

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

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The Door

Preview Questions

1. Have you ever seen a film about Jekyll and Hyde? Did you like it?
2. Are there any unusual buildings near your home or school?
3. Have you ever been **knocked down** in the road by accident?

Mr. Utterson was a lawyer who never smiled. He was tall and had a hard face. He did not like talking. However, he was a lovable man. When he drank wine with his friends, the look in his eyes told you that he was a good man. He enjoyed his wine but did not drink too much. He liked going to the theatre but did not go very often.

He liked other people and did not stop liking them just because he disagreed with them. He sometimes wondered why people did bad things. He could not understand it. He thought it was too much trouble to be bad. He would much rather help people than argue with them. They would come to his office when they were in trouble, and he was always ready to help them.

Mr. Utterson was a very popular man because of his kindness. He had many friends that he had known for many years. Mr. Enfield was one of his friends. He was a well-known man in the town. Mr. Utterson and Mr. Enfield went for a walk together every Sunday. People did not understand how they could enjoy themselves. The two men walked quietly and hardly spoke to each other as they walked. Both of them, however, thought that these walks

were important and rarely missed one. They would put off other pleasures or even business rather than miss their walk.

5 On one of these Sunday strolls, they walked down a small street in a busy part of London. During the week, it was very busy on this street, but on Sundays, it was much quieter. The houses on this street were good houses. The owners kept them clean and nicely painted. It was a pleasant street.

10 Two houses away from the corner, there was a building that was different from all the others. It was two storeys high. It had no windows looking out onto the street. On



the ground floor, there was a door. This door had no bell or knocker. It seemed that nobody ever used this door. Children played near it, and **tramps** slept there at night, but it was never cleaned or painted.

5 Mr. Utterson and Mr. Enfield walked past this door on the other side of the street. Mr. Enfield pointed at the door.

“Have you ever noticed that door?” asked Mr. Enfield.

“Yes,” answered Mr. Utterson. “That building doesn’t seem to belong on this street.”

10 “I know a strange story about that door,” said Mr. Enfield.

“Really?” asked Mr. Utterson. “What is the story?”

“I went to a party one night,” said Mr. Enfield, “and I was walking home at about three o’clock in the morning. It was very quiet on the streets. Everybody was asleep in bed. It was a dark night, but I saw two people. One was a short man, who was walking along the street. The other person was a small girl about ten years old. She was running quite quickly. The two people ran into each other, and the girl fell to the ground. This was not unusual, but then the short man stepped on the girl’s arm. He left her lying on the street, **screaming**. It was terrible to see and hear.

25 “I shouted at the man and ran after him. I brought him back to the girl. The girl’s family came to see what had happened, and there was a doctor there, too. He said that she was not badly hurt.

30 “The man who had hurt her stood under the street light. He looked as if there was something wrong with him. It made you feel sick to see him. He seemed to be the opposite of everything good. We all hated him. He did not

NEW WORDS

Chapter 1

knock down to hit someone or something hard so they fall/it falls to the ground

lawyer *n.* a person who helps others with the law

stroll *v.* to walk slowly

storey *n.* the floor of a building

tramp *n.* a person who has no home

scream *v.* to shout loudly because of fear or pain

smoke *n.* clouds that come from a fire

cheque *n.* written promise of payment

chimney *n.* a pipe that takes smoke from a building

Chapter 2

mood *n.* the way that a person feels

safe *n.* a strong box used to keep important and valuable things in

will *n.* a written note saying what you want to happen to your things when you die

property *n.* what you own

bother *v.* worry

mad *adj.* crazy

blackmail *n.* money you get from people when you promise not to tell their secrets

research *n.* the act of studying or trying to discover something

disappointed *adj.* sad because

you did not get what you wanted

hesitate *v.* to wait for a very short time before doing something

description *n.* the act of saying what something or somebody looks like

in common *phr.* something that is shared by more than 1 person/thing

servant *n.* a person who does work (usually in the house) for another person

trust *v.* to believe in someone; to believe that someone will do what they say

Chapter 3

client *n.* somebody who pays you to do something for them

determined *adj.* trying hard to get something or do something

private *adj.* secret; something not shared with people

murder *v.* to kill someone

horrified *adj.* frightened and shocked at something very bad

violent *adj.* using your strength in a harmful way

victim *n.* a person that something bad happens to

unpleasant *adj.* not nice, very bad

faint *v.* to fall down because you feel sick

foggy *adj.* a condition in which a cloud is near the ground



Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Cast

Newsreader (Virginia)

Sam

Alex

Poole

Miss Gravet

There was no television when Stevenson wrote Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, but let's imagine that there was:

Newsreader: Good evening. Here is the latest news. There was a shocking murder in London last night! A man was hit with a walking-stick and died in the street. With the details, we go live to our reporter, Alex Thoms. Alex?

