



Questions and Wordlist

The Caring Unknown (questions)

Before Reading

1. Think of the words *to care* and *unknown*. Look up the meanings of the words. What do you think the title of the book means?
2. What kind of story do you think this is?

Chapter 1

1. Where are they?
 - a. In an aeroplane.
 - b. On a frozen lake.
 - c. On a mountain.
2. There is the sound of a crack. What happens next?
 - a. Someone breaks their leg.
 - b. There is an avalanche.
 - c. The guide hits one of the students.
3. What does Sophia realize as the snow rushes towards her?
 - a. That she has to run.
 - b. That she has to tell the others.
 - c. That there is nothing she can do.

Chapter 2

1. Where is Sophia when she wakes up?
 - a. Under the snow.
 - b. Under a fallen tree.
 - c. Under one of her friends.
2. What has happened to the surroundings?
 - a. It all looks the same.
 - b. It all looks completely different.
 - c. The snow has disappeared.
3. How many have survived?
 - a. Only one of them.
 - b. Four students and a teacher.
 - c. Four students.

4. Why can't they call for help on their phones?
 - a. There is no reception.
 - b. Their teacher had all their phones.
 - c. They didn't bring any phones in the first place.

5. What do they decide to do?
 - a. Find shelter and wait.
 - b. Climb down the mountain.
 - c. Climb back up the mountain.

6. Where do they hide?
 - a. In the snow.
 - b. In a cave.
 - c. Behind some fallen trees.

7. How do they signal for help?
 - a. They try to shout.
 - b. They light a fire.
 - c. They shoot flares.

Chapter 3

1. What two things do they do to stay warm?
 - a. They shoot the flare gun and light a fire.
 - b. They put on more clothes and light a fire.
 - c. They sit close to each other and light a fire.

2. Why doesn't Vic think there will be any rescue helicopters yet?
 - a. He thinks they will have more important people to save.
 - b. He thinks the wind is too strong for helicopters to fly.
 - c. He thinks it will take time before anyone notices that they are missing.

AFTER READING CHAPTER 3 – WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What do you think about the following?

- What emotions do you think the four friends feel? How do you notice?
- Why is collecting branches important do you think?
- When they see the star, Min says that Sophia has 'her own light'. What do you think she means?
- Why do you think the four friends ask themselves the question 'Why us?'?

Chapter 4

- 1.** What **three** questions do Min and Sophia think people have always asked themselves?
 - a.** What am I doing here?
 - b.** Why am I a girl?
 - c.** Where am I from?
 - d.** What do I want?
 - e.** Where am I going next?

- 2.** Where have Leon and Vic been?
 - a.** To get some help.
 - b.** To find other survivors.
 - c.** To get more branches for the fire.

- 3.** What do the four friends talk about?
 - a.** That people have always looked for answers.
 - b.** That it is too cold in the cave.
 - c.** That they don't like each other.

Chapter 5

- 1.** How do they find something to eat?
 - a.** They dig in the snow.
 - b.** They empty their pockets.
 - c.** They find food in Min's rucksack.

- 2.** How do they find something to drink?
 - a.** They have some fruit drinks in their pockets.
 - b.** They wait for the weather to change so that rain will fall.
 - c.** They suck on the snow so that it melts.

- 3.** Who was Otzi?
 - a.** A woman who got lost on the mountain.
 - b.** The name of the mountain.
 - c.** A man, frozen to ice, who was found on a mountain.

- 4.** What do the four friends think people will say about them if they are found frozen on the mountain?
 - a.** That they were lucky to find the cave.
 - b.** That their kind probably only ate snack bars and banana.
 - c.** That they should have worn clean clothes.

Chapter 6

1. Why do they find it hard to sleep?
 - a. They are not tired.
 - b. They enjoy talking to each other.
 - c. They are afraid they won't wake up again.

2. What game do they play instead of sleeping?
 - a. I Spy with My Little Eye
 - b. What is Your Favourite Thing?
 - c. Hide and Seek

3. What does Sophia think is the most important thing?
 - a. Stuff
 - b. A home
 - c. People and love

4. Why doesn't Min want to talk about memories?
 - a. She thinks remembering is not important.
 - b. She only thinks about the memories she won't have.
 - c. She can't remember anything.

5. What does Vic do to make Min feel better?
 - a. He makes up a memory of their school prom together.
 - b. He gives her a hug.
 - c. He talks about an old memory of her and him together.

