The Snow Goose and Other Stories

Book key

1.1  1  a  3  b  1  c  2  
2  a  1930–60  
    b  England  
1.2  Suggested answers:  
1  birds  
2  the sea  
3  an artist  
4  kind  
2.1  Possible answers:  
Home: a lighthouse by the sea, Essex, England  
Job: artist/painter  
Words that describe him: kind, hunchback, gentle, lonely  
2.2  1  Philip  
    2  Fritha  
    3  The Princess  
    4  the Princess  
    5  Philip  
    6  the Princess  
2.3  1  Philip lived quietly, staying away from other people.  
2  He often went away in his boat, looking for interesting birds.  
3  The girl knocked at the door, holding the bird in her arms.  
4  ‘She'll be OK,’ said Philip, mending the bird’s leg.  
5  ‘I’ll come back soon,’ said Fritha, smiling.  
6  The Princess was leaving, flying higher and higher.  
2.4  Suggested answers:  
1  love, boats, war  
2  Fritha and the snow goose  
3.1  1  love  
    2  boat  
    3  war  
    4  Philip/He  
    5  lighthouse  
3.2  a  Fritha  
    b  Philip  
    c  Private Potton  
    d  the German pilot  
    e  Commander Keith Emerson  
3.3  1  Fritha and Philip were too surprised to speak.  
2  Fritha was too shy to talk about her love for him.  
3  it was too smoky to see clearly.  
4  the water was too shallow to sail a large ship.  
5  the snow goose was too afraid to let the soldiers onto the boat.  
6  Fritha was too sad to talk to anyone about Philip.  
3.4  Suggested answers: The two women are a 25-year-old woman and her aunt. They live together. Dr Amony is visiting them because the younger woman is ill.  
4.1  1  Doctor Amony, a doll  
    2  Mary, is ill  
    3  Rose, aunt  
4.2  1  niece  
    2  expensive  
    3  unpleasant  
    4  leg  
    5  money  
    6  Rose  
4.3  1  were made  
    2  were painted  
    3  were sold  
    4  was not paid  
    5  was checked  
    6  was given  
4.4  Suggested answers:  
1  Doctor Amony is taking Rose to live with him. Mary is going with Doctor Amony. Rose is trying to stop them from leaving.  
2  Doctor Amony is worrying about Mary's health and thinking about his love for her. He's angry with Rose. Mary is thinking about her love for Doctor Amony and her new life with him. Rose is thinking about the problems that she will have now, when Mary leaves.  
5.1  1  his house  
    2  stop  
    3  angry  
    4  afraid  
    5  happy  
5.2  1  ✓  2  ✗  3  ✗  4  ✗  5  ✓  6  ✓  7  ✓  8  ✗  
5.3  1  where he got that beautiful doll  
    2  how I could help Mary  
    3  when I should talk to her about her leg  
    4  what was wrong with Mary  
    5  why she wanted to die  
5.4  Suggested answers:  
1  A  
    2  C  
    3  B
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4 B
5 A
6 C

6.1 1 works in a museum, gets seasick
2 lives on a houseboat, wants to live at the bottom of the ocean
3 has sailed all around the world, needs to mend a pair of trousers

6.2 1 B
2 D
3 E
4 C
5 A

6.3 1 Doctor Fundoby has met
2 Thetis has painted
3 Thetis has changed
4 Thetis has written
5 Thetis has not been
6 Doctor Fundoby has made
7 Thetis has not told
8 Richard Hadley / The sailor has heard

6.4 Suggested answers:
1 Thetis
2 Richard Hadley
3 Richard Hadley
4 Richard Hadley, Thetis
5 Doctor Fundoby

Talk about it
1 a Fritha: 2, 4, 8
b Mary: 3, 6, 7
c Thetis: 1, 5, 9
2 Open answers
3 Open answers

Write about it Open answers

Project Open answers.

Discussion activities key
1 a The girl is holding a goose. The goose is not afraid of the girl because either it knows the girl or it is ill.
b A snow goose is a type of goose. It lives in a very cold place.

2 Women turned their eyes away from him because they didn’t like ‘him.’ ‘He’ may be bad or ugly. The women didn’t see that he was a good person because he was a lover of all living things.

