

Getting started and Chapter 1

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Domestic servant

Yes (she had a good sense of humour)

Photos . . .

With nuns

1960s

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Chapter 4 – At the piano

Is 'v' a number?

ii + iii = v v + v = x vii – iii = iv

x – iv = vi

Chapter 1

Fill in the missing words

Our up-bringing was very strict. Boys and girls were always separate. If the nuns caught us talking to boys, they punished us. They locked us in a dark room at night, with only a lantern, and made us mend socks.

Although the mission was strict, we had good times too. From the age of six, we had to work on the farm, milking the cows or feeding the pigs.

I was terrified of the pigs, but I liked milking the cows. Sometimes we tasted the cream or climbed on the backs of the calves and had a ride – but only when the nuns and brothers weren't looking.

Quick quiz

1. She was sad because she had to leave the mission – her home.
2. Germany.
3. They may have told the stories to scare the little kids and make them behave better!
4. Glenyse says: 'They wore funny glass things on their eyes.'
5. No – they only did it when the nuns and brothers were not looking.
6. It was sad for the children who had no families to go to.
7. 'The nuns were like real mums...'

True or false?

1. False. 2. False 3. False 4. True
5. True

Main idea

Answer: c

Sounds – er

- perfect
- were
- work
- girl

Find the hidden word

CAVES
ABORIGINAL
ROUND
ORPHANAGE
LAUGH

The hidden word is **CAROL**.

Hunting online

There were 77,900 results for “Wandering Girl” on Google in July 2012, but not all were for Glenyse’s book. There were 9380 results for “Wandering Girl” “Glenyse Ward” and 11,500 just for “Glenyse Ward” (some referred to *Unna You Fullas*). You’ll get different results depending on when you search!

Predict...

b) Because Glenyse is nervous and the story sounds as though something bad is going to happen – OR because the couple don’t sound very friendly.

Chapters 2 and 3

Fill in the missing words

After our cup of tea, Mrs Bigelow said, ‘I’ll take you to your room.’ I imagined my room would be like the beautiful dining room, and I couldn’t wait to see it.

Mrs Bigelow took me out the back door of the kitchen, up some stairs and past an old shower room. It looked like a place where she kept her dogs.

We walked through a garage, then she opened a door and lit an old kerosene lamp. In the dim light, I saw my suitcase next to an old wooden bed. ‘What’s my case doing in this horrible dirty room?’ I cried out. ‘Is it a mistake?’

Quick quiz

1. A mile.
2. Yes she was: ‘took my breath away’ shows this.
3. She was amazed – she probably couldn’t believe it.

4. No, because she used a kerosene lamp.
5. Because the shower room was so dirty and smelly.
6. When Mrs Bigelow rang the bell (or when the family were not there).
7. ‘Feeling I was losing my sanity...’
8. Yes, he was the Lord Mayor of the town.

True or false?

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True

Main idea

Answer: c

Word power

Smaller words made from the word ‘wandering’:

Possible words: red, ring, rid, rag, rig, rang, read, wring, wand, wind, wing, wed, wander, win, din, drew, draw, dig, dag, dear, and, an, end, nag, near, in, inn (there may be many more . . .)

Word meanings

very big (page 10) enormous

very old and valuable (page 10) antique

surprised (page 10) amazed

shamed and made to feel small (page 11) humiliated

bad, horrible (page 12) terrible

a special treat (page 13) luxury

very clean (page 14) spotless

brought shame on (page 15) disgraced

Language to talk about language (vowel length)

woke long

left short

shy long

amazed long

opened long

tea long

drank short

mug short

left short

confused long

wait long

horrible short

Opposites: Mystery word

asleep awake

dark light

early late

dim bright

best worst

inside outside

politely rudely

dirty clean

old new

back front

Letters (unscrambled) are a, h, l, i, r, e, d, c, e, n.

Mystery word is **chandelier**.

Sounds: I

i	i - e	i - ing	igh	y
mind	white	shining	brightly	my
behind	inside	driving	lighter	cry
climbed	politely	dining	alright	
tidy	like	writing		
	driveway	smiling		
	piled			
	surprised			

- Glenyse asked politely for a cup and saucer.
- She had to sweep the driveway.
- She decided to have a wash when it was light.
- The oranges were behind a fence.
- Glenyse climbed over the fence to get the oranges.

(Note: If you put *climbed* in the second list, that's OK – but notice that the base word is *climb*.)

