

Before Reading

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- 2 (From the top in clockwise order) pine tree, nest, lake, osprey, fish, island
- **3** c, b, d, a

After Reading

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- 1. Don Ball. Schoolboy. Interested in birdwatching.
- 2. Mike Peters. Schoolboy. Don's best friend.
- 3. Mr Roberts. Business acquaintance of Don's father. He collects eggs.
- 4. Mr Ball. Don's father.
- 5. Mrs Ball. Don's mother.
- 6. Sergeant Keddle. The village policeman.
- 7. Bill Henderson. Climber. Roberts' accomplice.
- 8. Mike's parents are mentioned, but they don't appear.
- 2 The main characters are Don and Mike and, to a lesser degree, Mr Roberts.

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a) 3 b) 1 c) 4 d) 2

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7 a

8 Don.

9 a) 4 b) 8 c) 3 d) 7 e) 5 f) 6 g) 2 h) 1

- a) After a). This part is important because the boys discover more about Roberts' plans.
- b) After g). It is important because Don's father tells Roberts about the osprey.
- c) After b). It is important because they are punished for their crime.
- d) After g). It is important because they realize that the ospreys could be in danger.
- e) After f). It is important because they manage to convince Roberts that they are setting up a sound recording.

Redman's Pools, Saltley, Rittington, Don's house, Mike's house, and the police station.

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- 1. Market Cross at seven o'clock. Urgent.
- 2. Meet at Redman's Pools at five o'clock. Very urgent.
- 3. I think Roberts will be at Redman's Pools tomorrow. I'll be

there, too.

- 4. See you.
- 5. Are you at Redman's Pools?

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- a) They are all to do with birdwatching.
- b) They describe the ospreys' behavior.
- c) They describe Roberts' actions when setting up the pulley for the boat to go to the island.
- d) They describe the actions in the boat.
- e) They describe the contact between Don's father and Ro-
- f) They are all to do with climbing (Henderson).
- g) They describe what happens when Roberts and Henderson are caught.

Project

OSPREY FACT FILE
Pandion haliaetus
50-60 cm
150-170 cm
White
Dark brown
White
Fish
Dives in water and catches live prey
Up to 1.5 meters in width
Europe
Sub-Saharan Africa
Rare

a) 3 b) 2 c) 1 d) 3 e) 1