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A Message from a Ghost

Summary-based Activities



CHAPTERS 1-3

SUMMARY

Elise, Gracie and Bella are going on a school trip but the road to the hostel is closed and they have to walk the last part of their journey. As they get off the coach Gracie drops her mobile phone. When they find the battery, everyone has gone.

They are lost, but then Bella sees a girl. She thinks the girl is from their school and starts to follow her. But the girl doesn't take them to the hostel. She takes them to an old cottage.

Gracie and Bella go inside, but Elise doesn't want to. While she is outside she hears Mark, an architect telling his boss, Mr Greene that the hostel is dangerous. Mr Greene doesn't listen. He gives Mark some money but Mark must forget about their conversation.

1 Scrambled word cloze

Read the summary of Chapters One to Three of *A Message from a Ghost* below. Choose one of the words from the box to write in each space. The first one has been done as an example.

outside sees ~~on~~ some telling to everyone doesn't
from closed dangerous

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They are lost, but then Bella (4) a girl. She thinks the girl is (5) their school and starts to follow her. But the girl (6) take them to the hostel. She takes them to an old cottage.

Gracie and Bella go inside, but Elise doesn't want to. While she is (7) she hears Mark, an architect (8) his boss, Mr Greene that the hostel is (9) Mr Greene doesn't listen. He gives Mark (10) money but Mark must forget about their conversation.

2 Scrambled word cloze with distractors (i)

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outside all sees ~~on~~ lots some telling to going everyone
tell doesn't from not closed dangerous

Elise, Gracie and Bella are going (0) a school trip but the road (1) the hostel is (2) and they have to walk the last part of their journey. As they get off the coach Gracie drops her mobile phone. When they find the battery, (3) has gone. They are lost, but then Bella (4) a girl. She thinks the girl is (5) their school and starts to follow her. But the girl (6) take them to the hostel. She takes them to an old cottage.

Gracie and Bella go inside, but Elise doesn't want to. While she is (7) she hears Mark, an architect (8) his boss, Mr Greene that the hostel is (9) Mr Greene doesn't listen. He gives Mark (10) money but Mark must forget about their conversation.

3 Scrambled word cloze with distractors (ii)

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outside danger all sees ~~on~~ lots some telling to
close going everyone see tell doesn't from not
for closed out dangerous

Elise, Gracie and Bella are going (0) a school trip but the road (1) the hostel is (2) and they have to walk the last part of their journey. As they get off the coach Gracie drops her mobile phone. When they find the battery, (3) has gone. They are lost, but then Bella (4) a girl. She thinks the girl is (5) their school and starts to follow her. But the girl (6) take them to the hostel. She takes them to an old cottage.

Gracie and Bella go inside, but Elise doesn't want to. While she is (7) she hears Mark, an architect (8) his boss, Mr Greene that the hostel is (9) Mr Greene doesn't listen. He gives Mark (10) money but Mark must forget about their conversation.

4 Multiple choice cloze

Read the summary of Chapters One to Three of *A Message from a Ghost* below. Choose the best word (A, B or C) for each space. The first one, 0, has been done as an example.

Elise, Gracie and Bella are going (0) **B** a school trip but the road (1) the hostel is (2) and they have to walk the last part of their journey. As they get off the coach Gracie drops her mobile phone. When they find the battery, (3) has gone.

They are lost, but then Bella (4) a girl. She thinks the girl is (5) their school and starts to follow her. But the girl (6) take them to the hostel. She takes them to an old cottage.

Gracie and Bella go inside, but Elise doesn't want to. While she is (7) she hears Mark, an architect (8) his boss, Mr Greene that the hostel is (9) Mr Greene doesn't listen. He gives Mark (10) money but Mark must forget about their conversation.

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|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 0 A to | B on | C for |
| 1 A for | B to | C going |
| 2 A closed | B close | C closing |
| 3 A all | B friends | C everyone |
| 4 A see | B saw | C sees |
| 5 A from | B on | C for |
| 6 A don't | B doesn't | C not |
| 7 A outside | B outdoors | C out |
| 8 A telling | B tells | C tell |
| 9 A danger | B dangerously | C dangerous |
| 10 A lots | B some | C the |

5 Open Cloze

Complete the summary of Chapters One to Three of *A Message from a Ghost* below. Write ONE word for each space. The first one has been done as an example.

Elise, Gracie and Bella are going (0) **on** a school trip but the road (1) the hostel is (2) and they have to walk the last part of their journey. As they get off the coach Gracie drops her mobile phone. When they find the battery, (3) has gone.

