



THE PRISONER OF ZENDA

ANTHONY HOPE

STAGE 4
B2
YOUNG ADULT READERS

ACTIVITIES

Put the best time phrase in each space.

at last - a little longer - at the moment
every minute - for some time - one day - next - while

- 1 'It's rather strange though, because she doesn't want to meet you _____.'
- 2 _____, we stood completely still looking at each other, then I remembered I was in front of the King.
- 3 The king didn't stop talking _____ we walked.
- 4 Of what followed _____ I remember nothing.
- 5 'Don't tell me becoming King has made you more serious _____?'
- 6 '_____ we stay in Strelsau, the more likely we are to lose our heads.'
- 7 'Young man, if you can be king for _____, I think you may be able to save the real king's life!'
- 8 We had to make sure that the Princess loved the King enough to marry him _____.

1 at the moment; 2 for some time; 3 while; 4 next; 5 at last; 6 every minute; 7 a little longer; 8 one day.



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TEST YOURSELF

Are the following sentences true or false?

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| 1 Black Michael sent a poisoned cake to kill his brother the day before the coronation. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 There are six men who work for Black Michael, some Ruritanians, a Frenchman and a Belgian. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Antoinette de Mauban travelled on the same train as Rudolf and was now living with Black Michael. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Three of Michael's men promised to take Rudolf to the border and asked him for £50,000. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Princess Flavia didn't love the king before the coronation, which means she was in love with Rudolf Rassendyll, not the real king. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 The first person to try and kill Rudolf Rassendyll is Rupert Hentzau. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Black Michael tells the real King he will go to heaven down a large pipe. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Rudolf is pleased when he kills one of the guards at the Castle of Zenda while he is sleeping in a boat. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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FCE – Use of English

Read the text below and think of a word that best fits the space. The first has been done as an example.

The next morning, I was sitting quite happily 0 *in the sunshine* in the garden, while one of my friends 1 _____ sang love songs. At 2 _____ moment, young Rupert Hentzau came riding up to the chateau as 3 _____ it belonged to him. He didn't seem at all worried 4 _____ his own safety! He told me he had a private message for me 5 _____ the Duke. I made everyone leave, and then he sat 6 _____ beside me. 'It would seem that the King is in love,' he said. I did 7 _____ reply. 'Come, Rassendyll, we are alone. You don't need to 8 _____ to be the King with me.' 'I do,' I answered, beginning to 9 _____ angry, 'because for the moment I am the King, and you 10 _____ speak to me as if I were the King.' He really was the most arrogant young man!

1 sang; 2 that; 3 if; 4 about; 5 from; 6 down; 7 not; 8 pretend; 9 feel; 10 will.



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FOCUS ON...

Slovenia: The Modern Ruritania

Slovenia could be defined the “modern Ruritania”. Little in geography but rich of landscapes, Slovenia is a nation of about two million people, so it could be the new Ruritania. One could drive around the entire country in a few days if so inclined. It’s one of the great pleasures of touring Slovenia is the lack of urgency its size imparts.

Here, in this mini country bounded by mountain, river and sea, the Eurasian and Adriatic tectonic plates grind against each other. Languages collide because of the junction of Slav, Latin and Teuton, the ethnic crossroads of southern central Europe. Discover this gorgeous Country!

