Noughts and Crosses

While reading  
Chapters 1–2

1 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?
   a Mrs Hadley’s husband visited his wife often.  
   b Meggie has worked for Mrs Hadley for fourteen years.  
   c Sephy has kissed a lot of boys before she kissed Callum.  
   d Sephy wanted to start doing the school work.  
   e Sephy’s mother didn’t want her to meet Callum.  
   f There were three other nought students at the school with Callum.  
   g Lynette had the mind of a child because she didn’t go to school.

2 Write the name of the person who says or thinks this.
   Callum’s mum  Callum’s dad  Lynette  
   Sephy Sephy’s father  Jude  
   a ‘It’s OK. You can work for another person.’  
   b ‘I want to live in a bigger, more expensive house.’  
   c ‘I am going to be an important man in the government.’  
   d ‘Why is a nought talking to my father?’  
   e ‘Don’t make any trouble with the students in the school.’  
   f ‘My brother and crazy sister think they are Crosses.’  
   g ‘I don’t know who or where I am.’

4 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.
   a Sephy’s brother was shouting at the blankers.  
   b There was blood on the girl’s legs.  
   c Callum’s mum was Minerva’s teacher when she was young.  
   d Shania, the nought girl, had a pink plaster on her face.  
   e Shania was sad that Sephy was attacked.  
   f Callum put his body between the door and the wall of Sephy’s house.  
   g Lynette was in hospital for more than two months.

5 Find the right words in Chapters 5–6.
   a Something that isn’t true. (p. 17)  
   b These come out of your eyes when you are crying. (p. 17)  
   c It has an address and phone number on it and you give it to people. (p. 19)  
   d People put a letter in this before they post it. (p. 19)  
   e A part of your body at the top of your arm. (p. 20)  
   f It means the same as afraid. (p. 23)  
   g A loud sound people make when they are afraid or angry. (p. ??)

6 Put a word or words on the left with a word or words on the right.
   agree a TV  
   start somebody  
   spend a door  
   knock at to something  
   step time  
   miss again  
   shake your head  
   switch on forward

7 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.
   a sister in tears Sephy’s had eyes her  
   b bad the some police had news officers
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Chapters 7–8
8 Answer the questions.

a Who were Callum and his mother staying with? ..............................................................

b What colour dress did Sephy wear to the execution? ..............................................................

c What time did Sephy and her family arrive at the prison? ..............................................................

d What did Callum throw at Sephy’s window? ..............................................................

e How old was Callum when he became an officer? ..............................................................

f Who in the group always carried knives? ..............................................................

g What did Sephy want to be when she was older? ..............................................................

Chapters 9–11
11 Circle the right word or words.

a Sephy threw a piece of her hair / paper on the floor. ..............................................................

b Callum cut Sephy’s arm / finger with the knife. ..............................................................

c Andrew Dorn had long hair and expensive / dark clothes. ..............................................................

d Sephy started to run towards the beach / woods. ..............................................................

e Andrew Dorn wanted Callum to kill / help Sephy. ..............................................................

f Callum worked in a garage / shop after the kidnap. ..............................................................

g Jack was pleased / sad that Callum was going to die. ..............................................................

9 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

a Callum watched the trial in on the television news. ..............................................................

b Callum’s mum didn’t want to accepting accept the money. ..............................................................

c Sephy’s dress cost more that than one thousand pounds. ..............................................................

d Sephy was frightened frightening by the look on Callum’s face. ..............................................................

e Callum couldn’t see seen Sephy in the crowd. ..............................................................

f Callum went to the beach a little few times after his dad died. ..............................................................

g Somebody hit Sephy hard hardly in the stomach. ..............................................................

10 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

a Callum’s mum didn’t want to accept a cheque from a ntesargr ..............................................................

b Callum’s father ordered the oegnorvr .............................................................. to stop the execution.

c Jude looked oevulnrs .............................................................. around the café before he spoke. ..............................................................

d Callum joined the Freedom Fighters and became a drolesi ..............................................................

e Sephy hated her house because there were too many rsminoe ..............................................................

f Callum left a spesmae .............................................................. in an envelope for Sephy. ..............................................................

g Sephy walked into the ntmolio .............................................................. water.

12 Finish the sentences with the right words.

stay prove send covered pulled placed

a The Freedom Fighters needed to .................... that Sephy was their prisoner. ..............................................................

b Callum ................ Sephy’s T-shirt with blood. ..............................................................

c Callum ................ his fingers on Sephy’s mouth. ..............................................................

d Sephy sat up in bed and .................... on her clothes. ..............................................................

e Jude wanted his brother to .................... away from Sephy. ..............................................................

f Sephy’s parents wanted to .................... her to a private hospital.
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Progress test

LEVEL 3

Pearson English Readers Teacher Support Programme

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Photocopiable

1 What’s first? Number the sentences 1–10.

- A bomb in the shopping centre kills seven people.
- Callum starts going to the Cross’s school.
- One of the Freedom Fighters is killed by the police.
- Sephy’s baby is born.
- The Freedom Fighters kidnap Sephy.
- Sephy’s father talks to Callum in prison about the baby.
- Callum’s sister is killed by a bus.
- Meggie loses her job at the house of Mrs Hadley.
- Sephy’s mother pays for an expensive lawyer for Callum’s father.
- Callum sees Sephy on TV shouting the word ‘blankers’.

2 Finish the sentences with the right names.

Callum Jack Mrs Hadley Callum’s dad Jude Kamal Hadley Callie Rose Lynette Sephy Sarah Pike

- has a lover and drinks a lot of wine.
- has an important job in the government.
- worked as a secretary.
- was killed by a bus.
- saw her mother lying on the floor with a medicine bottle near her.
- found a note from his sister in his bed.
- left a drink tin in the shopping centre.
- preferred to die than stay in prison.
- was a kind Cross guard in the prison.
- was born after her father died.

3 Answer these questions.

- Where did Meggie see Callum and Sephy playing?
- Where was Sephy’s favourite place in the world?
- Where did a crowd of people shout at the noughts?
- Where did Callum see a lot of smoke and hear people screaming?
- Where did Callum’s father sign a confession?
- Where did Jude ask Callum to join the Freedom Fighters?

4 Finish the sentences with the right word.

son hair group fights house child table garden word lawyer

- Callum and his brother Jude had a lot of
- Lynette was a woman but she had the mind of a
- Callum was angry that Sephy used a terrible
- The girls attacked Sephy because she sat at a nought’s
- Sephy didn’t know that her father had a
- A group of people burned and destroyed Callum’s
- Mrs Hadley wanted to pay for an expensive
- Callum used a sharp knife to cut off some of Sephy’s
- The police caught Callum in Sephy’s
- The Freedom Fighters knew they had an enemy in the

5 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

- Mr and Mrs McGregor had two children.
- Mrs Hadley employed Callum’s mum again.
- Sephy wanted Callum to be in her class.
- Callum lied to his parents about his first day at school.
- Lynette’s boyfriend was a nought.
- Sephy’s mother was hurt in the shopping centre.
- Callum’s mum didn’t know anything about the bomb.
- Sephy ran away from the kidnappers.
- Jude cut Sephy with a knife.
- Sephy spoke to Callum just before he died.