

Vocabulary and Comprehension
You may use your book to help you answer the questions below.

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“Night Calls”

A. Draw a line under the synonym in parentheses that means almost the same thing as the underlined word in each sentence.

1. She is an avid collector of books on South Africa. (greedy, enthusiastic)
2. What an opulent home your family lives in. (messy, luxuriant)
3. The teacher was adamant about wanting us to get to class on time. (shy, firm)
4. She answered in a tremulous voice that she was frightened of hyenas. (trembling, clear)

B. Use a complete sentence to answer each question about “Night Calls.”

1. Where does Marlene go for her September school holidays?

2. Why does the National Parks Board want the heron kept at the Modder River Sanctuary?

3. Where is Marlene when she sees her father take the heron out of its pen?

4. Who finds the heron’s remains and what does this person do with them?

C. Write **T** for true or **F** for false next to the following sentences.

- _____ 1. Marlene had a gift for mimicking bird and animal calls.
- _____ 2. Marlene’s father worked in a boarding school.
- _____ 3. The heron in the sanctuary was a small green bird with a short neck.
- _____ 4. Marlene lived at the wildlife sanctuary during school holidays.
- _____ 5. Marlene’s father told her that the heron had escaped from its pen.

Additional Vocabulary Practice

You may use your book to help you answer the questions below.

“Geraldo No Last Name”; “Night Calls”

A. Fill in the blank in each sentence with the correct word from the Word Bank.

Word Bank	
currency	cumbias
intern	surgeon
wetback	notify

1. The _____ at the hospital had worked the night shift.
2. Marin liked to dance _____ at the club.
3. Did Marin _____ Geraldo’s family about the accident?
4. He was just a(n) _____ working in this country illegally.
5. Geraldo had to exchange the _____ at the bank.
6. There was no _____ at the hospital to try to save Geraldo.

B. Choose three of the words from the Word Bank above. Use each word in a sentence.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

C. Match each word from “Night Calls” with its definition. Write the letter of the correct definition next to each word.

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| _____ 1. inevitably | a. color change resulting from age, as on old wood or silver |
| _____ 2. lauding | b. native; growing naturally in a region or country |
| _____ 3. patina | c. unavoidably |
| _____ 4. indigenous | d. praising |