🌀 Chapters 4 and 5

Fill in the missing words

I soon found a shop that sold lollies and chocolates. I knocked on the door, but no-one came out, so I knocked again. Then two high school kids pushed past. They turned to me and said, 'You don't knock on the door, Dumb Grannie, you just go in.'

I went into the shop and looked at the lollies, too shy to talk. The boys were laughing, but the woman in the shop told them to leave.

'Come and sit at the table with me,' she said. She asked me where I came from, and I told her.

Quick quiz

1. She said there was a problem with her attitude OR She said that Glenyse was very ignorant.
2. No, she didn't.
3. A culprit is a guilty person, or a person who committed an offence. Glenyse called herself the culprit because she had eaten all the lamb.
4. Because her wet hair was dripping on the seat.
5. She was shy because of all the faces everywhere, staring. OR because of all the people everywhere.
6. Glenyse had probably never been into a shop, or never been into a shop alone, while she was at the mission.
7. It was the first time she had ever tasted chocolate!

Which order?

- 4 Glenyse put her money in her bra.
- 1 Mrs Bigelow waved Glenyse out of the car.
- 5 Glenyse found a shop selling lollies.
- 3 Mrs Bigelow took Glenyse into the bank.
- 2 Glenyse fell into the garden.

Syllables

- | | |
|------------|-------------|
| prob / lem | par / ty |
| hap / py | les / sons |
| con / tent | al / bum |
| out / side | Sun / day |
| car / pet | bis / cuits |
| wa / ges | ea / ten |
| pa / pers | fa / ces |

Building words

Base word	Adjective	Adverb
disdain	disdainful	disdainfully
help	helpful	helpfully
hope	hopeful	hopefully
use	useful	usefully
thank	thankful	thankfully

The language of language: Adverbs

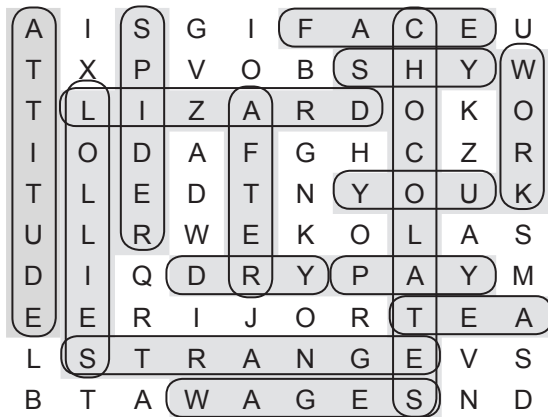
1. I can run really quickly.
2. I bit my fingernails nervously.
3. 'Get out of here, NOW!' she shouted angrily.
4. She looked at me disdainfully as though I was an ant.
5. He's got no heart – he speaks so coldly.

Letter switch

SEAT	BANK
BEAT	BARK
BELT	PARK
BELL	PORK
BILL	PORT

Word meanings

- gulped
culprit
bloomers
dripping
terrified
trembling

Hidden words

The answer is **FRIEND**.

Chapters 6, 7 and 8

Fill in the missing words

I hated going into that shed. It was so dark and miserable and it made me think of snakes and spiders. Oh, it felt real spooky, like a witches' house!

Outside the shed, Mrs Bigelow's two cats ran up to me. They were friendly cats, and I took them into the shed. I knew they would kill anything dangerous in there.

I found six boxes of jars at the back of the bottom shelf. I was reaching for them, when one of the cats jumped onto me from the top shelf. I thought it was a snake and I screamed and screamed!

Quick quiz

- Glenyse hated the shed because it was so dark, scary and spooky, and she thought there could be snakes and spiders inside it. It reminded her of a witches' house.
- Bill was different because he was interested in Glenyse as a person.
- Bill thought she was going to use it for the cat – then when Glenyse told him it was hers, he thought she was joking.

- 'I shook as I left the room' OR 'I could always see the funny side of things' OR 'I sometimes laughed afterwards.'
- She really admired Mrs Bigelow's bedroom and bathroom AND/OR she took a bath in the beautiful bathroom, using Mrs Bigelow's soap, perfume, powder and fluffy towel.
- She used the best plates and set them out in the dining room.
- Cooking herself bacon and egg, picking her own fruit, inviting Bill for lunch, using the good plates, playing the piano, and looking Mrs Bigelow in the eye.

True or false?

