

## THE SWAN - **ACTIVITIES**

### A. Fill in the blanks with words from the list. There are more words than you need.

shoot quietly grabbed polite below

shoulder louder room lift careful

1. Peter was a quiet, ..... boy and he was very good at school.
2. Ernie and Raymond ..... Peter and pulled him to the railway lines.
3. The noise of the train got ..... as it came nearer.
4. Ernie lifted the gun to his ..... and killed the duck.
5. Peter tells the boys that they must not ..... the swan.
6. There was only ..... for three or four eggs in the swan's nest.
7. When Peter climbed the tree, the boys were ..... him.
8. Peter spoke ..... to his mother in the garden and then fainted.

### B. Complete the sentences using the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

1. Ernie and Raymond are ..... (big) than Peter, but Peter is ..... (clever) than them.
2. Raymond is Ernie's ..... (good) friend.
3. Ernie is the ..... (violent) boy in his class.
4. Ernie was ..... (angry) than Raymond when Peter asked them to leave him alone.
5. I think the swan is the ..... (beautiful) bird in Britain.
6. Peter doesn't try to escape because Ernie and Raymond can run ..... (fast) than him.
7. The boys made Peter climb the ..... (high) tree by the lake.
8. The experience with Ernie and Raymond was the ..... (bad) experience of Peter's life.

### C. Choose the correct answer. Try to do the exercise without looking at the story.

1. Ernie's father asks him to shoot a (**rabbit** / **birds**) for supper.
2. Peter is looking at a (**swan** / **woodpecker**) through his binoculars.
3. Peter's father worked in a (**factory** / **bank**).
4. Peter moved his (**head** / **body**) from side to side.
5. After the train passed, Ernie and Raymond untied Peter's (**feet** / **hands**).
6. When Peter got to the swan's nest, there were (**eggs** / **baby swans**) in it.
7. When Peter was at the top of the tree, Ernie and Raymond told him to (**climb** / **fly**).
8. When Mrs Watson saw Peter, she (**helped him** / **fainted**).

### D. Complete the sentences using *can*, *can't*, *must* or *mustn't*.

1. Ernie's father tells him that he ..... steal the change from the beer.
2. Raymond thinks that they ..... have some fun with the gun.
3. Peter Watson ..... do sports; he's no good at them.
4. Peter knows that he ..... be careful.
5. Peter knows that he ..... escape from the two boys.
6. Peter ..... hear the train coming.
7. Peter tells the boys that they ..... kill the swan.
8. Ernie and Raymond tell Peter that he ..... walk along the branch.