

The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips - Michael Morpurgo

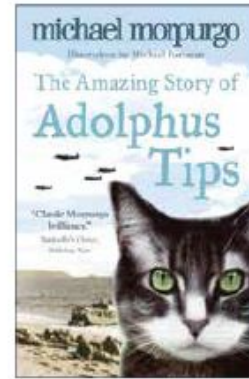
Lesson 3

Read the extract below and think about how you would go about completing the task set.

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The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips – It's like a miracle

"Got something for you, Lily," said Adie, and his smile seemed like a laugh waiting to happen. "Something that's gonna make you real happy."

I thought it would be some chocolate or something. But it wasn't. Harry reached into the back of the jeep and lifted out a cardboard box – a cardboard box which was mewling! "You said black and white, right?" Harry said giving it to me. "We found this one hiding away in that old hotel down on the beach. She's blacker'n me and whiter'n you. Scratches some too."

Adie took her and held her out to me. "This the one you been looking for?" I knew her at once from her green eyes, from her markings, her white paws, and from the deep roaring purr inside her as I took her into my arms and hugged her to my cheek.'

(The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips, Friday March 3rd 1944, Page 130)

Imagine you are the cat, Tips. You have been left behind in a forbidden area during the war.

You need food and shelter and to avoid shellfire and the land mines.

You see and hear everything that takes place from the practice landings to the real invasion.

Write your story, as Tips, about your survival in the forbidden area.

Post-script

In 1943, four years after the beginning of the Second World War, the Allies were making ready to launch an attack on German-occupied France, in order to liberate Europe at last from Hitler and the Nazis. A seaborne attack on such a large scale had never been attempted before. The soldiers needed to practice, to exercise, and so they needed the training ground to do it.

The southern part of England became like a huge army camp, as the invasion force gathered and rehearsed. Many coastal areas had to be cleared so that simulated landings from the sea could take place, so that the soldiers were prepared when the time for the real invasion came.

The area around Slapton Sands in Devon was evacuated because the beach there was similar to the landing beaches in Normandy, across the English Channel. About three thousand inhabitants were given just a few short weeks to gather everything they had and move out.

Of course, the disruption caused great hardship, and damage to the area during the landing exercises was extensive. There were casualties too of course, among the soldiers — and in Slapton they were mostly Americans.

During Operation Tiger in April of 1944, ships full of American troops preparing to be landed at Slapton were surprised by German E-boats in the channel, and sunk. Many hundreds of Americans were drowned. This tragedy was deliberately kept secret for many years afterwards.

Then, on the morning of June 6, 1944, came D day, as it was called, when the Allies landed on the French coast and fought their way off the beaches and inland, liberating French villages and towns as they went! Eleven months of hard fighting later, Germany surrendered and the Second World War came to an end.

Comprehension

Part 6

1. Why did Lily's dream about Tips seem almost real?
2. Why was Billy so angry with Lily? What happened next to prove Billy's point of view?
3. American soldiers catch Lily again in the barn. Why was this time so different to the last time?
4. Find 3 examples of onomatopoeia used to describe the explosions.
5. Why was Tuesday 7th March such a beautiful, but sad, day?
6. Where had Tips been hiding and why was she not hiding alone?

Part 7

1. When Lily's dad came home she thought it was supreme, but why did Barry feel so sad?
2. What is the 'flashback' that occurs?
3. Uncle George saw Adie and Harry 'patrolling the perimeter wire'. What did he mean?
4. Adie and Harry came to visit the family again. What do you think was the best thing that they brought?
5. What woke up Lily on Friday 28th?

Part 8

1. The family are allowed to return home again. How had Lily's home changed?
2. Why did Lily decide to change Tip's name to Adolphus Tips?
3. What was Adie doing on the beach when Lily met him again?
4. Do you think this book had a happy ending?

Vocabulary

1. Irritating
2. Leftovers
3. Bundle
4. Snoop
5. Scramble
6. Cling
7. Feast
8. Giggle
9. Reckon
10. Kneel
11. Tumble
12. Scrub
13. Humiliated
14. Dozen
15. Rubble
16. Gradually
17. Inhabitants
18. Longing
19. Recognise
20. Usually
21. Grappled
22. Distraught
23. Ecstatic
24. Bellow
25. Quiver

HOMEWORK

Explain why you **like** or **do not like** the **ending** of the book.

OR

Write a **short story** using **at least 5 new words** (above) that we learned from these chapters.