

Back to the Dreamtime

intermediate

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Activity Book

Chapter 1

A. Complete the sentences with the correct name, Richard, Tom or Bradley.



Richard



Tom



Bradley

- 1 Richard has been having a strange dream.
- 2 Richard and Tom enjoy some relaxation before going to school.
- 3 Tom is interested in photography.
- 4 Richard and Bradley like playing video games.
- 5 Bradley tells his friend about the senior class camp.

B. Read the following statements. In which section of Chapter 1 does each of these events take place? Write the numbers 1-5 in the boxes.

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| 1 Richard and Tom talk about the future. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">3</div> |
| 2 Strange images upset Richard's sleep. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">1</div> |
| 3 Richard does something against the law. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">5</div> |
| 4 Richard tries to understand what the dream means. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">2</div> |
| 5 Richard turns down an offer. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">4</div> |
| 6 Richard learns about the end-of-year camp. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">5</div> |
| 7 Richard discusses his career prospects. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">4</div> |

C. Find words in Chapter 1 which mean the same as:

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| 1 speaking in a low voice | <u>whispering</u> |
| 2 saying again | <u>repeating</u> |
| 3 made certain | <u>confirmed</u> |
| 4 stopped | <u>paused</u> |
| 5 background | <u>descent</u> |
| 6 economically | <u>financially</u> |
| 7 get better | <u>improve</u> |
| 8 finish school or university | <u>graduate</u> |

D. Below is a page from Richard's diary. Expand the notes into sentences to see what he wrote about his dream.

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- 1 Last night/I/have/strange/dream
Last night I had a strange dream.
- 2 I/be/dark/and/shadows/dance/around me
I was in the dark and some shadows were dancing around me.
- 3 I/can/hear/strange/sounds/as if/shadows/whisper/me
I could hear strange sounds, as if the shadows were whispering to me.
- 4 When/I/try/touch/shadows/disappear
When I tried to touch the shadows, they disappeared.
- 5 Why/I/keep/dream/shadows?
Why do I keep dreaming of the shadows?
- 6 What/shadows/want/tell/me?
What do the shadows want to tell me?
- 7 There/must/be/logical/explanation/dream
There must be a logical explanation for this dream.

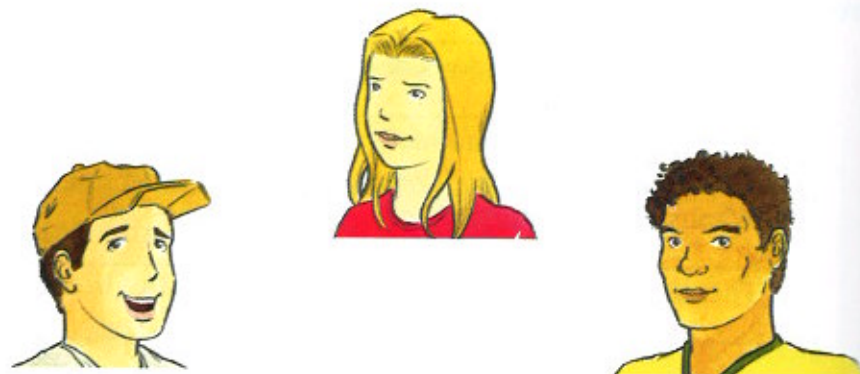
E. In Chapter 2 the McDonald children are asked to do somebody a favour and they find something strange. Before reading the chapter, try to answer the following questions.

1 Who will ask the children to do something?

2 What will they have to do?

3 How will they react?

4 What will they find?



A. Read the following sentences. In each box, write T if the sentence is True, F if it is False and N if it is Not mentioned in the chapter.

- 1 Judy could not play cricket as well as her brothers. F
- 2 Joe told the children that cleaning the attic would take a long time. F
- 3 Tom hoped to find a treasure in the attic. F
- 4 Judy told the boys how the attic should be rearranged. T
- 5 The children spent all morning tidying the attic. N
- 6 There was something in the attic that Richard's parents did not want him to find. T
- 7 Richard found a package containing an Aboriginal decoration. T
- 8 Sonya had hidden the package in the attic. N
- 9 Joe knew that the children would find the Aboriginal decoration. F
- 10 Sonya didn't know that the children were cleaning the attic. T

B. What do the underlined words refer to?

- 1 Judy was aware of this...
that her brothers considered her their equal and gave her no special treatment.
- 2 "we'll get the job done."
cleaning up / tidying the attic
- 3 That will give us some free space near the door...
moving some trunks and boxes to the back wall
- 4 Richard was curious and decided to open it.
the package
- 5 It looks very old.
the Aboriginal decoration
- 6 I was up there yesterday...
in the attic