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Adventure at Haydon Point

One summer, city boy Sam stays with his uncle in the country. It's all so different from London! There's a river and boats, and a new friend, but there's a strange light at night and two men in black. Why are they watching Sam's uncle? And who are 'the Americans'?

In this reader you will find:

- Background information about this story
- Information on staying safe at sea
- Glossary of difficult words
- Comprehension and grammar activities including A2 Key style exercises and 21st century skills activities
- Final test

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Book brief

- 1** *Adventure at Haydon Point* is the story of Sam, a city boy, who goes to stay with his uncle during the summer.
- 2** At first, everything is strange for Sam, then he learns to sail and makes a new friend, Rachel.
- 3** Rachel and Sam go to Haydon Island and here their adventure starts.
- 4** The book also has a lot of interesting and useful information about safety at sea.
- 5** A fast-moving story that keeps the reader interested right to the end.

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Main Characters

Rachel

She's the same age as Sam and becomes his friend. She loves sailing and having adventures.



Sam

He's 15 years old and lives in a big city. He's a quiet boy and doesn't usually talk much.





Andy

He's Sam's uncle and is about 40 years old. He's a happy person who doesn't usually get angry. He once worked for an American computer company.



Micheal

He's an old university friend of Rachel's father. He comes to stay with them but there's something strange about him and he isn't friendly at all.



Tom and Lisa

They are Rachel's parents and they work on Haydon Island as rangers, looking after the special birds and plants there.

Speaking and Writing

- 3 Talk to a partner about what's good and bad about living in the country or in the city and write your answers.

- 1 Do you live in the country or in a city?
- 2 What do / don't you like about where you live?
- 3 Which do you think is more dangerous, the country or a big city? Why?
- 4 Which is better for children, the country or the city? Why?
- 5 Which is better for young adults, the country or the city? Why?
- 6 Where would you like to live when you're older?

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Writing

- 4 Complete these sentences using the words in the box. Here is an example to help you. What do you think will happen in Chapter 1?

boat careful dark going ~~lights~~ ~~cars~~
people quiet sailing save station trains

In the city there are always lights , cars
and people .

- 1 In the country it's _____ and _____ .
- 2 You get off _____ at a _____ .
- 3 On the river, you can go _____ in a _____ .
- 4 You have to be _____ on the water, and you should look where you're _____ .
- 5 If you have a problem on the river, perhaps someone will come and _____ you.

Chapter 1

The City Boy

▶ 2 Sam looked at his watch – he was almost there! Out of the train window he could see a bright moon. There were trees and a river with boats sitting on the water. He began to get worried

What if this wasn't the right station? What if his uncle wasn't there to pick him up?

The train started to go slower.

'We're now arriving at Melton Station,' the train driver said.

Phew! This was the right place. He picked up his bags, got off the train and watched it leave.

Sam lived in London where there was always noise, lights and people. Here in the countryside it was quiet, dark and, for the first time, he was completely alone. Sam took a deep breath¹.

'Don't be such a baby!' he said to himself. 'There's nothing to worry about.'

As he waited, he saw that it wasn't as quiet or as dark as he thought. There were birds calling on the river. When he looked up, he saw thousands and thousands of stars. It was a beautiful sky!

Sam gets off the train at Melton Station in the countryside. At first he's really worried, then he sees the stars and thinks how beautiful the sky is.



Sam is looking up at the beautiful starry sky when his uncle arrives.

¹ **take a deep breath** let a lot of air in through your mouth or nose. We do this when we're trying not to feel afraid



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School was over for the summer. Sam's mum and dad were working, his brother had a job in a hotel, and his sister was in France, looking after some children. 'Why don't you go and stay with my brother Andy in Ronesford?' Dad said to Sam at the beginning of the holidays. 'He lives near a river, and the sea isn't far away. It'll be fun.'

Andy is Sam's uncle but Sam doesn't know him very well. He lives in Ronesford near a river and the sea. Sam's dad thinks he'll have fun there. Sam falls asleep in the car and when he wakes up he's in bed and it's morning.

