The Beach

Book key

1 Open answers (The capital city is Bangkok.)
2 a young
   b unkind
   c–e Open answers
   f either very relaxed or very excited and perhaps aggressive
3 a 3 b 6 c 1 d 7 e 4 f 2 g 8 h 5
4 a–c They are young backpackers in the same guest-house in Bangkok.
   a Richard is British and has just arrived in Bangkok. He smokes cigarettes, and seems more cautious and less confident than Étienne and Françoise.
   b–c Étienne and his girlfriend Françoise are French, and have been in Thailand for four weeks, walking and rafting. Étienne is bored and wants adventure. He leaves Françoise to find her own back to the guest-house. Françoise is beautiful, and makes quick decisions.
   d Mr Duck is Scottish. He smokes dope, talks about a beach and leaves a map on Richard's door. He kills himself.

5 Open answers
6 a stronger b likes c doesn't want d a short time
   e heard about f rude to g leave for
7–8 Open answers
9 Possible answers:
   a content, relaxed b exhausted, relieved
   c shocked, frightened d calm, emotionless
   e relieved, excited f interested, curious
   g tired, weak h happy, hopeful
10–11 Open answers
12 a Gregorio b Sal c Jed d Keaty e Bugs f Jed
13 a He likes the routine, the simple life, being in the fishing group, sleeping in the longhouse, getting his sea shell necklace and getting a suntan.
   b He feels uncomfortable about Bugs.
14 Open answers
15 a T b T c T d F e T f T g F h T i T
16 a Richard to Jed
   b Jed to Richard
   c Jed to Richard
   d Zeph and Sammy to some Germans
   e Sal to the people on the beach
   f Jed to Sal
   g Keaty to Sal
17 Open answers
18 a Yes b Yes c No d No e No f No
19 a Keaty b Étienne c Françoise d Jed e Ella f Karl g Sten h Christo
20–22 Open answers
23 a 5 b 3 c 1 d 6 e 8 f 2 g 4 h 7
24–25 Open answers
26 a T b T c F d T e T f T g F h F
27–28 Open answers
29 a kill b hopes c doesn't want d some e asleep f warn g watches h obey
30–31 Open answers
32 a No b No c Yes d Yes e No
33–43 Open answers

Discussion activities key

1–33 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

1 a 11 b 10 c 7 d 4 e 8 f 6 g 9 h 1
   i 3 j 12 k 5 l 2
2 a F b F c T d F e F f T g T h F
3 a 3 b 5 c 1 d 2 e 6 f 4
4 a They put some essential things from their backpacks in plastic bags to carry them across to the other island and hid the backpacks under some bushes.
   b They didn't set off in search of the special beach as soon as they arrived. They were exhausted, so they spent the night on the beach where they had landed.
   c The dope plants had been planted in rows in a field.
   d The men they saw in the dope fields didn't look friendly; they had guns.

5 Suggested answers:
   a an underwater area with lots of coral, a reef
   b an uninhabited and isolated island
   c trousers worn by soldiers, combat or camouflage trousers
   d someone who is new to an area, has just arrived
   e a place at the coast where lots of tourists come to spend their holidays
   f tools for doing woodwork or making things from wood
   g taking drugs, smoking dope etc, and feeling intoxicated
   h a serious problem
1. At an expensive \textit{cheap} guest-house in Chiang Mai, Bangkok, Richard is given a \textit{printed} hand drawn map showing a hidden, idyllic beach on a \textit{popular} secret island somewhere in the Gulf of Thailand. It sounds like \textit{hell} paradise on earth. By chance, Richard meets two \textit{Scottish} \textit{French} travellers, Étienne and Françoise. The \textit{four} \textit{three} of them set off on a journey to find this perfect beach and the \textit{large} \textit{small} community of travellers who live on it. When they leave \textit{arrive}, they quickly fit into the life of the beach \textit{resort} \textit{community}.  

2. a 6 b 2 c 1 d 3 e 5 f 4

3. a \textit{bad} b not like his real self c \textit{proud of} d \textit{angry} e \textit{happy} f accidentally meet g horrified

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

B I N O C U L A R S
L C U
D O P E K N
A P T
R V R A A
O I C N
F E R M E N T K
T I G E
O R A L
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5. a 5 b 4 c 6 d 1 e 3 f 2

6. Open answers

7. a 3 b 2

8. a 4 b 6 c 2 d 1 e 3 f 5

9. Open answers

10. a Sten b Christo c Étienne d Jed e Richard

11. Richard tells Sal that he does not feel responsible for the rafters' deaths because it was their decision to come and they made a lot of noise in the jungle, thereby attracting the attention of the dope guards. However, he indicates that he says this because he doesn't want her to find out about his connection to Zeph and Sammy. Earlier he says that although their deaths mean that the problem with new arrivals was over and Sal won't find out about the map, he wants to scream out loud and his brain can't cope with what had happened. He knows he will have terrible dreams. This suggests that his conscience is troubled and that although the deaths of the rafters have saved him from the anger of the community, he does feel some responsibility. Richard could have made contact with the rafters and taken them safely to the beach or asked them to leave. He could have warned them to be quiet in the dope fields. However, once the guards had found them, there was probably very little he could have done.

12. a \textit{prepared} b refused c \textit{disturbed} d pretended e \textit{relieved} / disappeared f persuaded

13. Suggested answers:
   a If Richard hadn't killed Christo, Jed wouldn't have agreed to escape.
   b If Karl hadn't escaped with the boat, Richard might have killed him.
   c If the others hadn't rescued him, Richard would probably have been killed.
   d If Sal had found out about their plans to escape, she might have tried to stop them.
   e If Richard hadn't given Zeph and Sammy a map, the dope guards wouldn't have felt so threatened by the possibility of many more people coming to the island.