

## The Go-Between

### Book key

#### 1–2 Open answers

#### 3 Possible answers:

- a You should take the child to hospital.
  - b Upset and disappointed.
  - c (Any illnesses that include a fever)
  - d In many countries, including the UK, India, Pakistan, Australia, the West Indies and South Africa. You count the number of 'runs' that a team makes before it is 'out'.
  - e People who are believed to have special powers, especially in stories (like the Harry Potter books).
  - f They can smile or laugh, or shout 'More!'
  - g Email and the use of personal phones.
  - h Very kind and well-behaved.
- 4
- a The storyteller/Colston/Leo
  - b Maudsley/Marcus
  - c Mrs Maudsley
  - d Marcus
  - e Mrs Maudsley
  - f Marian
  - g Leo
  - h Trimingham
  - i Trimingham/Hugh
  - j Marian
  - k Mrs Maudsley
  - l Ted Burgess
  - m Ted Burgess
  - n Marian
  - o Leo
- 5
- a false: The storyteller has no wife or family. He blames this on something that happened in 1900.
  - b true
  - c false: Jenkins and Strode were the two boys who attacked Leo the most frequently at school. At the time he thought that one of his spells had led to their accident.
  - d true
  - e true
  - f false: He takes heavy winter clothes.
  - g false: Mrs Maudsley runs Brandham Hall and everyone does what she says. Mr Maudsley is very quiet.
  - h true
  - i true
  - j true

- k false: Marian is very kind to Leo and she offers to take him to Norwich to buy some summer clothes. Other people make him cry.
  - l false: Marian and her mother often disagree. For example, Marian does not follow her mother's suggestion about going to Norwich on Monday.
  - m true
  - n false: Marcus says that Trimingham has an ugly face because he fought in a war.
  - o true
- 6
- a Leo is leaving the next day for his visit to Brandham Hall. He and his mother are probably feeling sad and worried.
  - b People have talked and joked about Leo's warm, heavy clothes because the weather is hot. Leo probably feels embarrassed.
  - c After swimming, Marian complains about her wet hair and Leo helps her by letting her put his dry swimsuit round her neck. Leo is feeling proud and happy because he has solved Marian's problem.

#### 7–8 Open answers

- 9 a ✓ b ✗ c ✓ d ✗ e ✗ f ✓ g ✗ h ✓  
i ✗ j ✓ k ✓ l ✗ m ✓ n ✓ o ✗

- 10 k, g, b, h, j, l, d, c, f, e, i, a

- 11
- a Trimingham's messages are spoken, so they are not secret. Ted Burgess's are written, so they are private.
  - b Marian accepts Trimingham's messages without emotion. She is excited about the message from Ted Burgess and wants to answer it.
  - c Leo has to decide to read it or not. He reads the words that he can see. He is upset because he knows that Marian and Ted are not sending letters about business, but about love.

#### 12–14 Open answers

- 15 a ashamed b special c mysterious d eleven  
e disappointed f different g intelligence  
h excited i uncertain j difficult k discusses  
l jealousy
- 16
- a Leo to Ted Burgess. Leo is finding out about relationships between men and women.
  - b Leo to Marian. In this conversation Marian wants to be certain that Leo stays at the house and continues to carry her messages to Ted Burgess.
  - c Lord Trimingham to Ted Burgess. Trimingham is testing Ted Burgess. Does he know that Leo carries messages for Ted to Marian?

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- d Mr Maudsley to the crowd in the village hall. He is talking about Leo's catch, which put Ted out and defeated the village team.
- e Marcus to Leo. Mrs Maudsley has told Marcus that Marian is going to marry Lord Trimmingham.

17–19 Open answers

20 a 4 b 8 c 6 d 2 e 5 f 9 g 7 h 3 i 1

- 21 a Marian gets angry when Leo says that he can't deliver a letter to Ted for her. She gets angrier when Leo says that Hugh might be worried. She is angry because this will stop her from seeing Ted, and because she is reminded that she is going to marry Hugh.

- b Ted Burgess gets very angry when Leo wants him to tell him all the facts about spooning.
- c Trimmingham gets annoyed when Leo is not happy about looking for Marian.

- 22 a Marcus tells Leo about the green bicycle and says that Leo is green, green, green. Marcus seems to think that Leo is silly or stupid.

- b Marcus describes Leo as green again.

23–24 Open answers

- 25 a shot himself

- b died in war (at the Battle of Normandy in 1944)
- c died in an air attack (on London in 1941)
- d in war (in World War I)
- e of old age (in his nineties)

- 26 a Friday b Thursday c Friday d Thursday  
e Thursday f Wednesday g Friday h Friday  
i Friday j Thursday

- 27 a Leo's mother refuses his request to come home as soon as possible. She tells him to be polite and stay at Brandham Hall for another ten days. This means that Leo can carry more messages. The messages get him in trouble with Mrs Maudsley and she discovers Marian and Ted together.
- b This makes Hugh much stronger than Ted, which means that Marian will marry him although she loves Ted. Hugh can use his powerful position to make Ted go into the army.
  - c This plant grows outside the hut where Ted and Marian meet to make love. The plant, like their love, is dangerous and beautiful. Leo uses it for his last, and he thinks, most powerful spell. He destroys the plant and thinks he destroys the love between Ted and Marian.

