

Comprehension answers

1. Where in the world did the narrator's accident take place?

The Desert of Sahara.

2. What job does the narrator of the story have?

Sailor

Artist

Pilot

Shepherd

3. Repairing the plane was a question of life and death for the narrator because:

He only had enough water to last a week

The plane engine was broken

He hadn't got anybody to talk to

He hadn't got a mechanic

4. *'I was more isolated than a shipwrecked sailor on a raft in the middle of the ocean.'*

Circle the word closest in meaning to the word **isolated**.

island

cold

exhausted

alone

5. At what time of day was the narrator woken up by a voice?

At sunrise

6. *'I jumped to my feet, completely thunderstruck.'*

What does the word **thunderstruck** tell you?

He was very shocked.

7. Look at the paragraph which begins: *'Now I stared ...'*

Find and copy a word which means **wonder**.

Astonishment

8. *"But – what are you doing here?"*

Why was the narrator surprised to find a child talking to him?

Because he is in the middle of the desert, a thousand miles away from other humans.