

During-reading questions

Write the answers to these questions in your notebook.

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Where does Jonathan travel to Transylvania from?
- 2 What is Jonathan's job?
- 3 Jonathan says that Count Dracula is a "very strange man".
What does Jonathan think is strange about him?

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 What does Count Dracula want to buy?
- 2 Who does Jonathan plan to marry?
- 3 Dracula writes four letters. Which four place names does Jonathan see on those letters?

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 There is a woman outside the castle. What happens to her?
- 2 After Jonathan climbs out of the window, where does he find the count?
- 3 What does Jonathan hit the count with?

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Which man does Lucy decide to marry?
- 2 Which animal runs away from the Russian ship?
- 3 Which animal comes near Lucy's window at night?

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Who is in hospital, and where is the hospital?
- 2 Where does Mina travel to, and why?
- 3 Which two people come to examine Lucy?

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Who is the first person to give their blood to Lucy?
- 2 What does Van Helsing bring to Lucy and put in her room?
- 3 Which two people die?

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Why do Mina and Jonathan have a shock in Piccadilly?
- 2 Where do some attacks on children happen?
- 3 What three things do the men need to kill the vampire?

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Who has read many books about vampires in the last few weeks?
- 2 What four things do the men take with them to Carfax, and why?
- 3 Why were the men shocked when they went to Mina's room?
- 4 What do you think was happening in Mina's room?

CHAPTER NINE

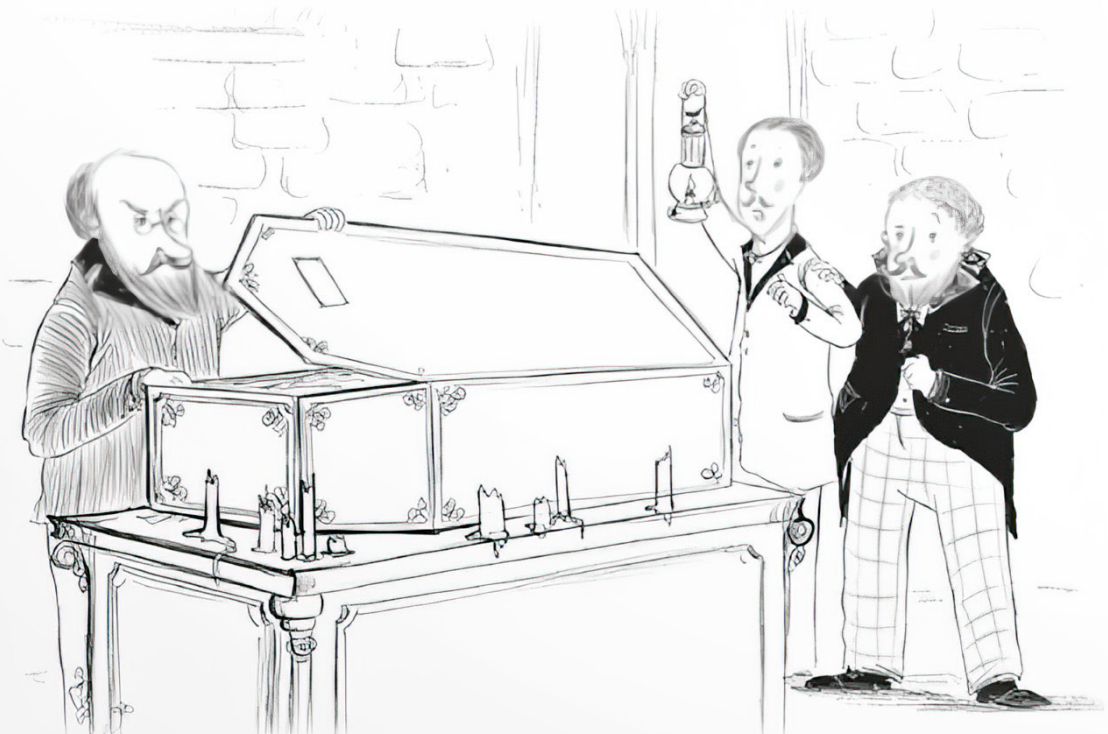
- 1 Why does Van Helsing move his hand in front of Mina's eyes for a few minutes?
- 2 Why do the group decide to travel by land, not ship, to Bulgaria?
- 3 Why does Mina have to go with the four men to Bulgaria?