AFTER READING CHAPTER 6 – WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What kind of personalities do the four friends have? Explain using examples from the text.

- Characters:
 - Sophia
 - Vic
 - Min
 - Leon

- What does it mean that the four friends 'create future memories' together as they do?

Chapter 7

- 1.** Why doesn't Sophia think the flares will help?
 - a.** They are wet.
 - b.** The weather is still not good enough.
 - c.** They are too hidden from view.

- 2.** What does Leon want to do to make the flares more visible?
 - a.** Climb down to a ledge and fire a flare.
 - b.** Climb up the mountain and fire a flare.
 - c.** Fire a flare inside of the cave.

- 3.** What happens to Leon?
 - a.** He realizes he is too weak to climb down to the ledge.
 - b.** He realizes he's tired and lies down in the cave to rest.
 - c.** He slips and falls down onto the ledge.

- 4.** What do the friends see when they try to get a reaction from Leon?
 - a.** Another avalanche.
 - b.** A big white leopard-like creature.
 - c.** A helicopter.

- 5.** What does the creature do?
 - a.** It lifts Leon up and carries him away.
 - b.** It attacks Leon.
 - c.** It gets frightened and runs away.

- 6.** What do the three friends do?
 - a.** They decide to wait for a rescue helicopter.
 - b.** They decide to hide in the cave.
 - c.** They decide to follow the creature that has Leon.

- 7.** What do the three friends find?
 - a.** Leon in another cave together with a very big cat and her cubs.
 - b.** A cave with three big leopard-like cats, but no Leon.
 - c.** Leon alone in another cave.

Chapter 8

- 1.** How do the three friends try to save Leon from the big cats?
 - a.** They throw stones at the cats.
 - b.** They try to get to the flares to shoot the cats.
 - c.** They try to scare the cats by shouting.

- 2.** Why does Min decide not to shoot?
 - a.** She realizes that it won't make any difference.
 - b.** She doesn't want to waste the flares.
 - c.** She feels sorry for the cats.

- 3.** What kind of cats are they?
 - a.** They are snow leopards.
 - b.** They are saber-toothed tigers.
 - c.** They are snow tigers.

- 4.** What do the tigers do?
 - a.** They chase the three friends away from the cave.
 - b.** They start playing with the three friends as if they were mice.
 - c.** They force the three friends into the cave.

- 5.** What happens once they are all in the cave?
 - a.** The tigers start roaring at Min.
 - b.** The cubs start to play with Sophia and Vic.
 - c.** The adults lie down next to Leon.

- 6.** What does Sophia think the tigers want?
 - a.** She thinks they are just curious.
 - b.** She thinks they want to hurt them.
 - c.** She thinks they want to protect them.

AFTER READING CHAPTER 8

- What do you think the tigers want from the four friends? Why?
- What in the tigers behaviour makes them seem friendly?
- In what way have the tigers saved the four friends lives?

Chapter 9

- 1.** What is different when they wake up?
 - a.** The tigers are gone.
 - b.** The storm has past.
 - c.** Leon is missing.

- 2.** Why is Min not afraid of the tigers?
 - a.** She is too tired to be afraid.
 - b.** She is pretending to keep her friends calm.
 - c.** She doesn't think the tigers are going to hurt them.

- 3.** What are the tigers looking at?
 - a.** The sun
 - b.** The stars
 - c.** The moon

- 4.** What do they do next?
 - a.** The tigers roar and the three friends shout at the moon.
 - b.** A star falls from the sky.
 - c.** The three friends start crying.

Chapter 10

- 1.** What is different when they wake up again?
 - a.** Min is no longer with them.
 - b.** Leon is awake, but the tigers are gone.
 - c.** The tigers wake Leon up by licking his face.

- 2.** What does Leon hear?
 - a.** The tigers roar.
 - b.** The wind picking up again.
 - c.** The sound of a helicopter.

- 3.** How do they know the tigers were real?
 - a.** They see footprints.
 - b.** The adult tigers have left a cub behind.
 - c.** Vic finds two white hairs.

4. What does Sophia see when she looks out of the helicopter window?
 - a. Leon's rucksack left behind.
 - b. Only the snow-covered landscape.
 - c. Yellow Eyes.
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AFTER READING THE COMPLETE NOVEL

1. What did you think of the story? Why?
2. How would you describe the experience the four friends shared?
3. Who is your favourite character in the story? Why?
4. Why do you think Yellow Eyes and the other tigers saved the four friends lives?

