

S.O.S. ROCKY HILL – EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Chapter One

Think about the last paragraph of the chapter. It says that everything seemed different . 'Things had begun to move.' Explain in your own words what you think that sentence means.

Chapter Two

Give short answers to the following questions:

- 1-Why couldn't Jed sleep?
- 2-Why didn't Jed send his friends an SMS?
- 3-Who was watching them as they were swimming?
- 4-What made Slo-Mo decide to leave?

Chapter Three

Explain why Jed is uneasy about christening the raft.

Read carefully the final scene about what happened after Jed and the others had gone home, then put aside your book and fill in the blanks: Repeat until you have filled in all the blanks.

_____ came driving down the river road. Four people got out, each of them carrying a _____. Then they moved slowly down the _____ to the edge of the _____. There, before them in the _____ of their _____, lay the _____. For the next hour the four of them _____ quietly. When they were _____, the _____ of the car checked what they had done. ' _____,' he said. He turned and started slowly up the _____, the _____ close behind.

Chapter Four

Explain why Chester has a bad feeling about the raft trip. (There are two reasons.)

Read the last paragraph of the chapter, put aside your book, and write down the main points of the group's plan.

Chapter Five

As the raft moved down the river, the feelings of Jed and the others changed as they went along. At first they were nervous, then relaxed, then quiet and finally excited.

What made them nervous?

What made them relax?

What made them grow quiet?

What made them excited?

Chapter Six

True or false? Several of the following ten sentences are not true. Correct them.

1-Joline was the first to notice that something was wrong with the raft.

2-As soon as Jed saw what was wrong, he told the others to swim for shore.

3-It was a good thing they had life jackets.

4-When Chester tried to rescue Carlos, Carlos grabbed him and started pulling him under.

5-Jed tried to swim ashore with Carlos, but soon realized that the current was too strong for him.

6-Jed was able to avoid the sharp rocks, but Joline hit her head on one of the largest ones.

7-As soon as he and Carlos reached shore, Jed heard Joline cry for help.

8-Using one of the poles from the raft, Jed was able to pull Joline and Chester to the shore.

9-Joline was thankful that Jed rescued her.

10-Jed wanted to use his cell phone but it was broken.

Chapter Seven

Read the chapter, put your book away, then put the sentences in the correct order:

1-'I do,' said Chester. 'I've got some matches.'

2-'Right,' said Jed. 'The river brought us here, the river will bring us back.'

3-A few minutes later, they were sitting around a warm fire.

4-Suddenly, Jed felt his clothes and looked around at the others.

5- After that, Chester and Carlos looked out at the river, both very quiet.

6-'Wait a minute. Does anyone have anything to light it with?' said Joline with a worried look in her eye.

7- A few minutes later, Chester and Carlos picked themselves up slowly and looked around.

8- Chester turned to Jed. 'Maybe we should call 911. What do you think?'

9-Jed thought for a moment. 'I'd say we're a little more than half way to Manville, maybe about six miles from home,' he said finally.

10- 'The first thing to do is make a fire and get warm and dry,' Chester said.

Chapter Eight

Read pages 31 to 33 carefully. Then add the missing adjectives or adverbs to the sentences: quick/angry/straight/buzzing/wild-eyed/exactly/dark/expectantly

Slo-Mo would know _____ who did it...

He turned just in time to see Carlos, _____, jump out from behind the bushes...

...was in reality a swarm of _____ bees!

...with what looked at first like a _____ black hat on his head.

...as if a _____ cloud had come down on his head.

Jed and Joline pulled him up _____.

'What we need is a good, strong, _____ branch.

He looked at Joline _____.

Joline gave him a _____ smile.

What did Joline mean by 'conflict of interests'?

How did Carlos react to the little joke about his weight?

As they walked on, Jed fell quiet. What was he thinking about?

Explain why Jed suddenly remembered that there was a camp nearby.

Chapter Nine

The word 'climax' comes from the Greek word klimax meaning "ladder": The rungs in the ladder are the growing tension in a scene or a story, the climax is the top of the ladder, where the tension is at its highest.

Study the scene in which Jed and the others try to get in the camp and try to identify the rising levels of tension and the climax. You can begin like this:

-they reach the camp but there is nobody there

-they see food inside but they didn't know how to get inside

Chapter Ten

Who is talking or doing something? Study the chapter, put aside your book and fill in the correct names.

_____ told them about herself.

'Oh,' said _____. 'Wait a minute! You're a well-known painter, aren't you?'

'Right,' said _____. 'I have, too. We've got a picture that looks just like this at home.'

_____ looked at the others, then at Clarissa.

'By supper time,' _____ said quickly.

'Where do you live?' _____ said.

'Oh, yes!' _____ said and let out a nervous laugh.

Chapter Eleven

Read through the chapter carefully, put away your book, then try to summarize the text with the help of the following keywords:

bicycles goodbye overnight SUV synchronize Slo-Mo secret

Chapter Twelve

Give short answers to the following questions:

1-How did the whole town learn of the raft trip?

2-Why did Jed feel empty and angry?

3-What was Jed's new mood like?

4-Where did Jed and Joline go on their bike ride?

5-What did the piece of glass mean to Jed?

6-What did Jed mean when he said that he was responsible for everything?

7-Why was Jed happy about how the raft trip ended?

8-What was the souvenir Jed had for Joline?

