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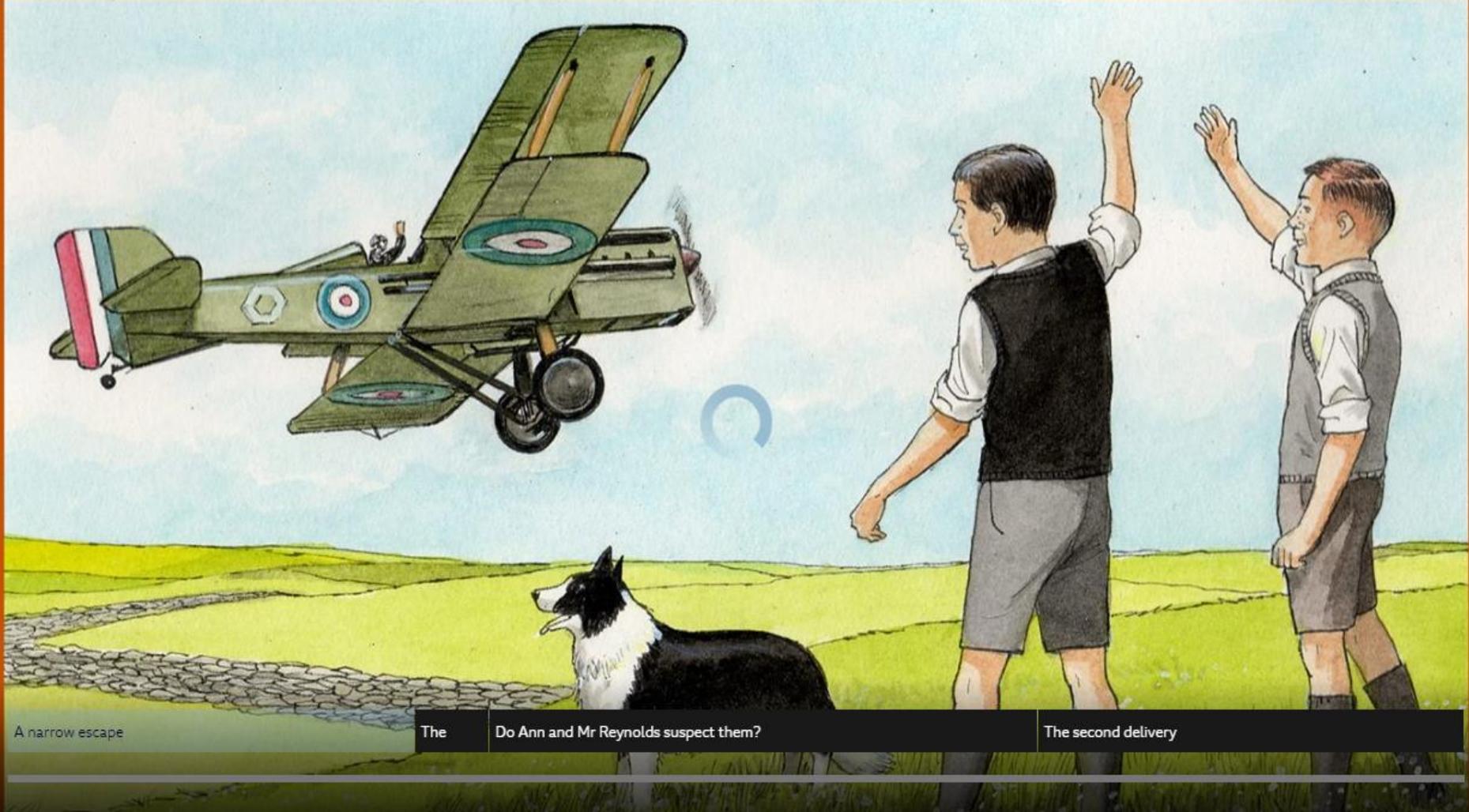


FRIEND OR FOE

ENGLISH

Week Beginning Monday
18th May

Chapters 6, 7 & 8



A narrow escape

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Do Ann and Mr Reynolds suspect them?

The second delivery

6: A narrow escape

The two boys are seen by an RAF spotter plane while delivering food and blankets to the German airmen. They wave to the plane, and luckily it doesn't spot the Germans in their makeshift hiding place nearby. The boys convince the Germans it's a coincidence and they haven't given them away. The Germans ask for one more delivery of food and then promise they won't ask for anything more, but will try to cross the moor to the sea and escape. Reluctantly the boys agree. Will they get away with it a second time?

