# C Complete Comprehension

Year 4

Teaching unit Modelling slides



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town living and country living/farming

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Social changes

Using information from the first paragraph, tick to show whether each statement is true or false.

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Topher's dad was less critical of the Romans/ he said 'we need them' and Topher felt grateful to the Romans for saving his life.

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tesserae

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lava/molten rock, ash and gas

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(chains of) islands

Look at the last section. Complete the following table about volcanoes.

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mainly/mostly



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that it can destroy things/cause a lot of damage

If you're at the beach and the ground shakes so hard you can't stand up, or it shakes for an unusually long time, a tsunami may have been generated.

Which word is a synonym for generated? Tick one.

created

stopped

avoided

intercepted

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outrun



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On the outside, the doll looks perfect/as if she would never do anything wrong.



All you see is outside me ... .

Find and copy one word in the first verse that supports this statement.



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shell



Look at the first two lines of the poem.

Which word is closest in meaning to *fluttery* in this sentence? Tick one.

grumpy

watery

sparkly

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bored OR wasting OR dreamer OR can't-be-bothered

Look at the first sentence.

How do you know that the old couple have watched the children more than once?

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Because it says that they 'used to' stand by the window.

Look at the first paragraph.

How do you think the old couple felt about not having children? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.

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They felt sad. I know this because they watched the children play all the time.

Look at the first paragraph.

In your own words, describe the care given to the animals.

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The couple looked after them, but they didn't love them.

... the old people watched and wondered, and thanked God.

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Because it was amazing/magic/a miracle that the snow girl had come alive and they thought God had made it happen.

How did Martin Luther recreate the beauty of stars twinkling through the pines indoors?

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He took a tree home and attached candles to each branch.

Name three things that Germans used to decorate their trees.

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glass decorations, edible goods and tinsel/ strips of silver

Look at the last section.

Which country did turkeys come from?

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**America** 

Tick to show whether each statement is true or false.

	True	False
Prince Albert was the first person to eat turkey for Christmas.		
In 1846 the royal family was sketched standing around a Christmas tree.		
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a scary atmosphere/a feeling that something dangerous or scary might happen

Look at the second paragraph.

Why do you think the author included this information about Moomins?

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It explains why the Moomins needed to go into the forest even though they find it scary. It makes the reader wonder whether they will find a house in time for October.

What event changes Moomintroll's mood from frightened to brave?

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He sees the creature and realises that it is very little and not scary at all.

Why do you think the author has chosen the deepest part of a forest as the setting for this extract?

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The trees make the setting dark and shadowy. *OR* The characters can't see and this creates a sense of danger/mystery/makes the story suspenseful/exciting for the reader.

Forest could keep secrets.

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We know that the forest is good at keeping things to herself because it says 'she don't broadcast her business'.

What do the words watersound and birdsound tell you about what you might see and hear in the forest? Give two things.

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waterfalls OR rushing rivers OR animals in water

birds calling OR singing

... the teeming creeping of her forest-ground.

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No. It just seems as if it is moving because there are lots of animals and insects moving around on the forest floor.

and when night come and darkness wrap her like a gown

What does this suggest to you about night-time in this forest?

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What does this suggest to you about night-time in this forest?

That it is very dark/thick/smothering, with not a bit of light seeping through anywhere.

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a faint light at the end of the passage

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Pod tells Arrietty to stay under the clock. What is she waiting for?

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the sign/a sign from Pod

As Arrietty scrambles through the hole, she sees bright sunshine outside. What season is it in the text?

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spring

Tick to show whether each statement about the doormat is true or false.

	True	False
The doormat is chestnut coloured.		
The doormat comes up to Pod's neck.		
The doormat is the name of an island.		
The doormat looks like a field of corn.		

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'Mr Darrow will come back and tell Max off for touching his things.'

Do you agree with this prediction? Tick one. Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

Yes



No

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Yes No 🗸

Because Mr Darrow and Max worked on the castle together, so they are friends.

It was the most beautiful, perfect, intricate model Max had seen in his entire life.

Do you think that Max will make more models in the future? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

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Do you think that Max will make more models in the future? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

No, because Mr Darrow has already made the best model possible and filled it with real people.

Look at the paragraph beginning It was a boy.

Do you think that Max will end up hurting the blue-haired people? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

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Yes, because he has nearly crushed one of them already and they are too small to see without microscope goggles.

Look at the paragraph beginning Max stared at the boy.

Who might this boy be? Explain your answer.

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Who might this boy be? Explain your answer.

He is a king/prince, because he is wearing robes and a crown, and the text mentions a castle.

MY DAD'S GONE TO JOIN THE ARMY!

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Why did Flossie's dad join the army? Explain your answer.

He had no choice because every man over 20 years old had to join up and he was over 20.

... I still HATE Dad for going. I do, I flipping <u>DO</u> ... except I don't.

What does this tell you about how Flossie feels about her dad going away?



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What does this tell you about how Flossie feels about her dad going away?

She doesn't really hate her dad. OR She is very sad about her dad having to go away. OR She feels confused and sad.

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Men like Flossie's dad have to join up as there 'MIGHT' be a war.

The Prime Minister says there won't be a war but Miss Joan says there will/thinks it is 'almost certain'.

Why do you think Miss Joan wrote her note to Flossie?

Why do you think Miss Joan wrote her note to Flossie?

She wanted to cheer Flossie up and help her feel brave.



What does the opening line tell you about the day? Tick two.

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What does this tell you about how Lily felt about school?

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What does this tell you about how Lily felt about school?

She thought school was boring.

Of course, that made Mum really mad.

