir in Green River, Wyoming with some friends and their children. A small girl fell into the water and he dived in to rescue her. While he was in the water, the boat ran over him and the outboard motor cut off three of his fingers, two of which were found and reattached. Nearly seven months later a fisherman on the lake hooked a trout. When he gutted it, he found a severed thumb in its stomach. A policeman remembered the boating incident and contacted Lindsey, who said, "As soon as I saw it, I was pretty sure it was mine." He added, "I think I'll probably just put it on a shelf to show people."

#### TEXT 7

**Edwin Robinson, from Portland, Maine, suffered a severe head injury in a road accident in 1971 and gradually lost his sight and hearing.**

**On June 4th, 1980, he went out of his house during a thunder storm, and was struck by lightning. He was knocked out for half an hour, but he survived because he was wearing rubber-soled boots. They saved his life. While he was being rushed to hospital in an ambulance he regained consciousness and found to his delight that his central vision was back and he could hear perfectly again.**

1) Choose the best title for each text from the list below. (NB: There are 5 extra titles) Write the letter of the title (a, b,c etc )in the space provided.

- a. X-RAY VISION
- b. SURPRISE IN FISH
- c. SHOCK BRINGS MAN TO HIS SENSES
- d. TOO VALUABLE TO EAT
- e. A DOLL NAMED MARIANNE.
- f. BOMB FROM THE SKY
- g. A GIFT FROM GOD
- h. THE WEST INDIAN PLAYMATE .
- i. KIDS FALL INTO BACKYARD
- j. MAN'S THUMB IS REATTACHED
- k. SHEEP WITH GOLD TEETH.
- l. MINER STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Text 1.....Text 2.....Text 3.....Text 4.....Text 5.....Text 6.....Text 7.....

2) Below are 7 sentences which have been taken out of the texts. In the space provided, write the number of the text that the sentence comes from.

- 1. Five years later he was totally blind and deaf. **Text.....**
- 2. When he had recovered from the shock, he went to have a look **Text.....**
- 3. She would spend hours talking to her. **Text.....**
- 4. He took it to the police **Text.....**
- 5. They were all perfectly normal. **Text.....**
- 6. He had taken them home. **Text.....**
- 7. She impressed the reporter who came to interview her by telling him what he had had for breakfast. **Text.....**

3) Are the following sentences true or false? Circle the right answer.

- 1. Samina and Ahmed were both ten years old when they fell out of the plane. **TRUE FALSE**
- 2. The Greek priest sold the gold jawbone and gave all the money to charity. **TRUE FALSE**
- 3. Yuliya got a job scanning patients' insides. **TRUE FALSE**
- 4. Both Marianne's imaginary friend and the black doll had the same name. **TRUE FALSE**
- 5. The shell in Fred's backyard was later detonated by a bomb squad. **TRUE FALSE**
- 6. Robert's fingers were eaten by a fish. **TRUE FALSE**
- 7. After he was hit by lightning, Edwin was unconscious for half an hour. **TRUE FALSE**

4) Below are twelve words and expressions from the text. In the text they are underlined. For each one, choose an expression from the box which has a similar meaning IN THIS CONTEXT. (NB: There are extra words in the box.) Write the expression against the word below. The first one has been done as an example.

behind - caught - attractive - plane - friend - cut - unsuccessful - waking up - jumped - quite - restored  
walking - doll - fell - going to sleep - ate - unnecessary - buying - exploded

- 1. aircraft (Text 1) .....plane.....
- 2. fruitless (Text 1) .....
- 3. scraped (Text 2) .....
- 4. coming to (Text 3) .....
- 5. pal (Text 4) .....
- 6. strolling (Text 4) .....
- 7. plummeted (Text 5) .....
- 8. dived (Text 6) .....
- 9. hooked (Text 6) .....
- 10. pretty (Text 6) .....
- 11. back (Text 7) .....