

Improving Your Reading with Summarising Sheba: In Paris



John and Arnaud walked together down a street in Paris. John's heart was filled with grief and anger. Arnaud felt the same grief but he also felt furious. Both men had heard the sound of cannons in the distance. They knew that the German soldiers were getting closer...

they were always getting closer. Nothing had stopped them. The metal and stone of the barriers had crumbled.

Less than one month later, the soldiers were already invading Paris. Lots of grey uniforms could be seen from the top of the Eiffel Tower. They were getting closer to the city. John felt as though he had no time to breathe.



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- ☐ Soldiers were filled with fear because of the sound of cannons.
- ☐ John and Arnaud were angry about the soldiers coming.
- ☐ Metal and stone barriers had crumbled.
- ☐ Germany had already taken over Paris.

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Answers

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: John felt tense about the soldiers invading Paris.
Their grey uniforms could be seen from the Eiffel Tower.**

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