What did Lily's grandfather do to make Lily's mum angry?

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What did Lily's grandfather do to make Lily's mum angry?

He suggested that women talk too much.

I didn't want to go but now I'm glad I did, really glad.

Why do you think Lily was glad that she went to the meeting?

I didn't want to go but now I'm glad I did, really glad.

Why do you think Lily was glad that she went to the meeting?

Because she heard what was going to happen to the village/that everyone had to leave. OR She heard about something important/that would change her life.

Look at the first line.

Why do you think the man lowered his voice?



Look at the first line.

Why do you think the man lowered his voice?

Because he was telling a secret. OR Because he wanted to make the story more special/ mysterious/exciting.

"They not all believe it, see. They think it's nobbut a tale to tell by the fireside. But me, I know it to be true ... ".

What do you think the man is trying to suggest here?

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What do you think the man is trying to suggest here?

He has seen evidence of the lost village for himself.

Polly swallowed hard.

What does this suggest about how Polly felt?

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What does this suggest about how Polly felt?

It suggests that Polly felt afraid/nervous/ stunned/shocked.

He was watching her with something like triumph.

Why do you think the man had a feeling of triumph?

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Why do you think the man had a feeling of triumph?

The man felt triumphant because Polly was completely absorbed in the story.

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No, tens of thousands of elephants are still being killed.

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100000

Tick to show whether each statement is true or false.

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Some places lost most of their elephant herds from poaching.		
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Whose livelihood is badly affected by elephant raids?

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farmers' livelihoods

... a great gasp of breath that started at the depot and came sighing down the tracks.

What does this tell you about how the crowd felt about the elephant?



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What does this tell you about how the crowd felt about the elephant?

They were all amazed by what they saw/by the sight of the elephant.

Why was the miner on the elephant *nervous*? Explain with evidence from the text.

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Because he was scared as he was very high up sitting on the elephant.

"Take a ride on the elephant and feel, for yourself, man's domination of the greatest creature on earth!"

What does this tell you about attitudes towards wild animals at the time?

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What does this tell you about attitudes towards wild animals at the time?

That people did not respect animals/didn't care about animal rights.

Why was Tad mesmerized by the elephant? Give one reason and use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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Because it was so big. He says it was like 'a wall of rock'.

Name two things that Black Beauty liked about his new place.



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the people/his food/his light, airy stable

Look at the first paragraph.

Name three items that Black Beauty wore.

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straps, bit and blinkers

Look at the second paragraph.

How did John get rid of Black Beauty's fidgets?

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How did John get rid of Black Beauty's fidgets?

He would let him go very fast for a few miles.

Look at the third paragraph.

When did Black Beauty get his liberty back for a few hours?

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on fine Sundays in the summer-time

Mr Arable fixed a small yard specially for Wilbur under an apple tree, and gave him a large wooden box full of straw, with a doorway cut in it so he could walk in and out as he pleased.

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Tick one.								

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slowly	





Look at the paragraph beginning Carrying a bottle of milk, ....

Which word in this paragraph is closest in meaning to 'looked'?



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peered

Wilbur was poking the straw with his snout.

Which word is closest in meaning to poking? Tick one.

nudging

smelling

eating

burying



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Find and copy one word that tells you that Mr Arable would not change his mind about selling Wilbur.

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firm

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It makes it feel formal/'posh'. OR It feels old fashioned/ not modern. OR It feels like a different time. OR It makes it feel foreign.



Look at the first paragraph.

What impression do you get of the places the children pass on the way to Count Olaf's? Give one impression, using evidence from the text to explain your answer.

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Gloomy/shabby. run-down/old	The fountain doesn't work <i>OR</i> There is just a pile of dirt where the gardens were.



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What effect does this choice of words have on the reader?



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It makes them think that it must be a really miserable place because Mr Poe can't make himself sound cheerful about the children's new home.

The children looked from the well-scrubbed house of Justice Strauss to the dilapidated one next door.

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By writing a sentence in this way what effect has the author created?

The author makes Count Olaf's house sound especially bad because the reader contrasts it with the description of Justice Strauss' house, which is much nicer.

"Going out for exercise," answered Jo with a mischievous twinkle in her eyes.

What does the word *mischievous* mean in this sentence?



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playful/naughty



Read the first two sentences of the paragraph beginning Meg went back to toast her feet and read Ivanhoe ... .

Find and copy one word that means 'weak because of illness'.



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invalid



Meg went back to toast her feet and read Ivanhoe ... .

What does the word toast mean here? Tick one.

burn

cool

brown

warm



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Both stood in a suburb of the city, which was still country-like, with groves and lawns, large gardens, and quiet streets.

Which group of words tells you that Jo's neighbourhood had lots of trees and grass? Tick one.

suburb of the city

groves and lawns

large gardens

quiet streets



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What was different about how the lord and the knight thought about the castle?

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What was different about how the lord and the knight thought about the castle?

The lord saw the castle as his home but the knight saw it as a fortress where fighting happened.

Look at the section 'What isn't a castle?'.

Compare castles and fortresses. Give one similarity and one difference.

Similarity	
Difference	

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Compare castles and fortresses. Give one similarity and one difference.

Similarity	Fortresses and castles look similar.
Difference	Fortresses are built for defence/don't have living quarters like castles do.



Look at the section 'The evolution of castles'.

What did motte-and-bailey castles and concentric castles have in common? Tick two.

They were both made of wood.

They both had a courtyard.

They both had a keep.

They both had stone walls.



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A concentric castle because they were difficult to capture/the most well defended/they wouldn't burn down.