

8 *The strange death of Lord Westmorland*

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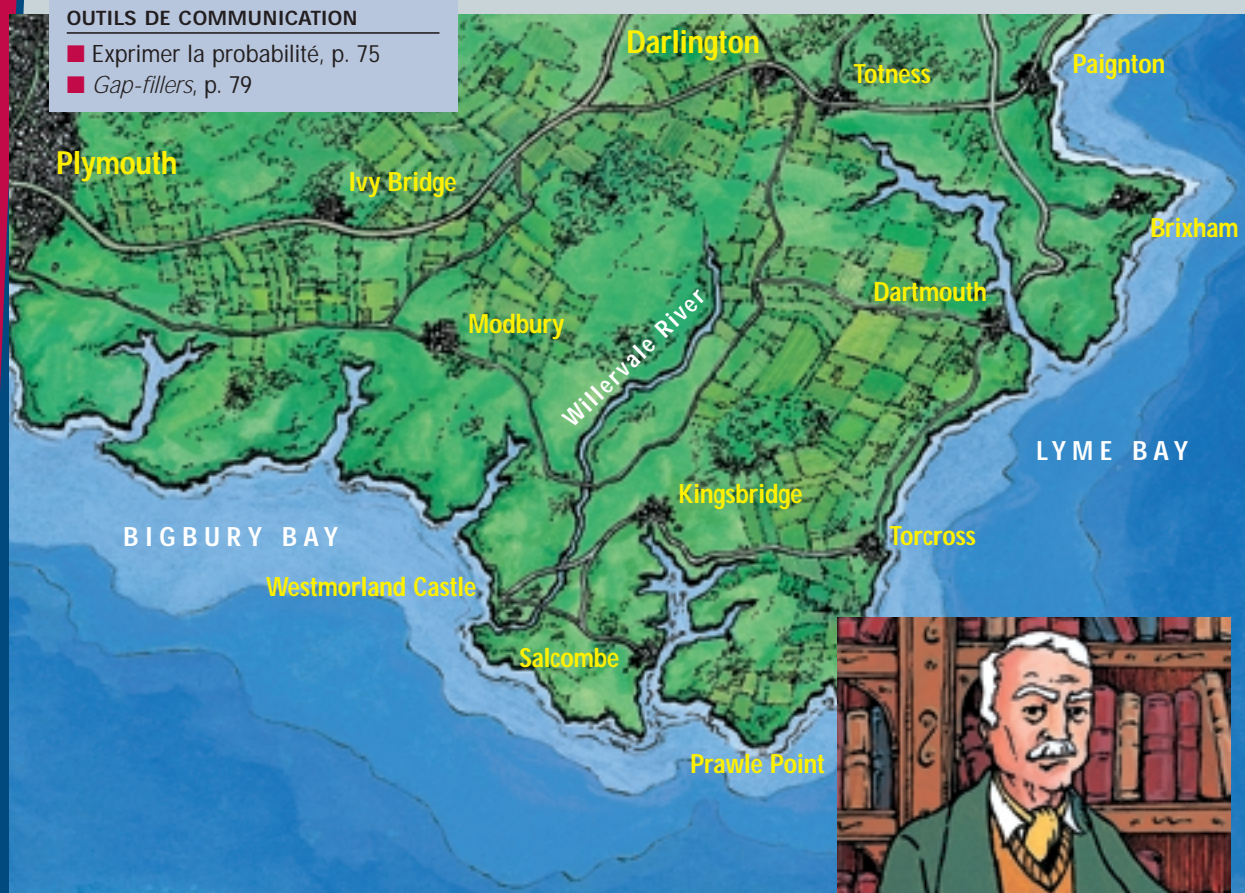
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In the following pages, you will have to clear up a mystery that has baffled¹ Scotland Yard for half a century: the mysterious and tragic death, on September 1st, 1952, of retired Brigadier General Lord Fenimore Westmorland, near Westmorland Castle, in South Devon (see map).

You will be given plenty of clues²: witness statements³, press cuttings, pictures... Use them cleverly and you may at long last find an explanation for this strange case...

