While reading

Chapter 1
1 Find the right words in Chapter 1.
   a. When two or more countries fight. (p. 2) ………………
   b. To think a lot about something before you do it. (p. 2) ………………
   c. It is opposite to east. (p. 2) ………………
   d. You don’t know this person. (p. 4) ………………
   e. You are this when you have a lot of things to do. (p. 5) ………………
   f. This means intelligent. (p. 5) ………………
   g. You are this when you don’t feel well. (p. 5) ………………

2 Finish the sentences with the right word.
   wife   govern   hard   kingdoms   government   lover   excited
   a. Qin was the strongest of all the …………… .
   b. Ying Zheng was young and couldn’t …………… the kingdom.
   c. Li Si was a student of …………… at the Qin court.
   d. Li Si was very …………… about his new job.
   e. A boy became a man at twenty and took a …………….
   f. Ying Zheng’s mother had a …………… called Lao Ai.
   g. Life was very …………… for Huang on his farm.

Chapter 2
3 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.
   a. Ying Zheng sent tsletre …………… to the prime minister.
   b. The king’s army watched the enemy very …………… before a fight.
   c. The Qin army took 10,000 Zhao …………… .
   d. The king of Qin was not …………… in the old ways.
   e. Ying Zheng left some writings in the …………… .
   f. Ying Zheng took …………… people and other things into the next world.
   g. …………… found the terracotta army.

4 What’s first? Number the sentences 1–6.
   a. Ying Zheng sends Lu Buwei to the south.
   b. Ying Zheng wants to fight Yan.
   c. The king’s army kills every Zhao prisoner.
   d. Ying Zheng becomes king.
   e. Li Si becomes the prime minister.
   f. Lao Ai’s army fight the king’s men.

Chapter 3
5 Finish the sentences with the right name.
   Hu Hai  king of Yan  Jing Ke  Fan Yuchi  Xia  King Zheng
   a. The …………… wanted to kill Ying Zheng.
   b. King Zheng killed the family of …………… .
   c. …………… tried to push a knife into King Zheng.
   d. …………… changed his name.
   e. …………… was the tenth wife of the emperor.
   f. …………… was the eighteenth son of the emperor.

6 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.
   a. Jing Ke put Fan Yuchi’s head in a bag.
   b. Jing Ke tried to push the knife into King Zheng’s leg. ……………
   c. People nearly killed the emperor five times. ……………
   d. King Zheng left books on some of the mountains. ……………
   e. Xia had a daughter called Hu Hai. ……………
   f. There were pictures of animals, flowers and people on the palace walls. ……………
   g. Six women looked after Xia. ……………

Chapter 4
7 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.
   a. study The books war scholars about could …………….
   b. built in years The palaces ten emperor 270 …………….
   c. bridge the There a river was across …………….
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8 Circle the right words.
   a Ten / A hundred scholars sat on the floor of the palace.
   b Some / All of the scholar’s books went onto the fire.
   c When the king’s men caught an enemy, they cut / poisoned him.
   d The emperor built a palace near the river / sea.
   e The emperor sent Meng Tian to the south / north of the empire.
   f The women put rice / bread and water in the wall.

Chapter 5

9 Answer the questions.
   a Where was Penglai?
   b How many boys and girls did Xu Fu take to Penglai?
   c What did the doctors think the gods drank?
   d How long did the men work on the tomb?
   e When did the emperor die?
   f Why did one of Yang Peiyan’s brothers shout?
   g Why was each terracotta soldier different?

10 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.
   a Xu Fu and his army goes to the east of China.
   b The Qin kings took many things to at the next world.
   c Zheng’s tomb was bigger biggest than the other tombs.
   d Yang and his brothers started to looking look for water.
   e Yang’s brothers pulled in out the terracotta head.
   f The terracotta soldiers were as hard than as stone.
   g In the future, perhaps people will be see the face of the emperor.