They are lost, but then Bella (4) a girl. She thinks the girl is (5) their school and starts to follow her. But the girl (6) take them to the hostel. She takes them to an old cottage.

Gracie and Bella go inside, but Elise doesn't want to. While she is (7) she hears Mark, an architect (8) his boss, Mr Greene that the hostel is (9) Mr Greene doesn't listen. He gives Mark (10) money but Mark must forget about their conversation.

6 Put the sentences in order

The sentences A-I of the summary of Chapters One to Three of *A Message from a Ghost* below are in the wrong order. Put them in the right order and number them 1-9.

- A ☐ They are lost, but then Bella sees a girl. She thinks the girl is from their school and starts to follow her.
- B ☐ While she is outside she hears Mark, an architect telling his boss, Mr Greene that the hostel is dangerous. Mr Greene doesn't listen.
- C ☐ Gracie and Bella go inside, but Elise doesn't want to.
- D ☐ As they get off the coach Gracie drops her mobile phone.
- E ☐ But the girl doesn't take them to the hostel.
- F ☐ Elise, Gracie and Bella are going on a school trip but the road to the hostel is closed and they have to walk the last part of their journey.
- G ☐ She takes them to an old cottage.
- H ☐ When they find the battery, everyone has gone.
- I ☐ He gives Mark some money but Mark must forget about their conversation.

7 Correct the mistakes!

This is an oral activity, so do not give the students any photocopies. Tell them the following instructions (or similar):

"I am going to tell you a summary of Chapters One to Three of *A Message from a Ghost*, but I am going to make some mistakes in the summary. When you hear a mistake please call out the right word or words."

Then read out the summary making deliberate mistakes. As an example, in the version of the summary below there are 19 mistakes to read out, all written in *italics*. As a quick reminder to you, the correct version is given immediately afterwards in brackets.

Elise, Gracie and Bella are going *to school* (on a school trip) but the road to the *hotel* (hostel) is closed and they have to *fly* (walk) the last part of their journey. As they get off the boat (coach) Gracie drops her *computer* (mobile phone). When they find the battery, *noone* (everyone) has gone.

They are lost, but then Bella sees a *boy* (girl). She thinks the girl is from their *computer club* (school) and starts to follow *him* (her). But the girl doesn't take them to the *airport* (hostel). She takes them to a *new* (an old) *castle* (cottage).

Gracie and Bella go *for a walk* (inside), but Elise doesn't want to. While she is outside she hears *her teacher*, *Mrs Hall* (Mark), a *doctor* (an architect) telling his boss, *Mr Black* (Greene) that the hostel is *safe* (dangerous). Mr Greene doesn't listen. He gives Mark some *sweets* (money) but Mark must *tell someone* (forget) about their conversation.

CHAPTERS 4-6

SUMMARY

Elise tries to tell Bella and Gracie that the hostel is dangerous, but they don't believe her.

Gracie's phone starts working. They try to phone for help but the battery dies. Bella and Gracie decide to wait in the cottage until morning but Elise wants to find the hostel immediately.

Gracie's mobile phone isn't working but they receive a mysterious message asking for help from a girl called Alice. They find out that Alice is dead.

Bella is scared and wants to leave but Gracie makes her understand that they must listen to Alice. Alice is about to explain why she needs their help when Mr Greene arrives. The girls hide and Mr Greene hides the papers that his architect gave him. The papers say that the hostel is dangerous.

1 Scrambled word cloze

Read the summary of Chapters Four to Six of *A Message from a Ghost* below. Choose one of the words from the box to write in each space. The first one has been done as an example.

The asking help ~~and~~ working why but
called her until to

Elise tries to tell Bella (0) *and* Gracie that the hostel is dangerous, but they don't believe (1)

Gracie's phone starts (2) They try to phone for (3) but the battery dies. Bella and Gracie decide to wait in the cottage (4) morning but Elise wants to find the hostel immediately.

Gracie's mobile phone isn't working (5) they receive a mysterious message (6) for help from a girl (7) Alice. They find out that Alice is dead.

Bella is scared and wants (8) leave but Gracie makes her understand that they must listen to Alice. Alice is about to explain (9) she needs their help when Mr Greene arrives. The girls hide and Mr Greene hides the papers that his architect gave him. (10) papers say that the hostel is dangerous.

2 Scrambled word cloze with distractors (i)

Read the summary of Chapters Four to Six of *A Message from a Ghost* below. Fill each space with a word from the box. There are five words you do not need to use. The first one, 0, has been done as an example.