Wordlist

Chapter 1

| | |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| moment | ögonblick |
| squints | kisar |
| avalnache | lavin |
| repeats | upprepar |
| the knowledge | <i>här</i> : vetskapen, insikten |

Chapter 2

| | |
|----------------|--|
| remembered | kom ihåg |
| gradually | bit för bit |
| pinpricks | <i>ung.</i> en stickande känsla |
| bruised | blåslagen |
| ripped through | <i>ung.</i> slitet i stycken |
| towards | emot |
| movement | rörelse |
| survived | överlevt |
| backwards | baklänges |
| cell | mobiltelefon (<i>AmE</i>) |
| feet | måttenhet, 1 foot = ca 30 cm |
| shelter | skydd |
| rescue | räddning |
| extended into | sträckte ut sig in i |
| flare gun | signalpistol som skjuter ut färgade lyskolor |
| cave | grotta |

Chapter 3

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| until | tills |
| the tinder | veden |
| a while | en stund |
| peered out of | kikade ut genom |
| blankets | täcken |
| make sense | vara vettigt |
| persisted | vidhöll, fortsatte |
| agree | hålla med om |
| oppressive | tryckande |
| threatening to smother | hotade att kväva |
| impossible | omöjligt |
| tombstone | gravsten |
| silent | tysta |

Chapter 4

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| gazed at | stirrade in i |
| annoy | irriterade |
| purpose | syfte, mening |
| meaning of existence | meningen med livet |
| clever | smarta |
| scientists | vetenskapsmän |
| trapped | fångade |

Chapter 5

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| pieces | bitar |
| trader | köpman, handelsman |
| imagine | föreställ er |
| gently | mjukt, försiktigt |
| shuddered | ryste |
| stomachs | magar |
| continued | fortsatte |
| narrowing his eyes | och drog ihop ögonen |

Chapter 6

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| shivered | skakade |
| retorted | bet tillbaka, svarade |
| sarcastically | sarkastiskt, spydigt |
| snorted | fnyste |
| interrupted | avbröt |
| we are connected | som om vi är sammankopplade |
| collecting stuff | (medan vi) samlar på grejer |
| was looking forward to | såg fram emot |
| teased | retade |
| vintage | gamla, stilfulla |
| graduation | examen |
| providing | försåg med |
| felines | kattdjur |

Chapter 7

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| heavy | tungt |
| noise | ljud |
| ledge | klipphylla |
| in front of | framför |
| surprised | förvånad |
| silly chucklehead | <i>ung.</i> löjlige dåre |
| shape | form |
| fluid grace | <i>ung.</i> flytande rörelser |
| roared | röt, vrålade |
| cubs | ungar |
| tracks | spår |
| unconscious | avsvimmad |
| were settling | landade |
| occasionally | då och då |
| giant | enorma |
| saber-toothed | sabeltandad |
| attention | uppmärksamhet |

Chapter 8

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| fur | päls |
| dart out from | kastade sig ut från |
| blocking | och blockerade |
| gracefully | smidigt |
| hostage situation | gisslandrama |
| growled | morrade |
| padded over to | tassade över till |
| decide | bestämma |
| clenched teeth | sammanbitna tänder |
| entrance | ingång |
| protecting | skyddar |
| lashed | piskade |
| fury | ursinne |
| further in | längre in |
| regarded her | betraktade henne |
| absently | frånvarande |
| nipped | nafsade |

Chapter 9

| | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| swirling | virvlande |
| rumbings | mullrande |
| deafening | bedövande |
| flooded from | forsade fram/ur |

Chapter 10

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| appeared at | dök upp vid |
| yawned | gäspade |
| frowned | rynkade pannan |
| retreated back | drog sig tillbaka |
| furious | ursinnigt |
| collar bones | nyckelben |
| recognized | kände igen |
| ignored | ignorerade, struntade i |
| placid calm | fridfullt lugn |

Key

Chapter 1

1. **c.** On a mountain.
2. **b.** There is an avalanche.
3. **c.** That there is nothing she can do.

Chapter 2

1. **a.** Under the snow, working in the forge.
2. **b.** It all looks completely different.
3. **c.** Four students.
4. **b.** Their teacher had all their phones.
5. **a.** Find shelter and wait.
6. **b.** In a cave.
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