- False
- True
- False
- True

Main idea

Answer: c

Witches' or witch's? Using apostrophes

- Mrs Bigelow's house was beautiful.
- Glenyse's life at the farm was hard.
- The boys were not allowed near the girls' side of the mission.
- The nuns' Christmas presents made the children happy.
- Glenyse had a fortnight's wages to spend.
- The piano was in the visitors' room.
- The child's toy was broken.
- Where's the men's changeroom?
- I'm looking for women's clothes.
- I'm looking for that woman's coat.

Surprising spelling

C sounds like k-	C sounds like s-	G sounds like g-	G sounds like j-
coffee	saucer	got	vegies
percolator	decent	girl	dangerous
bacon	citizens	guest	gently
cats		going	

Alphabetical order

bacon, cat, eggs, fruit, jars, kitchen, milk,
nose, room, saucer, vegies, witch

saucer, shed, shook, shower, skipped, smelt,
snake, soap, sons, spider, sweet

🌀 Chapters 9 and 10

Fill in the missing words

Next morning Mrs Bigelow dropped me at the bus station, and drove off. This was the first time I'd ever caught a bus, and I didn't know what to do. I could see people laughing at me, but the old lady in the next seat was very kind.

She talked to me and asked me about myself. When we got to Bunbury train station, she helped me get my ticket stamped for Armadale, and took me to the station café for lunch. I felt strange sitting there with all those people, with a white lady helping me – so different from life with Mrs Bigelow.

Then we found our seats on the train, and the engine started up. I nearly jumped out of my seat when I heard the whistle, as this was my first experience of trains.

Quick quiz

1. The surprise was that another girl from Wandering was working nearby, and Glenyse would be able to meet her in a fortnight's time.
2. She was sneering at Glenyse, suggesting that she looked like a clown in her bright clothes.
3. No, she had similar problems.
4. Because she was sitting with people around her, and the old lady helping her, as if they were equals, rather than being treated as inferior.
5. She was hiding her feelings to please him AND/OR in those days, Aboriginal workers were not allowed to complain about their white bosses.
6. When she returned, Sister Headmaris was happy to see her, rather than angry. She was treated as more of an equal – the nuns didn't want her to work in the kitchen.

Work out the order

Chapter 9

- 3 Mrs Bigelow laughed at Glenyse's clothes.
- 5 They drank milkshakes and talked.
- 2 Glenyse started to cry.
- 4 Glenyse met Anne (Horsey).
- 1 Mrs Bigelow told Glenyse she had a surprise for her.

Chapter 10

- 5 Brother Leonard met her and drove her to the mission.
- 4 Glenyse caught the train to Armadale.
- 1 Glenyse packed her bags.
- 3 Glenyse caught the bus to Bunbury.
- 2 Mrs Bigelow dropped Glenyse off.

Sounds and spelling

1. nation
2. information
3. vacation
4. edition
5. lotion
6. action
7. explanation
8. addition and subtraction
9. decorations
10. invitation

Odd word out

1. big (not a feeling)
2. running (visible action)
3. scarf (not a building)
4. sneer (not positive)
5. visit (not a measure of time)

Chapters 11 and 12

Fill in the missing words

We both wanted to go to the fair – but how? I guessed our bosses would need us to carry their cakes and jams. ‘Let’s go to the bank, and get some money’ I said. ‘But we won’t say anything to our bosses.’

Next morning, Mrs Bigelow was up early. ‘Oh, there you are,’ she said to me. ‘Hurry up, we’ve got a very busy day. Put some jars of my jam in this basket. I’m taking them to the Ridgeway Fair. You’re coming to help me carry things.’

I didn’t show any emotion as I did my work. But when I got to my room, I jumped for joy. I put on some nice clothes, and knelt down

beside my bed. ‘Thank you, God, for letting me go to the fair,’ I said.

Quick quiz

1. She found it hard to be ignored, after spending time with friends.
2. She had grown up on the mission and spent very little time in the outside world.
3. She jumped for joy and knelt down to thank God, so she was clearly very excited.
4. She describes them as a bunch of chooks – noisy and thoughtless.
5. Rae was treated as one of the family, not as an inferior. She ate with the family, played with the kids, went to the movies with them, and went on holidays with them.
6. Glenyse told Bill that she wanted to leave the farm.
7. Bill asked Glenyse to be a good mother, when she grew up and had children.

Work out the order

3. Glenyse went to the bank.
5. Glenyse thanked God for letting her go to the fair.
4. Mrs Bigelow told Glenyse to pack up the jam.
1. The shop owner told the girls about the fair.
2. Glenyse guessed their bosses would need them to carry the jam.