Extract – Chapter 6

He looked at them both, and then went back to the shelter to talk with his friend who had crawled out by now. For some minutes they talked agitatedly in German and the boys stood and waited. Finally he came back towards them.

“You are right,’ he said. “I am sorry it is like this for you. He says you have already done enough to repay me for yesterday. He says we should not ask you to help your country’s enemies. You would have trouble if you were caught, no?”

David nodded.

“We just ask you one more thing, then no more. Tomorrow we will try to cross the moor to the sea. My friend is no better. His cough is worse and his leg is not good, but we must try. We need one more day to gain our strength. We need one more good meal and some drink – brandy perhaps, to keep us warm inside. Can you do this for us?”

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Comprehension questions based on the extract

1. Explain what the author means when he says '**they talked agitatedly**'.
2. What did David feel he needed to repay the German for?
3. Why would the boys be in trouble if they were caught?
4. What is meant when the German says we need to '**gain our strength**'?
5. Why do the German pilots want to get to the sea?

Short written task based on Chapter 6

Write the discussion the boys may have about where they could find spare food and how they could get it to the Germans. Remember you are using direct speech so you must use speech marks and punctuation for expression. “ “ ? !

Think about what verbs you could use to avoid over-using ‘said’. Examples:

whispered – said – suggested – replied – answered
– asked – grumbled



7: Local heroes - synopsis

When David and Tucky bring the second delivery of food the Germans make an unexpected request. The injured airman is too weak to cross the moor and the boys are asked to take him back to the farm as their prisoner. How will the army and villagers react when they see the boys bringing in a German airman? And will it be discovered that they've helped the Germans by stealing food and blankets from Ann and Mr Reynolds?

Extract 1 – Chapter 7

“You will _____ after him , please?” he said. “He _____ a doctor. You will make sure he has a doctor?”

“Course we will,” Tucky said excitedly. “Course we will won’t we, Davey?” David nodded his _____.

“So he is your _____ now,” and he felt deep into the _____ of his coat and pulled out the black revolver. “You will need this,” he said, handing it to David. It was cold and _____, heavier than David had imagined. “It is loaded, but the safety catch is on. Be _____ with it, please.” David balanced it in his hand and gripped the butt, his finger curling round the trigger.

“I could make you come too,” he said.

“Of course, Davey.” The man nodded. “But friends do not use guns on each other.”

Fill in the gaps – choose from the words below (there are some words that are not needed!)

collar prisoner needs careful heavy contempt Punish look agreement
light inside slave attention

Extract 2 – Chapter 7

We found him, Mr Reynolds,” said Tucky. “And someone else. Look.”

Mr Reynolds turned and stared. “Your plane? From your plane, is he?” he could hardly believe what he was looking at.

“Jip found him, Mr Reynolds,” said David. “He’s a German bomber pilot – Luftwaffe.”

“I can see that, my dear, I can see that.” He looked the German up and down, and then he noticed the revolver David was holding in his hand. “Now, you give that thing to me, my dear,” he said, and he walked round the German, keeping his distance, and took the revolver from David. “Ann,” he called out, “Ann, come out here.”

Ann came closer to the German and looked up into his face. “Just people, like you and me,” she said.

Read the extract and try to answer these questions:

1. Explain why Mr. Reynolds was surprised by the boys.
2. Why do you think Mr. Reynolds took the revolver from David?
3. Explain what Ann meant when she said *‘just people like you and me’*.

Chapter 7 – Newspaper report

Use the template (word document) to write a newspaper report on the capture of the German pilots. Here are some question prompts to help you think about details to include:

How did the boys find the German pilots?

Did the pilots threaten the boys?

How did the boys help them? Why?

Were the boys scared?

How did the villagers react?

Who is likely to give a quote to the press about this incident?

What is Mr Reynolds opinion on what the boys did? What might he say about the boys' actions to the press?

Are you, as the reporter, going to congratulate the boys for their bravery?

End of Book activity

I hope you enjoyed reading / listening to this book. It should have given you a bit of an insight into what life was like for young evacuees during the war. But what did you think?

My challenge to you is to record yourself (no writing this time!) giving an honest book review (no more than 2 minutes). Here are some things that you could include:

- Book title – author – when published – genre
- Brief details of the plot (but not too many!!)
- What you liked / disliked about the story and characters.
- If you would recommend this book to other people e.g. age range, how many stars /5, etc.