Alex: Yes, Virginia, it was a shocking murder. Luckily, the whole thing was seen by a young lady sitting in an upstairs room. What did you see, Miss Gravet?

Miss Gravet: It was horrible! Horrible! How could he do it?!

Alex: Can you tell us about it?

Miss Gravet: It was very late, about eleven o'clock. I went up to my room and looked out the window. It was a lovely night, and I felt very happy. I saw an old man walking along the street; he had beautiful white hair. Beautiful, it was. And such a kind face.

She stops for a moment and sighs. It is painful to remember.

Alex: Go on, Miss Gravet.

Miss Gravet: Yes, yes. He had very expensive clothes. He was small and weak. Then I saw another man. He was young and short. I didn't look at him much because the older

man was so interesting to look at. When they met, the old man asked the young man something. I couldn't hear what it was. The young man listened for a while. Then, he seemed to get angry. He . . .

Alex: Yes, Miss Gravet?

Miss Gravet: He, he began to wave his big walking-stick. He looked very bad. Then, he hit the old man. He hit him twice. The old man fell to the ground. The young man was quite strong. He began to kick the old man and kept hitting him with his stick. Suddenly, his stick broke. He stopped kicking the old man and looked around. That's when I recognised him. It was Mr. Edward Hyde. He ran off, leaving half the stick behind.

Alex: Do you know this Edward Hyde?

Miss Gravet: Oh, yes. He came to our house once, to see my brother. I will never forget him. He looked like a bad man then, and what I saw yesterday . . .

She begins to cry.

Alex: I think that's about all that we can bring you from here, Virginia.

Newsreader: Thanks, Alex. Now we will go to our police reporter, Sam Radie. Sam, what do you have for us?

Sam: Virginia, I have with me Inspector Newcomen, who is in charge of the case. Inspector Newcomen, I believe there are some developments in the case.

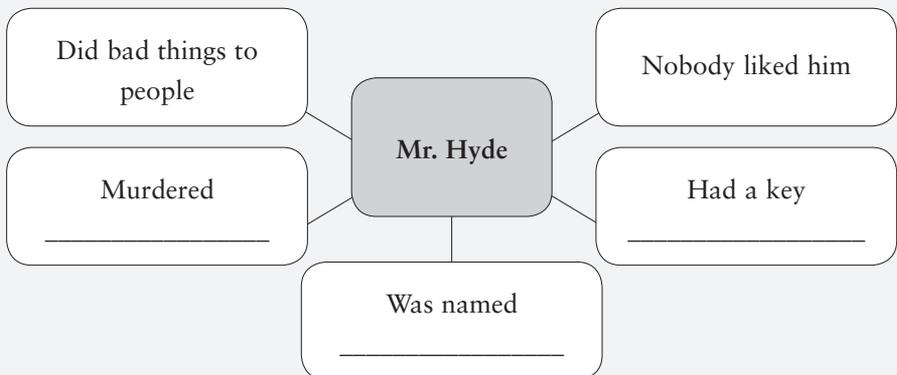
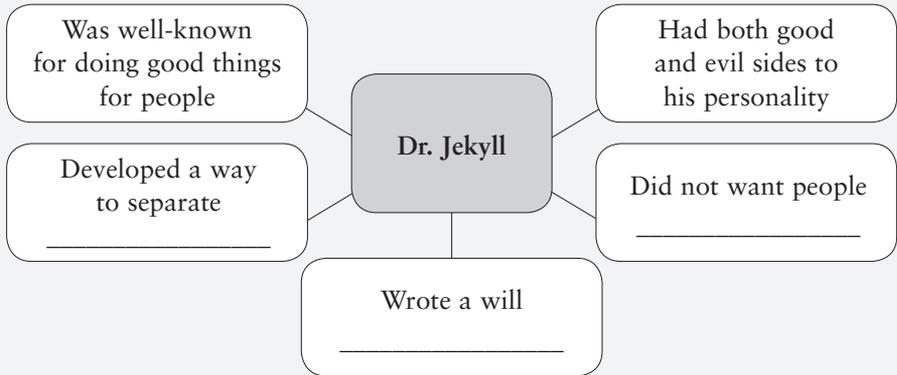
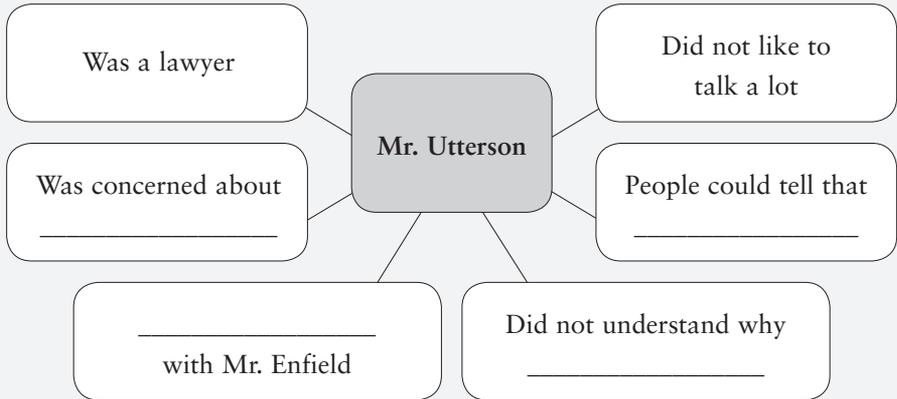
Inspector Newcomen:

