While reading Chapters 1–2

1 Who says these things? What are they talking about? What do their words show about their feelings or their character?
   a “Do you really think we’re going to be taking any more boat rides after this?”
   b “I guess they don’t do much boating back home.”
   c “Two-thirds, at the most.”
   d “It’s time to make your peace with God.”
   e “Keep it simple, move fast, stay apart … Good luck.”
   f “It looks like there’s a little opposition.”

Chapter 3

2 Match the beginnings and endings to complete the explanations of events in Chapter 3.
   a The soldiers took off their backpacks …..
   b Captain Miller and Delancey swam underwater …
   c Miller continued to carry Delancey’s body after he was dead …
   d Everything suddenly went quiet for Miller …
   e Soldiers were sitting against the stone sea wall …
   f Soldiers took other soldiers’ guns …
   g Sarge didn’t want Miller to be killed …
      1 because it would mean he would have to be in charge.
      2 because the explosion had made him temporarily deaf.
      3 because their own had sand in them and the soldiers whose guns they took were dead.
      4 to avoid being hit by bullets.
      5 to make it easier to move.
      6 to protect himself.
      7 to protect themselves against machine-gun fire.

Chapter 4

3 Are these statements true (T) or false (F)?
   a Edward Wade, the medic, saves the life of a badly wounded soldier.  
   b Two engineers make special explosives to blow a hole in the sea wall.  
   c Miller shoots the German soldier who comes looking for his dog.  
   d The dog shows Miller and his men a safe route through the mines.

Chapter 5–6

4 Finish these sentences.
   a Reiben would like to be in Caen because …………………………………………………. 
   b Mellish says that their military training did not ……………………………………………. 
   c Compared with Miller and his men the officers at field headquarters have ……………… 
   d Lieutenant Colonel Walter Anderson explains to Miller ………………………………….. 
   e Miller describes the new mission to his waiting men as a………………………………. 
   f Corporal Upham joins the squad because Miller needs someone……………………….

Chapter 7

6 Who says these things? What are they talking about?
   a “I was just wondering if you expect to have more room on the way back.”
   b “We’re risking our lives to save a farmer?”
   c “Now isn’t that worth risking your lives for?”
   d “Everybody else is behind us.”
   e “I’ve read a lot about that method of attack.”
   f “Maybe this Private Ryan’s good luck.”
Chapter 8
7 Put these events in the correct order 1–8.
   a  Nelson is killed by German bullets as he tries to reach another part of the village.
   b  Caparzo is hit by German sniper fire.
   c  Miller crosses the street, avoiding bullets, and meets Goldman and Hill.
   d  Caparzo takes the little French girl in his arms and plays with her.
   e  Miller and his squad arrive in the occupied village of Neuville-au-Plain.
   f  Jackson shoots the German sniper.
   g  Miller grabs the French children and takes them to safety.
   h  Miller and his squad meet a French family hiding in a damaged building.

Chapters 9–10
8 Match and decide. As the squad continue their search for Ryan, Reiben thinks about the four possible results of their mission.
   a  Match the four options A–D with the situation and Reiben’s comment on each.
   b  Which are the best and the worst situations for the men?

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<td>C Ryan is wounded.</td>
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<td>D Ryan is alive.</td>
<td>The squad takes Ryan’s dog tags and escapes quickly.</td>
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9 Who says these things and what are they talking about?
   a  “That’s an interesting idea.”
   b  “You might want to look at these, too.”
   c  “They think he’s crazy.”
   d  “Of course I know him. He’s my best friend.”
   e  “That’s where we’ll find Private Ryan.”

Chapter 11
10 Complete these sentences.
   a  The trees on the edge of the field have bullet .......................................................... .
   b  The trail of fresh blood in the field leads to ................................................................. .
   c  Reiben and Mellish do not think it is the squad’s job to ............................................... .
   d  The group decides to try to destroy .................. ............................................................ .
   e  When Mellish and Miller jump into a shell hole they find.................................................. .

Chapter 12
11 Are these statements True (T) or False (F)?
   a  Wade has been shot in the back. T
   b  Jackson is calm as usual. F
   c  Wade feels his own wounds. F
   d  Wade wants more drugs because he is in such pain. T
   e  Wade shows Miller where Caparzo’s letter was. T
   f  Jackson is also badly injured. F

Chapter 13
12 Answer these questions.
   a  Why is the village of Ramelle in ruins?
   b  Why aren’t the American soldiers surprised by the sound of the tank?
   c  Why does the tank stop firing?
   d  Why does Private Ryan think the American soldiers were crazy?
   e  Why do Miller’s men feel respect for Private Ryan?

Chapter 14
13 Complete these sentences.
   a  There aren’t enough ................. to prevent the Germans from crossing the ................. .
   b  The American soldiers plan to make a German ................. go down the main ................. of the village.
   c  Jackson is going to fire at the Germans from the bell tower in the ................. with a ................. .
   d  Sticky bombs are made by filling ................. with ................., then covering the outside with ................. .
   e  Ryan and Miller take up their position in an old ................. near to the ................. .
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Chapters 1–2
1 Are the sentences right (√) or wrong (×)?
   a There were a lot of plants in the cemetery.  √
   b Jimmy had already seen a number of cemeteries.  ×
   c Miller is very scared before the landing.  √
   d Although a boat explodes, they don’t see any blood.  √
   e Some of the German obstacles will be useful to US soldiers.  √

Chapter 3
2 Choose the correct answer.
   a Delancey ……..
      1) helped save Miller, once he had died.
      2) refused to hold on to Miller.
      3) kept his equipment safe.
   b The Private had to scream at Miller ……..
      1) because of the sound of the sea.
      2) because of the sound of the guns.
      3) because Miller had gone temporarily deaf.
   c The soldiers could not stay where they were ……..
      1) because it was against their orders.
      2) because their packs were too heavy.
      3) because the sea was approaching.

Chapters 4–5
3 Match the words with their meanings.
   a sharpshooter ……..
   b wound ……..
   c engineer ……..
   d trench ……..
   e mine ……..
   f porch ……..
   g grief ……..
      1) a bomb buried in the ground
      2) an expert user of a gun
      3) a hole much longer than it is wide
      4) an expert in building
      5) damage to the body
      6) an extension in the front of a house
      7) extreme sadness

Chapters 6–7
4 Complete the sentences with the correct words from the box.
   bunker typewriter animals citizenship
   stripes ditch orders
   a They are told that …….. are more important than family.

Chapters 8–9
5 Correct the mistakes.
   a The destroyed buildings in Neuville were all modern.
   b Upham thinks it would be safer if the children came with the squad.
   c The squad understand Miller’s attitude to the children.
   d Miller didn’t take Carpazo’s identification badge.
   e This Private Ryan has teenage brothers.

Chapters 9–10
6 Put the events in order.
   a Miller and Hamill have a heart to heart conversation.
   b Hill shouts the American code word.
   c Wade bandages Reiben’s wound.
   d They see some German prisoners.
   e The Americans kill the five Germans.

Chapters 11–13
7 Complete the sentences with the name of one of the characters.
   a …….. thinks it would be easier to kill Japanese soldiers.
   b …….. is pleased to be on friendly terms with the doctor again.
   c …….. would prefer to avoid taking the German position.
   d …….. is not used in the attack on the machine gun.
   e …….. hesitated to give pain pills to Wade.

Chapters 14–15
8 What do the underlined words mean?
   a Nobody was grinning back at him.
   b They’re in the army instruction manual.
   c … the building nearest the bridge, a former café.
   d The whole barn burned down.
   e The commander surveyed the village.