



# The Dream and Other Stories

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## While reading

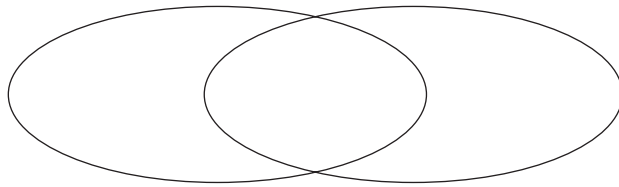
### The Dream

- 1 Compare the two drivers and their cars, using the words below. Some words may not fit either of them.

fast careful big kind rude annoyed  
clever grateful worried patient

Writer and  
his car

Man and the  
cream car



- 2 Put the actions in order.

- a  The cream car almost crashed.
- b  The driver spent the night in Tain l'Hermitage.
- c  The writer arrived in Fontainebleu.
- d  The writer blew his horn.
- e  The writer had a dream.
- f  The writer heard a horn.
- g  The writer left Italy.
- h  The writer met the driver.
- i  The writer saw a cream car.
- j  The writer saw a woman outside a white house.
- k  The writer wrote down the lorry's number.

- 3 Look at the picture and name the characters. Say exactly where they're sitting.



- a The writer is sitting .....
- b The writer's wife is sitting .....
- c Their daughter is sitting .....
- d Their son is sitting .....

### The Blind Man

- 4 Who said this? Isabel, Maurice or Bertie?
- a 'I must write back to him.' .....
  - b 'Why don't you invite him here?' .....
  - c 'The journey here has been terrible!' .....
  - d 'I'm OK if I can touch things.' .....
  - e 'I don't think she's happy living here.' .....
  - f 'I'm so happy that you've become friends.' .....

- 5 Complete their words. Use question tags.

- a You've had a difficult journey, ..... ?
- b Maurice had an accident, ..... ?
- c He has been feeling quite lonely, ..... ?
- d He hasn't written to any friends, ..... ?
- e You're looking forward to the baby, ..... ?
- f You didn't write to me last summer, ..... ?

- 6 Compare the information about two men. Add more information.

Maurice	Bertie
He is married.	
	He's a rich lawyer.
He has fought in a war.	

### It Happened Near a Lake

- 7 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?
- a Mrs Beaseley was a loving wife.
  - b She wanted to live in a big city.
  - c Mr Beaseley didn't want to share his money with his wife.
  - d When they travelled to the Amazon, they stayed at a five-star hotel.
  - e Mr Beaseley knew what had happened to his wife.

- 8 Complete the table with information about monsters. Use the Internet or books.

Monster	Amazon	Loch Ness
characteristics		
habitat		
habits		



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## 9 Match Mr Beaseley's and Mrs Beaseley's words.

- a 'You're getting older.'
- b 'Look, what you're doing is wrong.'
- c 'You don't love me any more.'
- d 'The doctor's wrong, there's no monster.'
- e 'I've had enough, I want to go back to the city.'
- 1 'It's not that, I just want to travel.'
- 2 'OK, I'll write you a check.'
- 3 'Well, so are you.'
- 4 'Don't say that. There are customers around.'
- 5 'Wait and see.'

## The Ugly American and the Ugly Sarkhanese

### 10 Write each character's words and thoughts.



### 11 Write each person's original words.

- a Atkins politely asked where the home of the headman was.
- b Atkins told the headman that he was an American engineer who had designed a new kind of pump.
- c Atkins said that he would pay well for this man's time and skill.
- d He suggested making another frame from bamboo.
- e Sarkhanese men, he said, must not handle machines. They had never done that before.

## Hilary's Aunt

### 12 Rewrite the characters' words. Begin He/She said/asked ... .

- a 'Her condition may become worse at any moment.'
- b 'When it has passed a certain stage, she won't want to live.'

- c 'Nobody with any heart will want her to live either.'
- d 'Did you make this will when you were a girl?'
- e 'Blenkinsop will tell you about it.'
- f 'Mr Blenkinsop is coming here, and I shall make a will leaving all my money to you.'
- g 'If I die tonight, you'll get nothing.'