Andy went to work for a computer company the USA when Sam was six, but he was back the UK now. Sam didn't really remember him. A car stopped in front of the station and a tall man got out.

'Hello, Sam!' said the big man, with an even bigger smile on his face. 'I'm your Uncle Andy.' He took Sam's hand. 'It's good to see you!'

Sam sat in the car feeling tired and small next to his uncle. They drove past houses, then through a forest. Andy asked about Sam's family.

'They're fine,' Sam said. 'They send their love. Dad said he'll come and see us in a week.' Then he closed his eyes.

When Sam woke up, it was light and he was lying in bed. There were noises downstairs.

He got out of bed and almost hit his head on the ceiling.

The house was small and very old. How could his uncle live here? Sam found the kitchen, and two black and white dogs came to say hello.

‘That’s Rosie and that’s Spike. They like you!’ Andy said, carrying a big plate of eggs, beans and bread to the table. ‘Eat this up, young man. We’re going down to the river after this. I’ve got a surprise for you!’

After breakfast, Sam followed Andy down to the water. There were lots of boats on the river – some for fishing, but most were sailing boats¹. ‘Here we are!’ Andy said, ‘This is for you!’

Sam gave his biggest smile. There, in front of him, was a little sailing boat. ‘I’m going to teach you how to sail!’ said Andy, ‘Come on!’

They got the boat ready and were soon out on the river.

Sam looked at his uncle. ‘This is great,’ he said. ‘No! This is better than great!’

Andy taught Sam how to sail the boat, and at the end of the afternoon he had another surprise for Sam.

Andy has a great surprise for Sam - a sailing boat and he teaches him how to sail. Sam loves it!

¹ sailing boat



‘Right! I think you’re ready to go out without me,’ he said.

Sam wasn’t so sure he could sail the boat alone, but he went anyway! He sailed across to the other side of the river and then back again, going up the river. He was so happy – the boat was sailing beautifully, until it stopped so quickly that Sam almost fell into the water.

‘Oh, no!’ he said. ‘I can’t move!’

Sam didn’t understand what was happening. He tried to turn the boat, but it wouldn’t move.

‘Take this!’ someone shouted. There was a sailing boat behind him with a girl in it. She stood up and threw him a rope¹. ‘Use this rope and I’ll pull your boat free.’

Sam took the rope, the girl turned her boat to catch the wind and soon he was moving again.

‘You should look where you’re going! The water isn’t deep enough there,’ shouted the girl, ‘didn’t you see?’

‘Sorry,’ said Sam. He threw the rope back to her and she left. He was more careful after that. Perhaps sailing wasn’t so easy!

Sam sails without the help of his uncle but then he goes into water that isn’t deep enough and a girl has to help him with a rope to move his boat again.



The girl is throwing Sam a rope so she can help him move his boat again.

¹ **rope** look at the picture on page 15. The girl is throwing Sam a rope.



He went back to his uncle feeling unhappy at his mistake, but Andy said not to worry. They cleaned the boat and put it away in a building full of boats and engines.

When they came out, the girl walked over to them. She looked angry.

‘You shouldn’t be on the water if you don’t know how to sail!’ she said.

‘Hello, Rachel,’ Andy said. ‘This is Sam, from London.’

‘He’s from London?’ said Rachel, ‘Those city kids don’t know anything!’ She walked away.

Andy looked at Sam and laughed – his face was bright red. ‘Don’t worry about her,’ Andy said, ‘this is her home. She just doesn’t like visitors much.’ They went back to feed¹ the dogs and make some dinner.

‘Can you get these potatoes ready, Sam?’ Andy asked, ‘I’m making a chicken pie².’ Sam still felt bad about the girl, but when he heard the words ‘chicken pie’, he started to feel better.

