



The Crown

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While reading

Chapter 1

1 Write about Seaburgh.

You work at the Seaburgh visitor's office. Write about Seaburgh, the train and bus timetables and places to visit. Find or draw pictures.

2 Read page 1 again. What are your feelings about Seaburgh? Do you want to visit Seaburgh? Why (not)?

3 Who can protect the crown? Make a list of names. Say why they can or cannot protect the crown.

Paxton can't protect the crown because ...

Chapter 2

4 Read the title of Chapter 2. Write answers to these questions.

- a Who is the man on the hill?
- b What does he do?
- c Why is he on the hill?

5 Paxton buys a book on page 11. Write the first page of the book.

6 Paxton and the woman at the bookshop are talking. What else do they say? Finish the conversation and read it to your friends.

PAXTON: Excuse me. What do you know about William Agers?

WOMAN: That isn't a happy story. William Agers is dead. He was young – only twenty-eight.

PAXTON: And he didn't have a son?

WOMAN: That's right, Mr Agers didn't have a son or a daughter.

PAXTON: Where did he live? I'm an old friend of the family.

WOMAN: He lived in a small house near the sea. Do you want the address?

PAXTON: Yes, please! And how much is this book?

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Chapter 3

7 Eight words are not right. Can you find them? Do not look at the book.

I had a lot of answers. How old was the crown?

Was it light or happy? Paxton put the crown black in the back bag. He went to the floor, but then she stopped.

'Wait! Go before me and cook in your room,' he said.

'But why?' Long said. 'We're the only visitors in this house!'

8 Talk to your friend.

What did the shadow want?

Chapter 4

9 Today's newspaper

Paxton's story is in the newspaper. What does the newspaper say on the first page?

Chapter 5

10 Who says this? Who are they speaking to?

- a 'Did you sleep well?'
- b 'I want to stay in the hotel this morning.'
- c 'He went to the beach. He wanted to see you and Mr Long.'
- d 'Was it a person? Perhaps it was an animal.'

11 Talk to your friend. You are Long and the writer at the café. What are you saying?

Chapter 6

12 Write a new end for the story. Make it happy.

After reading

13 Work with two friends. Who is your favourite: Paxton, Long or the writer? Why?

14 Plan a film. Who can play Paxton, Long and the writer? Why?

15 You are Long. Write a letter to a friend. What happened in Seaburgh?



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Chapter 1

1 Write the verb 'to be' in these sentences.

Last April, I in Seaburgh. Seaburgh a small town. There a long nice beach, but the sea usually cold. My friend Long in town with me. One day, we in the hotel, and there a noise at the door. It a man.
'..... you OK, sir?' I asked.
'No, I afraid,' he said.

2 Who said it? Choose the right name.

- the writer Long Paxton the old man
- a 'Seaburgh is near the sea.'
 - b 'My friend Henry was with me.'
 - c 'Do you want a doctor?'
 - d 'I don't want to see a doctor.'
 - e 'Do you want a drink?'
 - f 'Do you know the story of the crowns?'
 - g 'Can you believe me?'
 - h 'The crowns are magic.'

Chapter 2

3 What's the right word?

- a There *weren't* / *were* / *was* no answers for Paxton.
- b Paxton looked at the books *but* / *and* / *because* he wanted to read.
- c He had *the* / *an* / *a* old book in his hands.
- d Agers *wasn't* / *didn't* / *hasn't* have a son.
- e There was a hill *behind* / *under* / *across* the house.
- f Paxton had the crown in *your* / *his* / *her* room.

4 What happened first? Write the numbers, 1-10.

- a Paxton asked the woman about Agers.
- b Paxton bought the book.
- c Paxton found an old book.
- d Paxton saw a small shop.
- e Paxton talked to a man about Agers.
- f Paxton went back to town.
- g Paxton went to the hotel.
- h Paxton went to William's house.

Chapter 3

5 Match the questions and the answers.

- 1 What colour was the bag?
- 2 Where was the crown?
- 3 What did the writer look at?
- 4 What did Paxton want to do?
- 5 What did they see outside their room?
- a A shadow.
- b In the bag.
- c It was black.
- d The bag.
- e To put the crown back.

Chapter 4

6 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a The writer didn't believe Paxton's story.
- b The writer didn't wear a coat.
- c Long had a spade.
- d The writer was afraid.
- e Paxton put the crown back in the bag.
- f It was late.
- g The hotel worker saw a man behind the three men.
- h Paxton went to the friends' room.

Chapter 5

7 Write the right name: Long, The writer, Paxton, The hotel worker.

- a didn't sleep well.
- b wanted to meet at three o'clock.
- c had a good morning.
- d was in danger.
- e talked with Paxton in the afternoon.

Chapter 6

8 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Paxton heard a noise.
- b Paxton was dead on the beach.
- c Paxton's eyes were closed.
- d The two men saw strange footprints.
- e The men talked with the police.
- f Agers is dead, but he's going to protect the crown.