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Elise tries to tell Bella (0) *and* Gracie that the hostel is dangerous, but they don't believe (1)

Gracie's phone starts (2) They try to phone for (3) but the battery dies. Bella and Gracie decide to wait in the cottage (4) morning but Elise wants to find the hostel immediately.

Gracie's mobile phone isn't working (5) they receive a mysterious message (6) for help from a girl (7) Alice. They find out that Alice is dead.

Bella is scared and wants (8) leave but Gracie makes her understand that they must listen to Alice. Alice is about to explain (9) she needs their help when Mr Greene arrives. The girls hide and Mr Greene hides the papers that his architect gave him. (10) papers say that the hostel is dangerous.

3 Scrambled word cloze with distractors (ii)

Read the summary of Chapters Four to Six of *A Message from a Ghost* below. Fill each space with a word from the box. There are ten words you do not need to use. The first one, 0, has been done as an example.

The works it asking for help so teacher ~~and~~
where working why but at name someone
called asks her until to

Elise tries to tell Bella (0) *and* Gracie that the hostel is dangerous, but they don't believe (1)

Gracie's phone starts (2) They try to phone for (3) but the battery dies. Bella and Gracie decide to wait in the cottage (4) morning but Elise wants to find the hostel immediately.

Gracie's mobile phone isn't working (5) they receive a mysterious message (6) for help from a girl (7) Alice. They find out that Alice is dead.

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4 Multiple choice cloze

Read the summary of Chapters Four to Six of *A Message from a Ghost* below. Choose the best word (A, B or C) for each space. The first one, 0, has been done as an example.

Elise tries to tell Bella (0) A Gracie that the hostel is dangerous, but they don't believe (1)

Gracie's phone starts (2) They try to phone for (3) but the battery dies. Bella and Gracie decide to wait in the cottage (4) morning but Elise wants to find the hostel immediately.

Gracie's mobile phone isn't working (5) they receive a mysterious message (6) for help from a girl (7) Alice. They find out that Alice is dead.

Bella is scared and wants (8) leave but Gracie makes her understand that they must listen to Alice. Alice is about to explain (9) she needs their help when Mr Greene arrives. The girls hide and Mr Greene hides the papers that his architect gave him. (10) papers say that the hostel is dangerous.

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| 0 <u>A</u> and | B or | C also |
| 1 A that | B it | C her |
| 2 A working | B work | C works |
| 3 A help | B teacher | C someone |
| 4 A then | B until | C for |
| 5 A so | B and | C but |
| 6 A ask | B asks | C asking |
| 7 A name | B called | C is |
| 8 A at | B to | C for |
| 9 A why | B what | C where |
| 10 A A | B Them | C The |

5 Open Cloze

Complete the summary of Chapters Four to Six of *A Message from a Ghost* below. Write ONE word for each space. The first one has been done as an example.

Elise tries to tell Bella (0) and Gracie that the hostel is dangerous, but they don't believe (1)

Gracie's phone starts (2) They try to phone for (3) but the battery dies. Bella and Gracie decide to wait in the cottage (4) morning but Elise wants to find the hostel immediately.

Gracie's mobile phone isn't working (5) they receive a mysterious message (6) for help from a girl (7) Alice. They find out that Alice is dead.

Bella is scared and wants (8) leave but Gracie makes her understand that they must listen to Alice. Alice is about to explain (9) she needs their help when Mr Greene arrives. The girls hide and Mr Greene hides the papers that his architect gave him. (10) papers say that the hostel is dangerous.

6 Put the sentences in order

The sentences A-J of the summary of Chapters Four to Six of *A Message from a Ghost* below are in the wrong order. Put them in the right order and number them 1-10.

- A ☐ Gracie's mobile phone isn't working but they receive a mysterious message asking for help from a girl called Alice.
- B ☐ Elise tries to tell Bella and Gracie that the hostel is dangerous, but they don't believe her.
- C ☐ The papers say that the hostel is dangerous.
- D ☐ They try to phone for help but the battery dies.
- E ☐ The girls hide and Mr Greene hides the papers that his architect gave him.
- F ☐ They find out that Alice is dead.
- G ☐ Bella and Gracie decide to wait in the cottage until morning but Elise wants to find the hostel immediately.
- H ☐ Gracie's phone starts working.
- I ☐ Bella is scared and wants to leave but Gracie makes her understand that they must listen to Alice.
- J ☐ Alice is about to explain why she needs their help when Mr Greene arrives.

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Elise tries to tell *Mrs Hall* (Bella and Gracie) that the *cottage* (hostel) is dangerous, but they don't believe her.