3 The marsh is the grassy area; the lighthouse is at the right.
4 Open answers
5 ‘Hunchback’ is an impolite word for a person with a thick, hard part on their back, or with a very rounded back. The most famous hunchback in classic literature is Quasimodo. Quasimodo’s life was sad and lonely. He lived in the tower of a church. Philip’s life was similar to Quasimodo’s because they both hid from people. Philip’s friends were all living things.
6 Open answers. Fritha forgot about her fear because she wanted Philip to help the bird.
7 Open answers
8–9 Open answers
10 WW2 took place from 1939 until 1945. The two groups of countries that participated in the war were the Allies (Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Poland, and the United States) and the Axis (Germany, Italy and Japan).
11–12 Open answers
13 Suggested answers:
• Sailing across the English Channel with his boat.
• Taking no notice of the guns and bombs.
• Taking as many soldiers as possible off the beaches of Dunkirk.
• Taking the soldiers out to the Kentish Maid in the deeper water.
• Sailing with a sail full of holes from the shooting.
• Giving his life for the soldiers.
14–17 Open answers
18 The man is in the street. You can see books, pens, a clock and a doll in the window shop. The doll’s face is sad. Open answers.
19 Open answers
20 A look of unhappiness crossed her pale face, and there was pain in her large dark eyes.

After that first visit I always remembered the sweetness in her sad face, her poor, thin body and her dry, unhealthy hair.

I soon understood that her twisted leg was not the reason for her illness.

I saw the pain and hopelessness in her face. She seemed to be crying out silently to me for help.

Something is slowly destroying her, I know that.
21–25 Open answers
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26 Possible answers: a, c and d.
27–28 Open answers
29 Open answers. A house boat is a boat where people can live.
30–34 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

1 Open answers 
2 Possible answer: Philip was a hunchback whose left arm was weak and twisted like a bird’s foot. He always tried hard to make friends but people felt uncomfortable with him. So they never learnt that he was a gentle man with a heart full of love.
3 As I was flying south from Canada, I flew into a great storm. The wind picked me up. I have strong wings but they couldn’t help me. When everything was calm, I realized I was flying over a strange place. I was lost/tired and tried/lost and when I came down to rest, a man with a gun tried to shoot at me. I fell into a marsh. I was hurt. The end of my wing and my leg were broken. I thought I was going to die until this girl found me. She is carrying me to a lighthouse. Wish me luck!
4 Possible answers:
   • I was afraid of this man but he seems to be a good person.
   • I am happy that Fritha asked me to help the snow goose. I hope they can cure me.

FRITHA | PHILIP
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‘Philip! Are you going away?’ | ‘Yes, I must go away. I must make a journey.’
‘A journey?’ | ‘Yes, I’ll come back when I can.’

Where must you go?
‘I must go to Dunkirk, 160 kilometres across the Channel. British soldiers are waiting to die on the beaches.’

‘How do you know this?’ | ‘I heard about it when I was in the village.’

‘And you are going.’ | ‘Yes. I’m going to take my boat across the Channel, Fritha.’

‘You won’t come back! Why must it be you?’ | ‘Those soldiers are like the birds that we’ve helped here. Many of them are hurt, like the Lost Princess who you brought to me. I can do something for them.’

6 BEAUTIFULLY-MADE DOLLS
They seem alive! Clothes are handmade and faces hand-painted! They only cost twelve pounds!

7 Possible answers:
   • I told you not to tell her that you can make her leg straight / give her hope.
   • But I am sure I can cure her.
   • You mustn’t talk to her again / see her again.

8 a Your aunt took away your hopes
b You couldn’t be a mother so you made beautiful dolls.
c You loved the dolls like your children.
d You made your dolls gently and carefully.
e Your aunt took them away and gave you nothing.
f You did not have love in your life.

9 Dr Fundoby has a white beard, carries a black wooden stick and wears a large and old hat for his walks. People often think that he is a painter.

10–12 Open answers

13 The three stories talk about love and how love is suddenly found without our looking for it. In addition, the three stories show the problems that separate the characters.

14 a–b Open answers
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Progress test key

1. a Fritha is talking about the snow goose.
   b Philip is talking about Canada.
   c Philip is talking about the snow geese.
   d Philip is talking about the enclosure.
   e Fritha is talking about the snow goose leaving them: Philip and she.
   f Philip is talking about the snow goose remembering them: Fritha and himself.

2. a 2 stayed at the lighthouse.
   b 1 realised that he was in love with Fritha.
   c 1 they were too sick and tired to move.
   d 2 and took them to a bigger boat.
   e 2 they couldn't get near it.
   f 1 when the snow goose came back to the lighthouse alone.

3. a Stephen Amony
   b The doll
   c Jim Carter
   d Rose Callamit
   e Rose Callamit
   f Mary Callamit
   g Stephen Amony
   h Rose Callamit

4. a Rose Callamit Mary
   b train car
   c Mary Rose Callamit she Mary
   d pleased angry
   e everyone no-one / nobody
   f had did not have
   g wasn't was
   h started stopped

5. a … she liked the idea of living under the sea.
   b … he was old and wise.
   c … of the song.
   d … he had a hole in his trousers.
   e … he felt ill on the boat.

6. a ✗ b ✗ c ✗ d ✓ e ✗