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 Jonathan was worried because the sun was going down. Why?
- 2 How many vampires do the men kill by the end of the book?
- 3 Why do Mina and Jonathan call their son Abraham?

After-reading questions

- 1 Look back at your answer to “Before-reading question 1”. What new things did you learn about vampires from this story?
- 2 What things or animals can Dracula become, other than a man?
- 3 Which people in the story have crucifixes? Why do they have them?
- 4 The story is told using letters and diaries. What does this add to the story?



Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Put the adjectives in the correct group in your notebook.

afraid beautiful comfortable dangerous happy
interesting strange terrible worried

Example:

Positive meaning	Negative meaning
<i>beautiful</i>	<i>afraid</i>

CHAPTER TWO

- 2 Complete these sentences in your notebook, using the adverbs from the box.

accidentally easily quietly slowly suddenly well

- Jonathan slept*well*..... on his first night at the castle.
-, the count stepped away from the light.
- Jonathan cut his neck when he was shaving.
- Jonathan saw the count climbing down the side of the castle.
- The three women talked together and laughed.
- One of the women then walked towards Jonathan.

CHAPTER THREE

- 3 Write the past tense of these irregular verbs in your notebook.

Jonathon ¹.....*heard*..... (**hear**) a terrible shout. He looked out of the window and ²..... (**see**) a woman shouting. Wild dogs ³..... (**run**) to the woman, and they attacked and killed her. Then they ⁴..... (**eat**) her. Later, Jonathon ⁵..... (**go**) out of his room and down some stairs. He suddenly ⁶..... (**become**) very afraid.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 4 Complete these sentences in your notebook, using the time references from the box.

until now two weeks ago before lunch soon

- 1 Nothing has ever happened to Lucy*until now*.....
- 2 Dr Seward came to visit Lucy
- 3 Lucy will write to her friend Mina again
- 4 Mina arrived in Whitby

CHAPTER FIVE

- 5 Are these sentences *true* or *false*? Write the answers in your notebook.

- 1 The fifty boxes from Transylvania went from Whitby to London by train.*true*.....
- 2 A nurse found Jonathan at the train station in Budapest.
- 3 Jonathan gave his diary to Mina.
- 4 Lucy and Mina both got married in this chapter.
- 5 Two different doctors came to examine Lucy.
- 6 Professor Van Helsing knows how and why Lucy has lost a lot of blood.

CHAPTERS SIX AND SEVEN

- 6 Write the opposite of these words in your notebook.

- | | |
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| 1 better <i>worse</i> | 2 younger |
| 3 stronger | 4 love |
| 5 beautiful | 6 sleeping |

CHAPTER EIGHT

7 Read the answers, and write the correct question words in your notebook.

- 1 *Who* is Dracula?
He is a dangerous vampire.
- 2 did Dracula travel to England?
Inside a wooden box full of earth.
- 3 does Dracula turn into a dog or a bat?
At night.
- 4 did the men put on top of the earth in each box?
A crucifix.
- 5 did the men get a terrible shock when they went to Mina's room?
Because they found Dracula with Mina.
- 6 did the men find the last twenty boxes?
In houses in Picadilly, Mile End and Jamaica Lane.

CHAPTERS NINE AND TEN

8 Match the verbs and the nouns. Then write sentences in your notebook.

Example: 1 – c

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| 1 have | a a game |
| 2 ask | b by boat |
| 3 make | c an idea |
| 4 travel | d a question |
| 5 play | e a plan |
| 6 point | f a gun |

CHAPTERS NINE AND TEN

9 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences in your notebook.

