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Pre-reading: What is the star called on the cover of this book? Read the back of the book. Where is Copenhagen, Denmark? Use a map to locate this city.

Chapter 1 Why Are You Running? Pp. 1-10

Prediction: Who might question someone else about running?

Vocabulary List with Definitions (grade appropriate #, page where word is found)

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Chapter 2 Who Is the Man Who Rides Past? Pp. 11-17

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Mr. Johansen tore their photographs from their album with their daughter's baby pictures. Lise's picture showed her with dark curly hair just like Ellen's.

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He told Henrik that he was sending a carton of cigarettes with Mama. Papa smoked cigarettes but since the war he couldn't get any.

5. What had been happening to Henrik's butter? Pp. 68-69

The Germans soldiers took the butter.

Vocabulary Worksheet

Name _____

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2. _____ Meaning: _____

3. _____ Meaning: _____

4. _____ Meaning: _____

5. _____ Meaning: _____

6. _____ Meaning: _____

7. _____ Meaning: _____

8. _____ Meaning: _____

9. _____ Meaning: _____

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Comprehension Worksheet

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Answer five comprehension questions in complete sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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2. _____ Meaning: _____

3. _____ Meaning: _____

Answer three comprehension questions in complete sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____
