

## Lesson 3: Gibbons and Ghosts Comprehension

Answer the following questions as accurately as you can.

Chapter 4 questions in chronological order	Your answer
What was it he glimpsed in the water? Who did he think it was?	The football: he thought it was Stella
What happened every time he tried to call for Stella?	There was no answer and seawater rushed in every time he opened his mouth.
What did he expect Peggy Sue to do as he floated in the ocean?	To come back looking for him.
Why did Michael decide not to kick too much to stay afloat? What was he wary of? What did he do to keep them at bay?	He was scared of sharks coming. To keep them away he sang 10 green bottles aloud.
Eventually Michael fell asleep and was grabbed from the ocean. What did he think was happening to him?	That the Peggy Sue was back, and somebody had pulled him up on deck.
Michael describes the Gibbons noise as 'a fearful crescendo of screeching'. What does this mean?	That the noises built up and up, louder and louder.
When Michael realises that he is all alone what is he reduced to?	Tears
As Michael looked inland, he saw a great hill and forest. What was his dilemma, what decision did he have to make at that point?	Whether to go inland to look for help and miss help if it came looking for him or stay on the beach and miss the chance of finding help inland.
As Michael explored the forest, what bothered him the most as he travelled?	Eyes looking at him.
'Filled with apprehension at the terrifying implication of my dreadful situation' – what does that mean? How does Michael feel about his future and where he's ended up?	There was no way to light a fire, no-one else around. He thought that he was doomed to die and would never be saved.
Once Michael had started to explore the island, he decided to talk things through with Stella. Why did he do this?	It helped him to calm down and to get over the 1 <sup>st</sup> few hours on the island.
What was the problem with the coconut trees that stopped Michael from eating the coconuts on them? on the trees?	The trees were impossible to climb as they were too sheer. They were 100-200 feet high.
After a long day, Michael found a small cave to sleep in but Stella wouldn't let him sleep. Why wouldn't Stella let him?	whined because she was hungry and thirsty
In the morning, Michael found he was left food and water to eat for breakfast. What food was left for him?	Thin raw strips of fish, a bowl of water and 7 small red bananas.
After finally starting a fire using a piece of glass, Michael went to fetch a final load of wood. What did he see as he came out of the forest with the final load of wood?	He thought he saw an orangutan, but it was a man.