- d Mrs Maudsley is not really ill. She is very worried because she knows that Marian is doing something wrong, and in the end she finds out everything.
- e Leo receives the rather ugly tie for his birthday from his aunt. Hugh makes the tie desirable by putting it on. This shows how kind he is and how well he understands Leo. Leo keeps it for years.
- f Marian tells people that she is going to Nannie Robson's house when she is really going to meet Ted. Her lies about visiting Nannie Robson are eventually discovered by her mother.
- g The weather changes and suddenly there is thunder and rain. This allows Leo to escape from Mrs Maudsley when she is asking him about the messages he delivers for Marian.
- h Leo thinks he can change or control events by making spells. He also thinks that Ted has put a spell on Marian. With his last spell, he tries to end the love between Ted and Marian.

28–38 Open answers

### Discussion activities key

I–18 Open answers

### Activity worksheets key

- 1 a He connects them to his hopes for the new century. To him, the signs mean 'confidence, life and power' and the people who will rule the world. He wants to be like those people.
- b 'vanquish' is a 'long word'. By using this word, Leo showed that he was clever. The other boys didn't like the fact that he was clever and they didn't like him to show it like this.
  - c He made magic spells which seemed to work, so that the other boys admired him.
  - d He didn't understand the people at Brandham Hall as he understood the school boys, so didn't know how to solve his problems.
  - e LEO
  - f He lives by himself with no wife or children.
  - g Maudsley admired Leo and Leo liked to be admired.
- 2 a True
- b False. Mrs Maudsley controlled everything at Brandham Hall.
  - c False. Denys didn't get on well with his mother.
  - d False. Leo hadn't noticed that Marian was very beautiful until Marcus told him.
  - e True

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- f True
- g False. Leo is not happy about the idea that Trimingham will marry Marian.
- 3 They are both beautiful in Leo's eyes. But both are dangerous for him.
- 4 A man. But Leo doesn't know who he is.
- 5
- a Each time Leo uses the double stairs, he makes sure that he uses a different side.
  - b Marcus had told Leo that Trimingham was hurt in the war and that his face was very ugly. Leo is shocked by Trimingham's face.
  - c Leo is talking about his opinions of the Viscount Triminghams whose family name is Winlove. He has seen their names on the wall of the church. At first he thinks that they are all dead and just 'a part of history'. Then he realises that the ninth Viscount Trimingham might still be alive. This excites him because he knows that the Winlove family own Brandham Hall and all the land around. He wants to tell Mr Maudsley about the admiration he feels for the Triminghams. He thinks Mr Maudsley will be pleased to hear about his feelings.
  - d Leo is talking about 'goodness'. His idea of goodness seems to be connected to social class. Perhaps this is because, as a child, he has understood from adults that people of a high social class are 'better' than ordinary people. So they must have more 'goodness'. The Maudsleys, who are renting a house that belongs to the high class Winlove family, have this 'goodness' because they are paying for it.
  - e At first Leo thinks Trimingham doesn't belong to a very high social class, because he is not called 'Mr'. At the same time he knows that Trimingham's social position is probably higher than Ted Burgess'. He doesn't like the fact that Trimingham might marry Marian. At one point he even thinks Trimingham is stupid (page 35). As soon as Leo understands that Trimingham is a Viscount, he is full of admiration. Trimingham, being from a very high social class, has 'nine times' the 'goodness' he had before.
  - f Leo realises that Lord Trimingham actually owns Brandham Hall.
- 6
- a Facts
  - b Facts
  - c Possibilities. Or perhaps Ted is polite because of his relationship with Marian Maudsley.
- d Possibilities. This is possible because Ted thinks for a moment before replying. But Leo doesn't notice his embarrassment.
  - e Possibilities. Or perhaps she really thinks the cloth is dirty; or she wants to know if Ted said anything to Leo about her.
- 7
- a Ted is talking to Leo by the haystack. He is talking about the note he wants Leo to take. The day before, he put blood from a dead animal on Marian's note by mistake. **This one** is the note.
  - b Lord Trimingham is talking to Marian. He has come to the room where Marian is writing a letter. He has come because he heard Marian calling someone. Leo is there because he wants to tell Marian that he can't take her notes any more. **him** means Leo.
  - c Leo is talking to the farm workers in the field. They have just told him that Ted is at the farm. **he** is Ted and **there** is the farm. Leo was surprised that Ted was not in the field with the men.
  - d Ted is talking to Leo. They are at the gate to the farm. Leo has told Ted that he can't take the letters because of Marcus. **she** is Marian.
- 8
- a 'Spooning' is an old word which is not used these days. To Leo and Marcus, spooning is kissing. Marcus says he is going to watch Hugh and Marian 'spooning in the garden'; to the boys, it is something rather stupid that adults do. To Ted, spooning is something rather different. He uses the word to mean the sexual act. The horse is going to have a baby because 'she's been spooning'.
  - b He realises that spooning is not stupid but something 'nice' and 'natural' that people do when they are in love. He wants to know more exactly what it is.
- 9 The captain of the cricket team from the Hall was **Lord Trimingham**. The captain of the village team was **Bill Burdock**. **Leo** was chosen to be the 'twelfth man' for **the Hall** team. He was only going to play if someone was hurt, but he was very happy. **Marcus** and the ladies arrived to watch the match after it started. **Lord Trimingham** played well but he only got a score of 11. **Mr Maudsley** played cleverly and got the biggest score for the Hall. His son, **Denys**, even went out of the game before him. **Ted Burgess** played very well for the village team and scored 81. He hit a ball which nearly hit **Marian**. But the ball hurt one of the men from **the Hall**, so **Leo** had to play.