Homophones: ‘There’s a fair here tomorrow.’

Chapter 11		Chapter 12	
here	hear	pale	pail
too	two (to)	weak	week
four	for (fore)	rode	rowed
know	no	blue	blew

Some other homophone pairs are . . .

aloud/allowed, ate/eight, bare/bear, been/bean, berry/bury, board/bored, break/brake, buy/by/bye, caught/court, cell/sell, creak/creek, dear/deer, die/dye, flower/flour, hole/whole, knew/new, meat/meet, mail/male, muscles/mussels, one/won, peace/piece, right/write, saw/sore/soar, sew/so/sow, tail/tale, wait/weight

Memory tricks could be things like:

I eat meat.

I bury the rubbish under the ground.

Dye your hair yellow.

Odd word out

1. *surprised* (not a happy emotion)
2. *listened* (not talking of some kind)
3. *clumsy* (not related to being sick)
4. *ear* (not part of the arm)
5. *bony* (nothing to do with noise)

Slang words

I'm feeling crook .	sick
<i>under the weather, lousy</i>	
Got any grub ?	food
<i>tucker, nosh, a feed</i>	
What a cushy job!	easy
<i>slack, a breeze, a picnic</i>	
I bought some new daks !	trousers
She's got a bub now.	baby
<i>ankle-biter</i>	
They had a prang .	accident
<i>bingle</i>	

Mystery word

Nickname of Glenyse's friend	HORSEY
Name of the friend they met at the fair	RAE
The women at the stall were like a bunch of	CHOOKS
The girls bought fairy floss, pies and	DRINKS
Colour of strawberry jam	RED
Opposite of new	OLD
Glenyse got Kaylene's	ADDRESS

Answer: ORCHARD

Different kinds of writing #1

Wandering Girl is *autobiography*. It's told in *first* person.

Chapters 13, 14 and Epilogue

Fill in the missing words

Mrs Bigelow dropped me at the bus station, to catch the Bunbury bus. I got on the bus, and waited for her car to disappear.

Then I jumped up, collected my suitcase, and changed buses! I bought my ticket – to Busselton. I was very nervous and frightened, but deep inside I was happy. 'I hope Kaylene will be in Busselton to meet me,' I thought.

She was there. She welcomed me with open arms, while I cried and cried. 'It's alright, you're safe here. I'll look after you,' she said.

Quick quiz

1. Because Christmas was a time for families, and the bosses wanted to spend time with their families without the two girls around.
2. No – everything would have been closed, and the streets were empty – plus they could hear the sound of other children laughing, having fun with their families.
3. They were very kind to them, gave them a meal and a present each, and found them somewhere to spend the afternoon.
4. The time with the nuns made Glenyse realise she couldn't keep on working for Mrs Bigelow.
5. Kaylene told Glenyse to come any time, and that she would drive in and meet the bus every week, just in case.
6. 'It's not good for a young girl like you to be out of work.'
7. She didn't expect to get the job because there were fifty women on the waiting list.
8. This could have two meanings – that she never thought about the past again, or that from then on her life was more positive.

Epilogue: Main idea

Answer: **b** (Glenyse wants her children to have every opportunity in life)

Contractions

we'll = <u>we will</u>	let's = <u>let us</u>
can't = <u>can not</u>	there's = <u>there is</u>
I'll = <u>I will</u>	you're = <u>you are</u>
didn't = <u>did not</u>	couldn't = <u>could not</u>
she's = <u>she is</u> OR <u>she has</u>	they've = <u>they have</u>

was not <u>wasn't</u>	I have <u>I've</u>
he had <u>he'd</u>	she would <u>she'd</u>
we are <u>we're</u>	must not <u>mustn't</u>

Short forms

aggressive	afternoon
blowfly (or blowfish)	chewing gum
crocodile	cup of tea
glamorous	holidays
mosquito	referee (or reference)
speedometer	sunglasses
tattoo	vegetables

Whole book quiz

See Answer Key on page 64 of the book for A Comprehension.

Word quiz

See Answer Key on page 65 of the book for B Focus on vocabulary.

Sharp eyes

Smaller words from the word 'education' could include:

not, no, nit, nut, nude, nice, date, dice, den, dean, din, dine, due, dune, cat, can, cut, con, eat, end, ant, and, an, at, aid, ace, ice, it, in, tend, tide, toad, tin, tan, ton, action, ducat (there may be many more!)