

Comprehension

Answer these questions **after** you read the book. Unless the questions tell you to look in the book, answer them without going back over what you have read.

The author of this book has a point of view. Which of these statements would the author agree with or disagree with? Write **agree** or **disagree** to answer questions one to three.

- ⑩ **1** The first step in solving a mystery is to listen and become aware of your surroundings.
- ⑩ **2** There is nothing wrong with committing a small crime, as long as you don't get caught.
- ⑩ **3** People must try to protect the environment.

Who would have said the following? Write **Cousin Anna**, **Mr. Smathers** or **Joe Havemeyer** to answer questions four and five.

- ⑮ **4** "Giving bread crumbs to wild birds is like giving cake and ice cream to children."
- ⑮ **5** "Don't worry. We are set. Everything will go just as we planned."

- 6** The author's whole purpose in writing this book was to make a movie exposing the monster of Monster Mountain. Is this **true** or **false**?

- 7** Which of the following was most important in helping Mr. Jensen to get revenge? (A) his love of nature (B) his ability to pose as a photographer (C) the fire

- 8** The turning point in the solution of the puzzle came when (A) the boys saw Cousin Anna's wedding ring. (B) the fire started. (C) the boys found Mr. Smathers' wallet.

- 9** If you want to solve a mystery, it helps if you can (A) be inventive. (B) be quiet. (C) work only in the mornings.

- 10** Which of the following would make the best title for this story?
⑩ (A) The Case of the Missing Key (B) The Mystery of the Wild Bear (C) The Legend of the Lost Hermit

Detail

Read these questions before you start to read the book. They will tell you what to look for while you are reading. After you have read over all the questions, begin reading the book. When you have finished the book, answer the questions.

- ④ **1** Gabby Richardson (A) never talks to anyone. (B) knows the history of Sky Village well. (C) is a paying guest of Cousin Anna.

- ④ **2** Is the real name for Monster Mountain **Hermit Mountain, Mt. Lofty** or **Mirror Mountain**?

- ④ **3** In Mr. Jensen's wallet the boys find (A) the missing key. (B) hundreds of dollars. (C) a picture of Cousin Anna.

Write **true** or **false** to answer questions four and five.

- ⑧ **4** Everything makes sense to Jupiter after he sees Mr. Jensen's photography.

- ④ **5** Mr. Smathers is in Sky Village to find animals to bring back to the San Diego Zoo.

To answer questions six through eight, tell whether the event happens **first, second** or **last** in the story.

- ⑤ **6** The cement for the swimming pool is delivered.

- ⑤ **7** The forest fire begins.

- ⑤ **8** Mr. Jensen encounters the bear.

- ① **9** Is Mr. Havemeyer really Cousin Anna's **husband, kidnapper** or **friend**?

- 10** Anna signs the bill for the cement because (A) she has lost her key to the safe deposit box. (B) she has no more checks left. (C) she has no American money.

Vocabulary

These questions will help you learn some of the more difficult words in this book. If there are any words in the list which you do not know after you answer the questions, look them up in the dictionary.

- 1** One of these words has a scary meaning. Say the words aloud and ☐ listen to their sound. Which word sounds as though it has a scary meaning? **reputation, artificial, ogres**
- 2** Read the following sentence: "The ogre climbed up the mountain making large footprints in the snow." Which word probably means the same as *ogre*? **monster, angel, squirrel**
- 3** The ogre passed a cascade of water rushing from the stream. Does *cascade* mean **(A)** a lot of water, **(B)** a little water or **(C)** no water?
- 4** The waterfall is the domain of many small fish. *Domain* is to *fish* as **(A)** a house is to a bear. **(B)** the sky is to a bird. **(C)** a beehive is to a flower.
- 5** Three men made an expedition to the mountain to look for an ogre. They took enough food for three days. An *expedition* is **(A)** a subway ride. **(B)** a spyglass. **(C)** a trip.

- 6** The prefix of expedition is *ex-*, meaning "out." You can tell that *expedition* originally meant **(A)** a trip across. **(B)** a trip in. **(C)** a trip out.
- 7** The ogre watched the men from a treetop. "Someone is entering my _____," he said. **house, domain, demand**
- 8** "I must have gained quite a reputation; people have heard all about me." Do *reputation* and *expedition* have the same **prefix, suffix** or **root**?
- 9** The mountainside was messy because the three men had left a lot of debris all around. Does the word *debris* probably mean the same as **trees, books** or **garbage**?
- 10** "Ugh!" said the ogre. "Picknickers destroy the environment by leaving a mess." The *environment* is the surrounding **(A)** countryside. **(B)** garbage. **(C)** cascade.

reputation	tidbit
artificial	helter-skelter
ogres	instinctively
cascade	menacingly
domain	bewildered
expedition	symbolize
debris	fleeing
environment	tranquilizer
sleuth	silhouetted
scent	ambled

Survey

Answer these questions **before** you read the book. When directions are given, follow them carefully. You will be surprised how much you can tell about a book before you read it!

Write **true** or **false** to answer questions one through three.

- ⑬ **1** Look at the picture on the book cover. You can tell that the story will be one of suspense and action.

- ⑥ **2** *The Mystery of Monster Mountain* was written by Alfred Hitchcock and the Three Investigators.

- ⑥ **3** The spine of the book tells you that *The Mystery of Monster Mountain* is #20 in a series of mystery stories.

Study the Copyright Page. Then write **true** or **false** to answer questions four and five.

- ⑨ **4** The Copyright Page provides you with a short summary of the book. The story involves a case of double identity.

- ⑥ **5** The illustrator of the book is Arthur Robert.

Read the Contents Page. Then answer questions six and seven.

- ⑨ **6** On what page does a chapter about a fire begin?

- ⑨ **7** In which chapter does Mr. Hitchcock learn a secret?

- ② **8** Read the section titled "A Word from Alfred Hitchcock." The mystery of this story begins with (A) the discovery of a bear. (B) the discovery of a hermit. (C) a search for a missing key.

- ⑥ **9** "We investigate anything!" is the slogan of (A) Alfred Hitchcock and his assistants. (B) M.V. Carey and his friends. (C) Bob, Jupiter and Pete.

- ⑬ **10** Look at the endpapers. The equipment the boys are carrying is used to (A) go on a picnic. (B) solve a mystery. (C) prepare an art project.

Activity

If you enjoyed this book and would like to share it with others, choose one of these things to do when you go for your book conference.

- 1** Buy or borrow a camera, and take a look at your neighborhood. What kinds of waste do you see? Is there a need for an ecology drive? Choose *one* problem that you can hope to solve, such as collecting aluminum cans or recycling old newspapers. Take photographs of the area before and after the drive to record your progress.
- 2** Create a "monster zoo" out of clay, papier-maché or colored paper. Prehistoric animals might give you some ideas to start with.
- 3** Find out about the North American and Himalayan variants of the animal known as the *yeti* or Abominable Snowman. Scientists have not been able to prove that this animal actually exists, but there is some fascinating evidence which suggests that it does. How good do *you* think the evidence is?