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The village team needed only three more points to win when **Leo** caught a ball that Ted Burgess had hit. This meant that **Ted** was out of the game.

### 10 Suggested answers:

- a the piano player was ill.
- b Marian was playing the piano.
- c it was about love.
- d the clapping was so loud and long.
- e he was jealous.
- f he didn't like them.

### 11 The fifth Viscount Trimingham's wife had loved another man, just as Lord Trimingham's wife-to-be, Marian, loved another man.

### 12 Open answers

- 13 a** Leo is angry with both Marian and Marcus. He thinks that they both think he is 'green' or stupid. He guesses that Marian is with Ted, and he knows that by showing Marcus where they are he will destroy Marian and her secret. (pages 101–102)
- b** Leo wants to leave Brandham because if he goes perhaps Marian and Ted will stop their relationship. At the same time, he does want the bicycle for his birthday. On the other hand, he is also hurt that Marian might want to 'pay' him for being a messenger. At the beginning, he took her messages out of love for her. He doesn't want to be paid. In the end, because Marcus has told him that the bicycle is green, like Leo, he is so angry and hurt that he posts the letter. (pages 105 and 107)
- c** The 'cats' are Marian and her mother. Marian is in London and Mrs Maudsley is ill. The rest of the family feel more relaxed when they are not there. There are no problems or arguments between Marian and her mother, and no plans for the day. People can do what they want.
- d** Mr Maudsley has heard that Ted is a 'lady-killer' and that he is seeing someone at the Hall. (page 109)
- e** When Marcus tells Leo that Marian will marry Hugh, Leo expects that the messages will stop. Then Marian asks him to take another letter and Leo refuses. Marian becomes angry and Leo understands that she has just used him (Chapter 16). When Marcus tells him that Marian thinks a green bicycle is the right colour for him, he is even more hurt. Although Ted has frightened Leo, he doesn't worry so much about this. He feels hurt by Marian because he loved her. (page 116)

- f** Marian must marry Hugh for social class and money reasons. She will bring money to Hugh so he will be able to live in his house again. She will become Lady Trimingham and Brandham Hall will be hers as well. (see page 83). She cannot marry Ted because he comes from a lower social class and doesn't have much money.

### 14 a True

- b** False: Lord Trimingham likes the tie, but Marcus tells Leo he can't wear the tie because he should 'dress with care'. (page 127)
- c** False: Mrs Maudsley suggests going to Beeston Castle; Leo only agrees with her suggestion.
- d** True
- e** False: Leo says that they met again in school. (page 136)
- f** True

### 15–16 Open answers

## Progress test key

- 1 a** Leo's star sign is Leo, the lion.  
**b** Leo's classmates think his spell made Jenkins and Strode fall off a roof.  
**c** Many boys at Leo's school had fever so the headmaster made them go home.
- 2 a** **X** Leo thought Mrs Maudsley was kind at the beginning of his visit.  
**b** ?  
**c** ✓
- 3 a** 3 **b** 2 **c** 1 **d** 4
- 4** Leo cuts his leg after jumping off a haystack. Ted Burgess puts a cloth over the cut and gives Leo a letter. Lord Trimingham compares Leo to Mercury, the messenger of the gods. Leo says he likes Trimingham more than Ted, who is only a farmer.
- 5 a** **X** Leo told them he played on Farmer Burgess's haystack.  
**b** ✓  
**c** ✓
- 6 a** expect **b** strong **c** the village
- 7** At the supper and concert after the cricket match, Mr Maudsley made a speech. Then Marian played the piano while the cricket players sang songs. Leo didn't understand Ted's song but he liked it. Then Leo sang a song about angels. Finally Marian sang 'Home, Sweet Home', which Trimingham had requested. Afterwards Marcus made jokes about Leo's singing.

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- 8 a Leo writes a letter to his mother asking to stay longer.  
b The fifth Viscount of Trimingham died in France in a fight about a woman.  
c Trimingham thinks men who kill each other for women are murderers.
- 9 a pay b cleaning c messages
- 10 a 4 b 2 c 3 d 1
- 11 a ✓  
b ✗ Mrs Maudsley has seen Marian give him the letter but say she will not search Leo's pockets.  
c ✓