Yes, Sam. The murdered man is Sir Danvers Carew. His family and friends have been told. He was carrying a letter addressed to the well-known lawyer, Mr. Utterson. We took the letter to him, and Mr. Utterson told us it was from Sir Danvers. He also saw the body.

Sam: That is very sad. Sir Danvers was a popular man. Is there any news about the man who killed him? Was Miss Gravet right?

Before You Read

I. Work with your classmates. Write as much as you can to fill in the blanks.



II. Scan through the book and answer the following.

1. Write the name of each character under the picture.



a. _____



b. _____



c. _____



d. _____



e. _____

2. Match three words that go together.

I

II

III

EX. *axe*

poker

• victim

a. letter •

• murder •

• *door*

b. drawer •

• bell •

• mirror

c. door •

• postmark •

• handwriting

d. violent •

• cupboard •

• knocker

3. Now write the chapter title and number that match each of the above group of words.

Title

Chapter

EX. *The Last Night*

6

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

The Door

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Mr. Enfield told Mr. Utterson a story about a house they saw on their usual Sunday walk.
- _____ The girl's family demanded money from the man, and he went in the house and got a cheque signed by a well-known man.
- _____ The mean man, called Mr. Hyde, stepped on her arm and walked away, but Mr. Enfield made him come back.
- _____ Mr. Hyde went with them to the bank the next day, and the banker said the cheque was good.
- _____ Late one night, a little girl and a mean-looking man ran into each other, and she fell over.

II. Choose the best answer.

- Why did people like Mr. Utterson?
 - Because he was always smiling
 - Because he had a gentle face
 - Because he talked a lot
 - Because he was a good man
- What was unusual about the house that was two houses away from the corner?
 - It was nicely painted.
 - It was three storeys high.
 - It had no windows facing the street.
 - It had no door facing the street.
- What did Mr. Hyde do to the little girl?
 - He pushed her down.
 - He stole her money.
 - He stepped on her arm.
 - He screamed at her.
- How did Mr. Enfield know that someone lived in the house?
 - Because smoke came from the chimney regularly
 - Because he knew the person who owned it
 - Because he saw someone using the door regularly
 - Because he saw someone at the window

III. Circle the correct word.

1. She wants to become a (lawyer / doctor) so that she can defend the wrongfully accused.
2. He likes to watch plays at the (party / theatre).
3. I (quietly / hardly) recognised you. You look so different.
4. They are going for a (stroll / pleasure) in the park.
5. She fell sixteen (knockers / storeys) to her death.
6. We can't use the fireplace because the (bell / chimney) is blocked.
7. The (computers / tramps) had nowhere warm to go on the chilly evening.
8. We could hear him (hate / scream) from down the street.
9. That was a (terrible / pleasant) movie. I wouldn't recommend it.
10. He was alarmed when he noticed (wine / smoke) coming down the stairs.

IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct phrase in each blank.

- the man pay
- bad man was blackmailing
- lying in the street
- a hateful-looking man
- a cheque signed by
- the man went

Mr. Enfield told Mr. Utterson about 1_____ who hurt a girl and left her 2_____. Mr. Enfield made 3_____ the girl's family some money. 4_____ into a strange building and came back with 5_____ a well-known person. Mr. Utterson and Mr. Enfield thought that the 6_____ the good man and agreed not to talk about it again.