Gracie's *MP4 player* (phone) starts working. They try to phone for help but the battery dies. Bella and Gracie decide to *leave* (wait in) the cottage *for a week* (until morning) but Elise wants to find the *train station* (hostel) immediately.

Gracie's mobile phone *is working* (isn't working) but they *send* (receive) a mysterious *phone call* (message) asking for help from a *boy* (girl) called *Beth* (Alice). They find out that Alice is *alive* (dead).

Bella is *happy* (scared) and wants to *stay* (leave) but Gracie makes her understand that they must *forget about* (listen to) Alice. Alice is about to explain why she needs their help when *Bella's parents* (Mr Greene) arrives. The girls hide and Mr Greene hides the *money* (papers) that his *lawyer* (architect) gave him. The papers say that the hostel is *safe* (dangerous).

CHAPTERS 7-9

SUMMARY

Alice tells the three best friends that in the summer, she always stayed at a cottage that was built by her uncle, Mr Greene. He knew that the cottage was dangerous but did nothing and she died when it collapsed.

Now Alice is worried because the youth hostel is going to collapse. To save their friends, Mark must go to the police and tell them everything.

On the way to Mark's house, they see the police looking for them, but they hide until they go. They go to Mark's house and he agrees to go to the police.

Now that everyone is safe and her uncle will be punished, Alice can go to the spirit world.

The girls are reunited with their parents. They give the papers to the police and Mr Greene is arrested.

1 Scrambled word cloze

Read the summary of Chapters Seven to Nine of *A Message from a Ghost* below. Choose one of the words from the box to write in each space. The first one has been done as an example.

with looking built to ~~that~~ a knew
because hide is collapsed

Alice tells the three best friends (0) in the summer, she always stayed at (1) cottage that was (2) by her uncle, Mr Greene. He (3) that the cottage was dangerous but did nothing and she died when it (4)

Now Alice is worried (5) the youth hostel is going to collapse. To save their friends, Mark must go to the police and tell them everything.

On the way to Mark's (6), they see the police looking for them, but they (7) until they go. They go to Mark's house and he agrees to go to the police.

Now that everyone (8) safe and her uncle will be punished, Alice can go to the spirit world.

The girls are reunited (9) their parents. They give the papers (10) the police and Mr Greene is arrested.

2 Scrambled word cloze with distractors (i)

Read the summary of Chapters Seven to Nine of *A Message from a Ghost* below. Fill each space with a word from the box. There are five words you do not need to use. The first one, 0, has been done as an example.

with an looking knows built to ~~that~~ made a knew
because hide all is some collapsed

Alice tells the three best friends (0) ~~that~~..... in the summer, she always stayed at (1) cottage that was (2) by her uncle, Mr Greene. He (3) that the cottage was dangerous but did nothing and she died when it (4)

Now Alice is worried (5) the youth hostel is going to collapse. To save their friends, Mark must go to the police and tell them everything.

On the way to Mark's (6), they see the police looking for them, but they (7) until they go. They go to Mark's house and he agrees to go to the police.

Now that everyone (8) safe and her uncle will be punished, Alice can go to the spirit world.

The girls are reunited (9) their parents. They give the papers (10) the police and Mr Greene is arrested.

3 Scrambled word cloze with distractors (ii)

Read the summary of Chapters Seven to Nine of *A Message from a Ghost* below. Fill each space with a word from the box. There are ten words you do not need to use. The first one, 0, has been done as an example.

with an looking collapses knows built about
to ~~that~~ made a knew hides because hide
all for is some are collapsed

Alice tells the three best friends (0) ~~that~~..... in the summer, she always stayed at (1) cottage that was (2) by her uncle, Mr Greene. He (3) that the cottage was dangerous but did nothing and she died when it (4)

Now Alice is worried (5) the youth hostel is going to collapse. To save their friends, Mark must go to the police and tell them everything.

On the way to Mark's (6), they see the police looking for them, but they (7) until they go. They go to Mark's house and he agrees to go to the police.

Now that everyone (8) safe and her uncle will be punished, Alice can go to the spirit world.

The girls are reunited (9) their parents. They give the papers (10) the police and Mr Greene is arrested.

4 Multiple choice cloze

Read the summary of Chapters Seven to Nine of *A Message from a Ghost* below. Choose the best word (A, B or C) for each space. The first one, 0, has been done as an example.

Alice tells the three best friends (0) **B** in the summer, she always stayed at (1) cottage that was (2) by her uncle, Mr Greene. He (3) that the cottage was dangerous but did nothing and she died when it (4)

Now Alice is worried (5) the youth hostel is going to collapse. To save their friends, Mark must go to the police and tell them everything.

