



# The White Oryx

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## While reading

### Pages 1–7

1 **Underline a mistake in each sentence and make it right.**

- a Mandy is writing a movie about the animals of Arabia.  
.....
- b They are looking for white oryx in the forest.  
.....
- c There are radios on the legs of the oryx.  
.....
- d Mandy is from Arabia.  
.....
- e They can see the tracks of a bus in the sand.  
.....
- f The baby oryx is dead.  
.....
- g Abdullah talks on the phone.  
.....

2 **Write the words from the box in the right sentences.**

neck photos helicopter sell  
poachers blood

- a Mandy takes ..... of the oryx.
- b Poachers sometimes shoot the oryx and ..... the head.
- c There is some ..... near the tracks of the oryx.
- d The mother oryx has a hole in its .....
- e The ..... have the baby oryx.
- f The police are coming in a .....

### Pages 8–15

3 **Work in pairs. Who is thinking each of these thoughts? When do they think these thoughts? Write 1–4 and the page number.**

- a ‘Where is the truck? It’s over there! This is exciting!’ ..... , page .....
- b ‘I hope the baby oryx is OK! Good! It’s moving its legs!’ ..... , page .....

c ‘We’re going to help you! We’re coming as fast as we can!’ ..... , page .....

d ‘Those people should not chase us. I will stop them! Keep driving!’ ..... , page .....

- 1) a policeman
- 2) Abdullah
- 3) a poacher
- 4) Mandy

4 **Match and complete the sentences.**

- a Mandy climbs on the car and .....
- b Abdullah holds the head of the oryx and .....
- c The policemen come out of the helicopter and .....
- d Mandy sees Abdullah with the oryx and .....
- e Mandy and Abdullah run to the truck and .....
- f Mandy listens to the policeman and .....
  - 1) she takes some photos of them
  - 2) it opens its eyes
  - 3) she looks for the poachers’ truck
  - 4) the poachers put up their hands
  - 5) she thinks about writing a new book
  - 6) they look at the young oryx

## After reading

5 **Choose one picture from the book. Guess what one of the characters on that page is thinking. (You can choose Mandy, Abdullah, the oryx, a poacher or a policeman.) Write a paragraph that describes that person’s (or animal’s) feelings about what is happening.**

6 **You are Mandy. You are sending a postcard to a friend in Australia. Draw a picture on the front of your postcard. Then write a message describing your adventure on the back of the postcard.**

7 **Make a book cover for Mandy’s new book about Abdullah, the oryx ranger. Choose a title, draw a picture, and write the name of the author (Mandy) on the front cover. Then write what the book is about on the back cover.**

8 **You are a poacher in jail. How do you feel? Write a letter to your mother explaining what happened.**



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**1 Choose the correct word or expression.**

- a Abdullah is a famous oryx *poacher / ranger*.
- b They use *radios / photos* to find the oryx.
- c Mandy wants to *find / shoot* the young oryx.
- d They can see the *tracks / clouds* of the truck in the sand.
- e The mother oryx has a *blood / hole* in its neck.
- f The poachers have the *young / big* oryx.
- g The policemen are coming in a *truck / helicopter*.

**2 Write questions for the answers.**

- a Mandy is writing a book about desert animals.  
Who .....
- b The white oryx are standing near the trees.  
Where .....
- c The poachers usually shoot the oryx.  
What .....
- d Abdullah sees the tracks of the oryx in the sand.  
What .....
- e The policemen are near Wadi Bidbid.  
Where .....

**3 Put the words in the right order to make sentences.**

- a looking / the / oryx. / Mandy / at / white / is  
.....
- b hear / and / oryx / The / away. / a / run / noise  
.....
- c quickly / Abdullah / the / across / drives / desert.  
.....
- d catch / poachers / the / oryx. / Sometimes / young  
.....
- e tracks / There / sand. in / some / are / the  
.....

**4 Read each question and circle Yes or No.**

- a Does Mandy climb a tree and see the poachers' truck? YES NO
- b Do the poachers shoot at Abdullah's car? YES NO
- c Does Abdullah have a gun? YES NO
- d Is the helicopter quiet? YES NO

- e Do the poachers shoot at the policemen? YES NO
- f Is the young oryx dead? YES NO
- g Does Mandy take photos of the poachers? YES NO
- h Is Mandy happy at the end of the story? YES NO

**5 Put the sentences into the correct order.**

- a  Abdullah drives the car into some small trees.
- b  The helicopter comes down on the sand.
- c  Abdullah and Mandy see the young oryx. It is fine.
- d  The poachers stop their truck and shoot at the car.
- e  The poachers put down their guns.
- f  Abdullah can't move the car.

**6 Circle the correct name(s) in each sentence.**

- a *Abdullah / Mandy* talks on the radio.
- b The *poachers / policemen* have a good day.
- c *The policeman / Abdullah* tells Mandy that she can write a new book.
- d The *poachers / policemen* put down their guns.
- e *Abdullah / Mandy* takes photos of the policemen.
- f The *poachers / policemen* want to sell the oryx.

**7 Complete the paragraph with the words from below.**

truck desert poachers oryx  
helicopter ranger tracks radio  
Mandy is visiting the (a) .....  
She wants to take some photos of the white (b) ..... She is with Abdullah who is an oryx (c) ..... Abdullah hears on his (d) ..... that there is a problem. There might be (e) ..... in the area. They find a dead oryx and they see the (f) ..... of a young oryx. The poachers are in a (g) ..... The police come in a (h) ..... and help Abdullah and Mandy. The young oryx is OK.