1. **baffle**: *déconcerter* – 2. **clue** [klu:]: *indice* – 3. **witness statement**: *témoignage*



Retired Brigadier General Lord
Fenimore WESTMORLAND

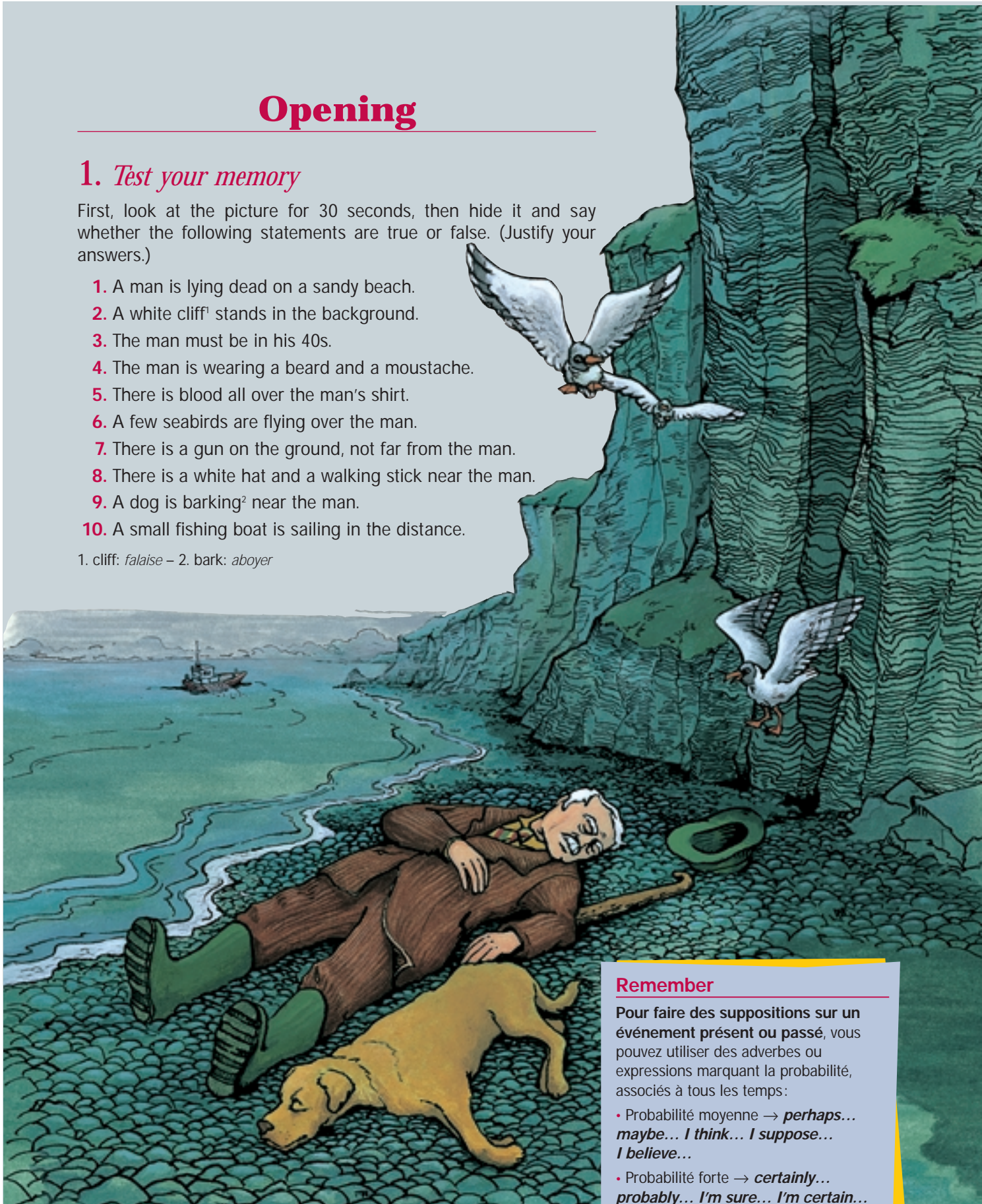
Opening

1. Test your memory

First, look at the picture for 30 seconds, then hide it and say whether the following statements are true or false. (Justify your answers.)

1. A man is lying dead on a sandy beach.
2. A white cliff¹ stands in the background.
3. The man must be in his 40s.
4. The man is wearing a beard and a moustache.
5. There is blood all over the man's shirt.
6. A few seabirds are flying over the man.
7. There is a gun on the ground, not far from the man.
8. There is a white hat and a walking stick near the man.
9. A dog is barking² near the man.
10. A small fishing boat is sailing in the distance.

1. cliff: *falaise* – 2. bark: *aboyer*



Remember

Pour faire des suppositions sur un événement présent ou passé, vous pouvez utiliser des adverbes ou expressions marquant la probabilité, associés à tous les temps :

• Probabilité moyenne → *perhaps... maybe... I think... I suppose... I believe...*

• Probabilité forte → *certainly... probably... I'm sure... I'm certain... I'm positive...*

Perhaps/Maybe the man died in an accident.

I'm sure/positive the fisherman has seen what happened.

2. Test your imagination

Now, you can look at the picture again and try to imagine what happened...