

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

The Enchanted April by Elizabeth Von Arnim

A Before Reading

- 1 Here are some of the pictures from the book. Write a caption under each picture – write the words that one of the people is saying.



B While Reading

- 2 Read to the end of Chapter 4.

Write a diary for this story. You are one of the women. Write about what you do and what you feel. Write about the other women. Write your diary after you read each chapter.

C After Reading

- 3 Write a book review. The column on the left tells you what to write about. Write in paragraphs. The column on the right gives you some ideas and help.

THE PLOT

What kind of story is it? (eg science fiction, romance, adventure, historical novel)

Where and when is the story set? (eg in America, in the 1950s, in Paris, in a school)

What is the book about? (Don't give the whole story – give an outline of the plot in a few sentences.)

CHARACTERS (people)

Describe two characters: (eg What kind of person is he/she?
(a) one main character Is she/he like a person you know? Do you like/dislike this character? Give reasons for your answers to these questions.)
(b) your favourite character

RELATIONSHIPS

Describe the relationship between two of the characters. (eg How well do they know each other? Do they like each other? Do they behave in a different way towards each other at the beginning and at the end of the book?)
(eg, Lottie and Mrs Fisher or Rose and Frederick)

HUMOUR

Describe something that happened in the book that is funny. (Look at the pictures and think about what people do and say.)

IMPORTANT EVENT

Choose an event (something that happened) and say why it is important. (Is it an event that makes new things happen in the plot? Or is it an event that changes a relationship between two of the characters?)

STYLE

Write down two sections of the story that you like. (Find a piece of dialogue – where people are talking. And find a piece of description eg of London or of San Salvatore or of a person.)
Do not choose very long sections.

YOUR OPINION

What did you enjoy/not enjoy about the book? Was it worth reading? Will you tell someone else to read the book? (Give reasons for your answers – refer to what happens in the book to prove what you say.)