- 1 decided / Mina / Professor / The / to / hypnotize
The Professor decided to hypnotize Mina.....
- 2 left / Dracula / went / England / to / and / Bulgaria
- 3 arrived / they / Varna / in / three / days / After
- 4 with / cut / off / his / head / Dracula's / knife / Jonathan
- 5 pushed / Arthur / wooden / a / Dracula's / into / stake / heart
- 6 seven / terrible / These / happened / ago / things / years



Project work

- 1 Imagine you are one of the following characters, and write a diary page.
 - Dracula: write about meeting Jonathan and breaking his mirror.
 - The captain of the Russian ship: write about your last days on the ship.
 - Lucy Westenra's mother: write about your daughter's illness.
- 2 Who was your favourite character in the book? Why? Write about them, and add some new information about their life. For example, what are their hobbies? What food do they like? What clothes do they wear?
- 3 Make a "Wanted" poster for Dracula. Include information about:
 - the bad things he has done
 - what he looks like
 - what is dangerous or strange about him.
- 4 Imagine you work for a newspaper called *Transylvania News*. Write a newspaper report about the events in Chapter Ten.
- 5 Write a review of this book. Did you like it? Why/Why not?

An answer key for all questions and exercises can be found at
www.penguinreaders.co.uk

Glossary

arrive (v.)

to get to a place at the end of a journey

bat (n.)

A bat is a small, black animal that can fly.

blood (n.)

Blood goes around your body and comes out if you cut your body. *Blood* is red.

bury (v.)

to put a dead body under the ground

captain (n.)

the most important person on a ship

carriage (n.)

A *carriage* has four wheels. People sit in it and horses pull it.

chapel (n.)

a small church

count (n.); **Count** (pr. n.)

A count is an important person, for example, *Count* Dracula.

crucifix (n.)

A *crucifix* is two lines crossing (+) that show how Jesus Christ died.

diary (n.)

You write about your life in your *diary*.

docks (n.)

Ships come to the *docks* after a journey.

dream (n.)

a picture or idea in your head when you are sleeping

earth (n.)

the ground under plants and roads

examine (v.)

When a doctor *examines* you, they look at part of your body.

garlic (n.)

a white vegetable with a strong smell

heart (n.)

the part inside you that sends *blood* around your body

hypnotize (v.)

If someone is *hypnotized*, they sleep with their eyes open, and you can tell them to do things.

illness (n.)

when you have something wrong with your body, and you do not feel well

locked (adj.); **lock** (v.)

If a door is *locked*, it is closed with a key so that people cannot open it.

note (n.)

a piece of paper with a message on it

prisoner (n.)

A *prisoner* cannot leave a place, because the door is *locked* with a key.

P.S. (n.)

You write *P.S.* at the end of a letter when you have something more to say.

ruined (adj.)

When a building is *ruined*, it is falling down and broken.

sharp (adj.)

Sharp teeth can cut into things.

shave (v.)

When a person *shaves*, they cut hair from their body.

shock (n.); **shocking** (adj.);

shock (v.)

You have a *shock* when something suddenly happens to you. *Shocking* news is bad and gives you a very big surprise.

solicitor (n.)

A *solicitor* helps people with the law.

spade (n.)

You push a *spade* into the ground to take *earth* or stones from it.

stake (n.)

a long piece of wood. You push it into something.

temperature (n.)

If someone has a *temperature*, they are very hot because they are ill.

tomb (n.)

a large stone box above the ground for a dead body

transfusion (n.)

when a doctor puts new *blood* into a person or animal

trust (v.)

to be sure that someone is good and that what they say is true

vampire (n.)

In stories, a *vampire* is a dead person who wakes up at night and drinks people's *blood*.

weak (adj.)

not strong

wooden (adj.)

made of wood (from trees)