Chapter 6

11 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?
   a Zheng became ill on his way to the sea. ✓
   b Zheng spoke to his son Fu Su and said, ‘You will be the second emperor.’ ✓
   c Zheng was forty-eight years old when he died. ✗
   d Fu Su was older than his brother Hu Hai. ✗
   e Li Si and the emperor had many friends in the empire. ✓
   f People fought for eighteen years after the emperor died. ✓
   g The Han soldiers started a fire in the underground rooms of the tomb. ✓

12 Finish the sentences.
   a The emperor sees a large fish in the sea and ………………………………………………..
   b The emperor becomes very ill and he knows that he ……………………………………..
   c Li Si wants the younger son to be ………………………………………………..
   d Hu Hai is the second emperor but only ………………………………………………..
   e Many people watch the emperor’s last journey from Xianyang to …………………………….
   f The Han scholars want the emperor to look bad because ………………………………..
   g When Zheng becomes king, there are seven ………………………………………………..

13 Find the right words in Chapter 6.
   a This is poisonous. (p. 36) …………………
   b You write one of these to people. (p. 37) …………………
   c It is very hot. (p. 37) …………………
   d People do this to get money. (p. 37) …………………
   e You use these to fight with. (p. 38) …………………
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1 Write the names to finish the sentences.

Confucius    The king of Yan    Li Si    Xu Fu    Lao Ai    Lu Buwei    Xia    Meng Tian    Zhaoji    Jing Ke

a …………………… was the teacher of the boy-king.
b …………………… was prime minister and governed for the boy-king.
c …………………… tried to attack the king’s palace with 4,000 men.
d …………………… was the First Emperor’s mother.
e …………………… gave somebody a knife with poison on it.
f …………………… cut off somebody’s head.
g …………………… had a son called Hu Hai.
h …………………… wrote books and was a great thinker.
i …………………… was the emperor’s top soldier.
j …………………… was a doctor and went to Penglai to bring back some herbs.

2 What happened first? Number the sentences 1–10.

a ☐ Li Si became the new prime minister.
b ☐ Qin became China and Zheng became the First Emperor.
c ☐ The emperor drank mercury and started to do strange things.
d ☐ The king’s soldiers killed Lao Ai.
e ☐ The Han took control of the empire.
f ☐ Jing Ke tried to kill king Zheng.
g ☐ Ying Zheng’s father died.
h ☐ The First Emperor’s men burned books and killed scholars.
i ☐ Workers built the First Emperor’s Great Wall.
j ☐ Lu Buwei drank poison and died.

3 Answer these questions.

a How old was Ying Zheng when his father died?
……………………………………………………
b What did the farmers have to give the army?
……………………………………………………
c What happened to the Zhao prisoners?
……………………………………………………
d Where did Ying Zheng leave some stones?
……………………………………………………
e What was the number of the empire?
……………………………………………………
f In the Qin law, how many people could a person marry?
……………………………………………………
g Why did Zheng build a wall in the north and west?
……………………………………………………
h What did the emperor want his doctor to get from Penglai?
……………………………………………………
i How many underground rooms were there in the palace?
……………………………………………………
j Why did the emperor become a sea-god?
……………………………………………………

4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

a Ying Zheng became king when he was twenty one years old. ☐

b Lao Ai was the lover of Zheng’s mother. ☐

c People got jobs because they were from an important family at the beginning in China. ☐

d The rich families in the empire were Zheng’s enemies. ☐

e A musician tried to kill King Zheng. ☐

f Zheng’s wife, Xia, and her family stayed in the palace all the time. ☐

g The scholars didn’t like the new ways and wanted to read the books of Confucius. ☐

h Many people died when King Zheng built a wall in the north. ☐

i Zheng’s prime minister went to Penglai and brought back herbs. ☐

j Everybody in Zheng’s family died in the eight years of fighting. ☐

5 Circle the right words.

a When he was twenty, Zheng’s grandmother / father died suddenly. ☐

b Zheng didn’t like / know his two half-brothers. ☐

c Life was very hard / easy in the south of Qin. ☐

d Many of the workers on the wall were soldiers / prisoners. ☐

e When the emperor drank mercury he started to talk / cry all the time. ☐

f There were rivers of water / mercury in Zheng’s tomb. ☐

g The workers made each soldier from seventeen / seven pieces of terracotta. ☐

h Zheng stood on a mountain / the beach and looked for the big fish. ☐

i When the emperor died, everybody / nobody wanted to take control. ☐

j When the Han took control, the empire got weaker / stronger. ☐