While Sam washed the potatoes, he told Andy all about his life in London, his friends, the music he liked; then he stopped. He didn’t usually talk

The girl isn’t very friendly and Sam feels bad about the mistake he made on the boat. Then he feels happy again at the thought of chicken pie for dinner.

¹ **feed** give food to

² **pie**



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that much. His brother and sister always had a lot to say, so no one really listened to him at home. His uncle smiled at him again. ‘Dinner’s ready,’ he said. The pie was the best!

Andy finds it easy to talk to his uncle. At home nobody usually listens to him.

After dinner, Andy showed Sam a map. ‘Here’s the village, the river, and that,’ he said, laughing, ‘is Haydon Island, where Rachel saved you! It’s only two kilometres wide and on the other side is the sea. No one goes on the island except the rangers.’

‘The rangers?’ asked Sam.

‘Lisa and Tom,’ answered Andy. ‘There are some special birds and plants on the island and the rangers look after them.’

‘Oh, I see,’ said Sam. ‘Can we go there?’

‘Only with Lisa or Tom – we have to keep the birds and plants safe.’

Andy shows Sam Haydon Island on the map. You can only go there with the rangers. In bed that night, Sam sees a strange light that comes and then disappears again many times in his room.

Later, Sam lay in bed thinking about his day. It was all so different from London. The strangest thing was the light that came into his room. It travelled across his ceiling and then it went away, leaving his room dark. After a few seconds it was back, then it disappeared¹, again and again. ■

Think

What do you think the light is?

¹ **disappear** if something disappears, you can’t see it anymore

Reading A2 KEY

- 1 Choose the correct answer (A, B or C) for each question about Chapter 1.

How did Sam feel when he was on the train?

- 1 Who came to pick him up from the station?
- 2 What was the house in the country like?
- 3 What did Andy give Sam for breakfast?
- 4 Who saved Sam on the river?
- 5 What happened in Sam's room?

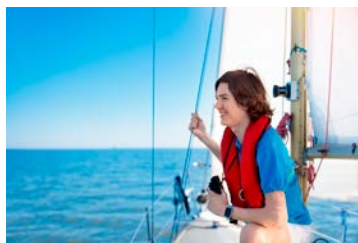
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|---|------------------------------------|--|
| A worried | B rescue | C bored |
| 1 A his dad | B his brother | C his uncle |
| 2 A big and modern | B small and very old | C small and modern |
| 3 A cereal and eggs | B sausages and eggs | C beans and eggs |
| 4 A Rachel | B Andy | C a ranger |
| 5 A He saw a strange light that came and went. | B He heard a strange noise. | C He saw someone at his window. |

Reading and Writing

- 2 In Chapter 1, Sam learns to sail a boat on the river. Discuss these questions with a partner and write your answers.

- 1 Would you like to live near a river? Why? / Why not?
- 2 Would you like to learn to sail? Why? / Why not?
- 3 What sports do you usually do?
- 4 How do you spend your free time when you're at home?
- 5 What do you usually do in your summer holidays?

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Grammar

3 Put these irregular verbs into the past tense.

It wasn't as dark as he thought (think).

- 1 They got in the car and _____ (drive) through a forest.
- 2 How _____ (can) his uncle live here?
- 3 Andy _____ (teach) Sam how to sail.
- 4 Sam almost _____ (fall) out of the boat.
- 5 She _____ (stand) up and _____ (throw) him the rope.
- 6 They cleaned the boat and _____ (put) it away.
- 7 Sam _____ (lie) in bed thinking about his day.

Before-reading Activity

4 Complete the sentences to fill in the crossword. Can you guess what happens in Chapter 2?

- 1** If you have rope round your legs you can't ...

- 2** When you have a problem you feel ...

- 3** If you have a question, you want to find the ...

- 4 If you have to be home for dinner soon, you can't stay ...

- 5 When you make someone sad you say ...

- 6 When you want to open a door, you use a ...

- 7** If you don't have sails on your boat you can use an ...

- 8** When you like someone he / she is your ...