On the way to Mark's (6), they see the police looking for them, but they (7) until they go. They go to Mark's house and he agrees to go to the police.

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The girls are reunited (9) their parents. They give the papers (10) the police and Mr Greene is arrested.

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| 0 A about | B that | C because |
| 1 A an | B a | C some |
| 2 A build | B made | C built |
| 3 A knowing | B knows | C knew |
| 4 A collapsed | B collapses | C fell down |
| 5 A knows | B about | C because |
| 6 A seeing | B looking | C search |
| 7 A hide | B hiding | C hides |
| 8 A is | B are | C all |
| 9 A with | B and | C for |
| 10 A at | B for | C to |

5 Open Cloze

Complete the summary of Chapters Seven to Nine of *A Message from a Ghost* below. Write ONE word for each space. The first one has been done as an example.

Alice tells the three best friends (0) **that** in the summer, she always stayed at (1) cottage that was (2) by her uncle, Mr Greene. He (3) that the cottage was dangerous but did nothing and she died when it (4)

Now Alice is worried (5) the youth hostel is going to collapse. To save their friends, Mark must go to the police and tell them everything.

On the way to Mark's (6), they see the police looking for them, but they (7) until they go. They go to Mark's house and he agrees to go to the police.

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6 Put the sentences in order

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- A ☐ Now Alice is worried because the youth hostel is going to collapse.
- B ☐ The girls are reunited with their parents. They give the papers to the police and Mr Greene is arrested.
- C ☐ On the way to Mark's house, they see the police looking for them, but they hide until they go.
- D ☐ He knew that the cottage was dangerous but did nothing and she died when it collapsed.
- E ☐ Now that everyone is safe and her uncle will be punished, Alice can go to the spirit world.
- F ☐ To save their friends, Mark must go to the police and tell them everything.
- G ☐ Alice tells the three bestfriends that in the summer, she always stayed at a cottage that was built by her uncle, Mr Greene.
- H ☐ They go to Mark's house and he agrees to go to the police.

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Then read out the summary making deliberate mistakes. As an example, in the version of the summary below there are 17 mistakes to read out, all written in *italics*. As a quick reminder to you, the correct version is given immediately afterwards in brackets.

Alice tells the *ten* (three) bestfriends that in the *winter* (summer), she always stayed at a *hotel* (cottage) that was built by her *auntie* (uncle), *Mr Redd* (Greene). He knew that the cottage was dangerous but did nothing and she died when it collapsed.

Now Alice is *excited* (worried) because the *school* (youth hostel) is going to collapse. To save their friends, *Alice* (Mark) must go to the *firestation* (police) and tell them *nothing* (everything).

On the way to Mark's *office* (house), they see the *firemen* (police) looking for them, but they hide until they go. They go to *Mrs Hall's house* (Mark's house) and he agrees to go to the police.

Now that everyone is safe and her *brother* (uncle) will be punished, Alice can go to the spirit world.

The *boys* (girls) are reunited with their *pets* (parents). They give the *newspapers* (papers) to the police and Mr Greene is arrested.

CHAPTERS 1-3

KEY

Activities 1, 2, 3 & 5: 1 to 2 closed 3 everyone 4 sees 5 from 6 doesn't 7 outside 8 telling 9 dangerous 10 some

Activity 4: 1 B 2 A 3 C 4 C 5 A 6 B 7 A 8 A 9 C 10 B

Activity 6: 1 F; 2 D; 3 H; 4 A; 5 E; 6 G; 7 C; 8 B; 9 I

CHAPTERS 4-6

KEY

Activities 1, 2, 3 & 5: 1 it 2 working 3 help 4 until 5 but 6 asking 7 called 8 to 9 why 10 The

Activity 4: 1 B 2 A 3 A 4 B 5 C 6 C 7 B 8 B 9 A 10 C

Activity 6: 1 B; 2 H; 3 D; 4 G; 5 A; 6 F; 7 I; 8 J; 9 E; 10 C

CHAPTERS 7-9

KEY

Activities 1, 2, 3 & 5: 1 a 2 built 3 knew 4 collapsed 5 because 6 looking 7 hide 8 is 9 with 10 to

Activity 4: 1 B 2 C 3 C 4 A 5 C 6 B 7 A 8 A 9 A 10 C

Activity 6: 1 G; 2 D; 3 A; 4 F; 5 C; 6 H; 7 E; 8 B

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