

ENGLISH IIIIF

Basher Five-Two **Comprehension Questions**

Chapter One

Vocabulary: Define the following words:

Fate	Inflicting
Ordeal	Extract
Boasted	Collide
Quaint	

1. Why did O'Grady's family say he was like a cat?
2. What types of flight assignments did he have?
3. Why did O'Grady feel such a tremendous sense of responsibility as a pilot?
4. What is NATO?
5. Why was O'Grady assigned to fly over Bosnia?
6. What is a G-suit?
7. Why is the F-16 Captain O'Grady's favorite aircraft to fly?

Chapter Two

8. Their flight formation was an oval shape flown over and over. Why did they do this?
9. Their F-16s require a great deal of fuel. How do they get gas?
10. What is the motto of O'Grady's plane when it was struck by a missile?
11. How did O'Grady deal with the hit?

Chapter Three

Vocabulary: Define the following words:

Glamorous	Plunge	Headstrong
Typical	Envious	

12. What was Capt. O'Grady's first flight as a child?
13. When was the first time O'Grady had the chance to fly a plane even if just for a moment?
14. What were the core values for the O'Grady family?
15. Why was Captain O'Grady turned down by the Air Force Academy?
16. After dropping out of college and being a ski bum O'Grady's life changed. What school did he end up at and what type of education did he receive?

Chapter Four

Vocabulary: Define the following words:

Canopy	Miscalculation
Plummeting	Hostile
Sensors	Evade

17. O'Grady wrote that ejecting from a plane isn't the safest sport in the world. What are some of the things that affect a pilot ejecting from his/her plane?
18. Describe what Captain O'Grady's ejection from his plane.
19. Captain O'Grady was falling at a rate of about one mile every two minutes or about 2,500 feet every sixty seconds. How long would it take him to reach 14,000 feet?
20. What slight miscalculation had Capt. O'Grady made about his free fall? How did it affect his safety?
21. What are the two requirements that must be met before any rescue mission can be launched?
22. What important things did Capt. O'Grady remember from Fort Benning training about emergency parachute landings?

Chapter Five

Vocabulary: Define the following words:

Entangled	Convoy
Frantically	Rucksack
Catastrophe	Camouflage

23. How did Capt. O’Grady’s miscalculation of pulling his parachute at 24,000 feet turn into a blessing?
24. Who were the first people Capt. O’Grady saw once he was on the ground?
25. What was Capt. O’Grady’s worst fear? What did he do to battle this fear?
26. Back at home, O’Grady’s parents received news about his situation in Bosnia. What was their reaction?
27. What were O’Grady’s goals at this time?
28. What items in his rucksack did O’Grady think were the most important?
29. What is a GPS? How does it work?
30. When no one answered O’Grady’s calling out his code name Basher Five-Two he didn’t give up hope. Why not?

Chapter Six

Vocabulary: Define the following words

Nostalgia	Assuage
Garbled	Foliage
Beacon	

31. What was the BLISS principle?
32. O’Grady’s Evasion Chart (EVC) was basically a topographical map. What is a topographical map and how did it help him?
33. What became O’Grady’s new, immediate goal after he plotted his location?
34. Was the spotting of the Gazelle a positive or negative thing?
35. Capt. O’Grady became very hungry and began eating leaves off a tree. How did he test it first to be sure it wasn’t harmful?
36. How did O’Grady apply the motto “Fortune favors the bold?”
37. Who were Alfred, Leroy and Tinkerbell?

38. What was O’Grady’s family’s initial reaction when they heard on the news that he had been captured by the Serbs? Why did they react that way?

Chapter Seven

Vocabulary: Define the following words:

Hypothermia	Clomping
Reeling	Dehydration
Squadron	Terrain
Amiss	Blunder

39. Capt. O’Grady tried a new food in this chapter. What was it and was it nutritious?
40. What was Capt. O’Grady’s emotional state like by this time?
41. What were some of the things he did to try and remain calm?
42. How did he know someone was trying to call him on the radio?

Chapter Eight

Vocabulary: Define the following words:

Sorties	Interior
Intently	Ambush
Stern	Coordinates

43. When Hanford heard the voice saying “I’m alive! I’m alive!” over and over on the radio what was he afraid of?
44. Highstrete was low on fuel. How would it get back to O’Grady quickly?
45. If you were in Capt. O’Grady’s situation what would you be thinking about?
46. What would you want to tell your family and friends?
47. If you were captured by the enemy how would the Code of Conduct in the front of the book apply to your situation? Which part would be most important to you and why?

Chapter Nine

Vocabulary: Define the following words:

Commando	Infernal
Dramatically	Perimeter
Hesitate	Burly
Assets	Souvenir

48. Why had tensions in Bosnia increased over the past few weeks?
49. Why was the word manana such a terrible word for O'Grady to hear?
50. When Basher Five-One called again what was his news?
51. Describe the special team of the TRAP force assigned to rescue O'Grady.
52. What did it mean when a pilot of a chopper asked O'Grady to "pop smoke"?
53. What happened to the Super Stallion after they picked him up?

Chapter 10

Vocabulary: Define the following words:

Abandoning	Readjust
Suspected	Collapse
Apparently	

54. How were Capt. O'Grady's family members doing back in the US?
55. What would his mother do in Seattle to hold onto hope for her son?
56. When his father received a phone call early in the morning on Thursday who did he think was calling?
57. What was his family's reaction to the news?

Chapter 11

Vocabulary: Define the following words:

Hovered	Activated
Irresistible	Eagerly
Elated	Artillery
Jaunt	Throng
Spectacle	

58. Why didn't O'Grady consider himself a hero? Who did he think were the real heroes?
59. What is O'Grady's definition of a hero?
60. How was O'Grady's medical condition?
61. Who was the first person Capt. O'Grady spoke to on the telephone after he was rescued?
62. How did O'Grady react to all the attention?
63. Where were O'Grady and his family invited for lunch the next day?

Chapter 12

Vocabulary: Define the following words:

Invasion	Integrity
Descended	Hoisted
Mementos	Emphasis
Amid	Fanfare
Hostile	

64. What did Capt. O'Grady pass on at lunch in the White House, and why was it so funny?
65. After the ceremony at the Pentagon O'Grady went to his favorite place in Washington, D.C. Where was it and why did he go there?
66. The last stop O'Grady made in the cemetery was the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Explain what that is and what it symbolizes.
67. This is a powerful conclusion to Captain O'Grady's story. What does it tell you about what kind of person he is and how he may view his place in history?