### 13 Write the correct form of the verb

- a Hilary ..... (send) abroad when he was young.
- b He ..... (spend) all the money he inherited.
- c He ..... (tell) that his aunt was dying.
- d Mary laughed when the word 'will' ..... (say).
- e Mary ..... (give) double the amount of medicine.
- f A new will ..... (sign) tomorrow.

## The Birds

### 14 Put these sentences in order. Number them, 1-9.

- a  Mr Trigg drove Jill home.
- b  Nat saw a lot of gulls.
- c  Nat's wife heard the news about the birds.
- d  The family drove to the farm and back home.
- e  The family had an early supper.
- f  The family had breakfast after the first attack.
- g  The family heard planes crashing.
- h  The gulls attacked Nat.

## After reading

- 15 Write a last sentence for each of the stories.
- 16 Write a detailed description of one of the characters. The other students read it and have to tell you which character it is.
- 17 Make a cover for the book. Draw it or make a collage.
- 18 Student A reads a paragraph from one of the stories. Student B has to say which story it is from, what happened before and what is going to happen next.



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## The Dream

### 1 Match the names and the right action.

- a The writer ...
  - b The writer's wife ...
  - c Tain l'Hermitage ...
  - d The cream car ...
  - e The lorry ...
  - f The car driver ...
  - g The lorry driver ...
- 1 moved to the wrong side of the road.
  - 2 was an excellent driver.
  - 3 was quite powerful.
  - 4 made terrible noises.
  - 5 had had a terrible dream.
  - 6 was in the south of France.
  - 7 didn't know how to drive.

### 2 Answer why.

- a Why didn't the writer's son drive?
- b Why was the writer worried about the dream?
- c Why did the lorry move to the left of the road?
- d Why do people play 'chicken' on a road?

## The Blind Man

### 3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Isabel was looking forward to her friend's visit.
- b Maurice didn't worry about his blindness.
- c Isabel didn't do much to make Maurice  
heerful.
- d Isabel was really in love with Bertie.
- e Maurice didn't want to see Bertie.
- f Maurice invited Bertie to the stable.

### 4 Match the names and the right phrases. There may be more than one description for each character.

- a Isabel: .....
  - b Bertie: .....
  - c Maurice: .....
- 1 felt OK in the dark.
  - 2 has had a friend for a very long time.
  - 3 fought in the war.
  - 4 wanted to escape from the stable.
  - 5 was afraid of intimacy.
  - 6 thought Isabel was not happy.

## It Happened Near a Lake

### 5 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Mrs Beaseley was impolite to her husband.
- b She followed her husband because she loved  
travelling.

- c Mrs Beaseley brushed off the monster's prints  
because she didn't want her husband to find  
them.
- d Mr Beaseley knew his wife had had an  
accident.

## The Ugly American and the Ugly Sarkhanese

### 6 Who said these words, Atkins, Jeepo or the Ambassador?

- a 'You should use old bicycles.' .....
- b 'I like what you're saying, let's have a drink.'  
.....
- c 'Selling the bikes is the difficult part.'  
.....
- d 'Can you help up with the water problem?'  
.....
- e 'A man isn't grateful when he's given something for  
nothing.' .....
- f 'I'll do business with the American if he wants me  
to.' .....

## Hilary's Aunt

### 7 Circle the correct words.

- a Hilary *was from Australia / was rich / had a brother.*
- b The aunt *was dying / lived with her brother / had  
married a lord.*
- c Mr Protherto *owned a shop / died very young / hated  
Mr Smith.*
- d Hilary *had spent his aunt's money / wanted to talk to  
Mr Blenkinson / was thinking of killing his aunt.*
- e If Mary didn't write a new will, her money would go  
to *Hilary / people in China / her husband's relatives.*
- f Mary died because *Hilary killed her / she was too ill /  
she killed herself.*

## The Birds

### 8 Answer these questions.

- a What did Nat see at the beach?  
.....
- b Why did they smell something burning?  
.....
- c Why did Nat go to Mr Trigg's farm?  
.....
- d Why did Nat tell his wife that the Triggs were in  
town visiting friends?  
.....
- e Why wasn't Mr Trigg's car in the garage?  
.....
- f Why weren't the birds eating?  
.....