

An Adventure at Night

Word – Meanings

1. canal boat - a long narrow boat with a cabin
2. towpath - a path beside a canal or a river
3. dozen - twelve in number
4. yards - a unit of measurement
5. growled - a deep angry sound
6. leaped - jumped over
7. choked - suffocated
8. tumbling - almost falling over
9. staggering - walking unsteadily
10. flung - threw
11. public property - belonging to the people
12. made for - rushed towards

II. Fill in the Blanks:-

1. Bobbie, Phyllis and Peter went up to the Canal Bridge for fishing.
2. They went down to the towpath because their fishing line was not long enough.
3. The owner of the white canal boat thought that the children were staring and so he growled at them.
4. Maria came out from the cabin with a baby in her arms and threw a coat to the man.

5. **Doctor Forrest** had told Peter that the bridge was a public property.

6. The children saw smoke coming out of the boat's **chimney**.

7. Peter almost **choked** in the smoke so he covered his nose with his wet **handkerchief** to breathe.

8. **Tumbling** and **staggering** they brought the baby safely out on to the boat's deck.

9. Maria almost **flung** herself and **snatched** baby from Peter.

10. A ship that carries cargo and other goods from one port to another is called a **cargo ship**.

11. A narrow boat which has pointed sides and an open top is a **canoe**.

12. A **yacht** is a boat with a sail used for racing or travelling.

13. A boat run by a motor is a **motor boat**.

14. A **house boat** is a boat equipped with modern amenities and rooms and may be used by people as their homes.

III. Question-Answers

Q1. Why did Bobbie, Phyllis, and Peter go up to the Canal Bridge?

Ans. Bobbie, Phyllis and Peter went up to the Canal Bridge for fishing because their fishing line was not long enough.

Q2. How did the man treat Peter? Why did he do so?

Ans. The man caught Peter by the leg, dragged him down, set him on his feet and shook him angrily.

The man did so because he thought that the children were fishing in his canal and staring at him.

Q3. What did the children do after the man went away?

Ans. The children decided to stay on the bridge after the man went away because Peter told them that the canal might belong to the man but the bridge was a public property.

Q4. What did the children see when Phyllis pointed to the canal boat?

Ans. When Phyllis pointed to the canal boat, the children saw smoke coming from the chimney of the cabin.

Q5. How did Bobbie and Peter save the baby?

Ans. Bobbie and Peter went inside the cabin. Peter covered his mouth with his wet handkerchief, found baby and all three of them came safely out from the boat.

Q6. How did they put off the fire in the end?

Ans. The man and the children dipped pails of water into the canal and threw the water on the boat to put off the fire.

Answers to Exercises

Grammar

Exercise A - Collective Nouns

1. fleet
2. pile
3. pride
4. swarm
5. heap
6. constellation
7. team
8. chest

Exercise B - Collective Nouns and Material Nouns

Collective Nouns

1. _____
2. team
3. pack
4. _____
5. gang
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Material Nouns

1. straw, bamboo
2. _____

3. paper
4. plastic
5. _____
6. brass
7. glass
8. rubber

Vocabulary

Exercise A

1. fare
2. blew
3. deer
4. wait
5. weak
6. buy, by

