Worksheet A

Chapters 26 - Epilogue

Aphasia Book Club

1. CIA Special Agent Ryan Hutton tasks Allan with the difficult duty of recruiting Yury Popov. When Allan is successful, Hutton thinks that Allan is “more professional than he seems” (page 352). How was Allan able to recruit Yury? Do you think he acted professionally as a spy? What qualities do you have that would make you a good spy?

2. When Allan moves back to Sweden, he finds a cat and names it Molotov. The two became a “little family” who lived a “pleasant and regular life” until Molotov was killed by a fox (page 375). Allan’s sorrow turns to rage, and he takes drastic measures to get revenge. What does Allan do to get revenge? Do you think his actions were justified? Why or why not? How would you have acted?

3. Allan’s social worker finds him a place at the Malmkoping Old Folks’ Home (page 377). What is the environment of the Old Folks’ Home? How does Allan feel about his new living arrangement? How would you feel if you were in his shoes?

4. Allan’s story ends with him being approached by a man from the Indonesian Government (page 384). What did this man want? Why is Allan concerned about the mental state of the Indonesian President? Are you satisfied with how Allan’s story ends?