

Penguin Readers Answer key

1984



Level 4 – Intermediate 1984

Answers to Book Activities

- Open answers.
- a group
 - choice
 - killed
 - the opposite
 - a large one
 - the government
 - cut you
 - the opposite
 - you have won
- a poster
 - truth
 - overalls
 - sweat
 - edition
- power or politics: Comrade, league, Party, slogan
other words: canteen – a place at work where you eat; gin – a strong alcoholic drink
- the Parsons' flat
 - Julia
 - Ampleforth
 - Big Brother
 - the Ministry of Love
 - London
 - Emmanuel Goldstein
- Open answers.
- betray
- 8–9 Open answers.
- cells
 - articles
 - individual
- d c g f e b a
- 12–13 Open answers.
- turn
 - pull
 - with your feet
- 15–22 Open answers.

Answers to Factsheet Activities

Communicative activities

Open answers

Student's activities

Activities before reading the book

Open answers

Activities while reading the book

Chapter 1

- (suggested answers)
 - He wishes it was not there.
 - He is frightened.
 - He hates her.
 - He thinks O'Brien understands him.
 - He hopes it will be better than the present.
- (some suggested answers)
The clocks strike
thirteen/*telescreen*/Oceania/Thought Police/BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU/Newspeak.

Chapter 2

- Because he is working.
 - He removes a knot of hair.
 - Every one or two months.
 - About twenty or thirty.
 - Because Mrs Parson's son throws stones at him.

- (suggested answers)
London is dirty, smelly and dangerous. The buildings are ugly and old. Many things are broken and they don't get repaired. There are a lot of *telescreens* everywhere and people are scared of each other. Twenty or thirty bombs fall on the city every week.

Chapter 3

- noisy
 - intelligent
 - clearly / openly
 - carefully
 - proud
- (suggested answer)
It changes newspapers, magazines, photographs, films, poster and books. It rewrites history and politics so that the Party is always right. The Ministry of Truth controls people's minds by destroying words. If a word doesn't exist (like 'freedom') then that idea cannot exist either.

Chapter 4

- 2
 - 6
 - 1
 - 5
 - 3
 - 4
- Open answers

Chapter 5

- (v)
 - (iv)
 - (i)
 - (vii)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
 - (vi)
- Open answers

Chapter 6

- F
 - T
 - F
 - F
 - T
- 'They' means the government (or Big Brother, or the Thought Police). Open answer.

Chapter 7

- Winston
 - Julia
 - O'Brien
 - Parsons
 - Syme
 - Emmanuel Goldstein
- They are willing to give their lives, murder another person, cause the death of hundreds of innocent people, hurt other people and kill themselves. They are not willing to separate and never see each other again.

Chapter 8

- five (5) / ninety (90)
 - two thousand (2000) / sixth (6th)
 - eighteen (18)
 - six (6)
 - nineteen-thirties (1930s)
 - twentieth (20th)
 - six million (6,000,000)
 - eighty-five per cent (85%)
- Open answer

Chapter 9

- O'Brien – he's talking about the Ministry of Love (*Miniluv*).
 - Ampleforth – he's talking about the word 'God' which he left in a poem.

- Parsons – he's talking about his *thoughtcrime*.
- The voice from the *telescreen*. Prisoners are not allowed to cover their faces in prison.
- A woman prisoner – she's talking about Room 101.
- O'Brien – he's talking about Big Brother and the Inner Party. He is a member and he supports the government.

2 Open answer

Chapter 10

- Because he does not want to be beaten.
 - Ten to twelve hours.
 - 'Freedom is the freedom to say that two and two make four'.
 - To change their thoughts. Big Brother wants to control everybody's minds.
 - All her feelings against the Party have been burned out of her.
 - 'What have you done with Julia?'
 - 'What is in Room 101?'

2 Open answer

Chapter 11

- (suggested answers)
 - ... the party controls everyone's thoughts.
 - ... it wants pure power.
 - ... making him suffer.
 - ... O'Brien plays a recording of his earlier conversation with Winston.
 - ... he wants to show Winston that he is a broken man.
 - ... frightened.

2 Open answer

Chapter 12

- Winston has moved to a more comfortable cell. He eats a meal three times a day and he is getting fatter and stronger every day. O'Brien takes Winston to Room 101 because he must love Big Brother. On the table there is a big metal box full of rats – the worst thing in the world for Winston. O'Brien puts the wide end of the tube over Winston's face and Winston can see the first rat. So Winston betrays Julia. Finally, Winston sits in the Chestnut Tree Café and drinks some gin. He has met Julia again, in a park on a cold day in March, but he only cares about himself now. He loves Big Brother.

2 Open answers

Activities after reading the book

Open answers

