

# Uncle Bob's Jungle Adventure

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Here are some suggestions for using this beautifully illustrated comic to practice and improve your English.

Begin by reading the comic through once. Don't worry about understanding every single word; just follow the general meaning of the text.

If possible, read the comic aloud and practice your pronunciation. Use intonation to make the story more dramatic.



## Uncle Bob's Vocabulary Scavenger Hunt

Read the comic again and try to find words that mean ...

- a) ... the inside or inner part of something (p.1) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) ... split up, set apart from (p.1) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) ... travelled in no particular direction (p.1) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) ... very old (p.2) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) ... looking for something (p.2) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) ... famous, well known (p.3) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) ... prisoners (p.4) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) ... ropes, strings etc that tie things together (p.4) \_\_\_\_\_
- i) ... seen, noticed, identified (p.4) \_\_\_\_\_
- j) ... cities or areas with societies (p.7) \_\_\_\_\_
- k) ... a threat, danger (p.7) \_\_\_\_\_
- l) ... set free (p.8) \_\_\_\_\_
- m) ... scary, frightening (p.8) \_\_\_\_\_
- n) ... seemingly not of this world (p.8) \_\_\_\_\_
- o) ... not carrying any weapons (p.8) \_\_\_\_\_
- p) ... goodbye (p.11) \_\_\_\_\_



Look at these pictures from the story:



Match one of these captions to each picture:

1. The ape man's knife jabbed the monster's tongue. \_\_\_\_
2. Just then, I ran out of bullets. \_\_\_\_
3. Several rocks hit their target. \_\_\_\_
4. Chuma dropped a boulder onto the monster's toes. \_\_\_\_
5. His powerful punch knocked one of them unconscious. \_\_\_\_
6. The natives were surprised by the ape man's arrival. \_\_\_\_
7. We ran for our lives with the natives close behind. \_\_\_\_
8. He lifted one of the natives above his head. \_\_\_\_

## Uncle Bob's Journal

Oh, no! Uncle Bob's journal fell into the Ubangi River and 10 of the words got smudged. Can you guess the missing words?

We are on our way back to civilization. After we escaped from the lost city of Kuman-ra, the brave man and the monster known as Gargax showed us the way through the jungle.

Using reeds we built a raft to carry us down the Ubangi River, then said farewell to our new friends.

We have now been traveling along the river for three days. There has been no sign of the head hunters, and I think we will be free of this jungle by tomorrow.

## Can you remember?

Read these sentences and decide if they are true or false:

1. Uncle Bob's Jungle Adventure takes place in Asia.
2. One of the men on Uncle Bob's expedition was a doctor.
3. Uncle Bob knew about the ape man before he met him.
4. Two guards spotted Uncle Bob and friends as they escaped.
5. Two men died when the expedition fought the natives.
6. After burying the captain, they searched for Ubangi Lake.
7. Gargax was a very old monster.
8. Uncle Bob brought the ape man to civilization.

Now skim through the comic and check your answers.

Rewrite the false sentences to make them true.



## Answer Key

### Uncle Bob's Vocabulary Scavenger Hunt

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|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| a) interior  | e) seeking   | i) spotted      | m) fearsome  |
| b) separated | f) legendary | j) civilization | n) unearthly |
| c) wandered  | g) captives  | k) menace       | o) unarmed   |
| d) ancient   | h) bonds     | l) released     | p) farewell  |

### Matching captions to pictures

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1=F | 2=B | 3=D | 4=H |
| 5=A | 6=G | 7=C | 8=E |

### Uncle Bob's Journal

The smudged words are: *civilization, city, ape, monster, jungle, trees, farewell, river, days* and *tomorrow*.

### Can you remember?

1. False – The story is set in Africa.
2. True – Dr. Sanger was on the expedition.
3. True – The ape man was legendary.
4. False – Only one guard saw them.
5. True – One of the natives and Captain Baines died in the fight.
6. False – They searched for the Ubangi River.
7. True – He was ancient and had lived amongst the native for centuries.
8. False – He said farewell to the ape man at the river bank.