

CHAPTER 1

It is a cold winter in Scotland a thousand years ago. The Scottish army is fighting a **battle** with the Norwegian army. The King of Norway wants to **invade** Scotland. The Norwegian soldiers are very strong, and they are killing a lot of Scottish soldiers. King Duncan of Scotland is worried because his army is losing the war.

Now King Duncan is at the army camp near his palace at Forres. He is waiting for some news about the battle. On a cold, stormy night, a **wounded** soldier arrives at the camp and stands in front of the King. He delivers the good news about the battle. There is blood on his face. He looks very tired, but he is very excited and happy.

'My Lord!' he cries out. 'The Norwegian soldiers are running away from the battlefield. Their general is dead. We are a free country again!'

He tells the King about the **bravery** of one of the soldiers. He also tells him about the death of the Norwegian general at the hands of this brave soldier.

'That is wonderful!' says the King. 'Who is that brave soldier?'

'His name is Macbeth. He is the best soldier in the army of Scotland.'

'Send Macbeth to me at once,' orders the King to his men. 'I want to see him.'

Then he turns to one of his **guards** and says, 'Take this wounded soldier to the doctor's **tent**. Be quick!'

It is very late at night now. There is thunder and lightning in the sky. Macbeth is on his way to King Duncan's camp. He is walking there with another brave soldier. It's his friend Banquo. Both Macbeth and Banquo are very tired.

'It is so difficult to walk in this weather, after a long battle,' says Macbeth.

'Yes. We are very tired, but we must continue walking,' Banquo says. 'How far is Forres from here? Do you know?'

At that moment, they see three **witches** standing under a tree. The witches are dancing in a circle. They have very old clothes on. They are saying strange things.

'Look at those **creatures**!' Banquo cries out in fear. 'They are so strange and ugly. They look like old women, but they have beards like men.'

Then he turns to the witches and asks, 'What kind of creatures are you? What are you doing?'

The witches do not answer Banquo. They all look at Macbeth and shout, 'Hail, Macbeth!'

Then one of them says, '*Hail to you, Macbeth the good soldier!*'

And another one says, '*Hail to you, Macbeth the general!*'

And finally the third one says, '*Hail to you, Macbeth the King!*'

Macbeth is **startled** now and a little **scared**. 'What are they saying? How do they know my name?' he asks Banquo.

'My dear Macbeth, do not worry. They are saying good things about you.'

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'They see your future,' Banquo continues speaking to Macbeth. Then he speaks to the witches. 'Can you tell me my future, too?'

The three witches look at Banquo. One of them says, 'Your sons will be kings, but you will not be a king.' Then they all shout, 'Hail, Banquo, the father of kings!'

Macbeth is very excited now. He begins to speak to the witches. 'Who are you? How do you know those things about my future? Speak to me. Tell me more,' he says to them.

But suddenly, the witches disappear. Macbeth and Banquo look around for them. They can't see the witches anywhere. They are startled again.

'Perhaps they are witches,' Banquo says. 'But are they real? Maybe we just **imagine** them because we are very tired and sleepy.'

'I think they are real,' says Macbeth. Then he adds, 'Your sons will be kings. That's very good.'

Banquo smiles and says, 'And you will be the King! But first, you will be a general.'

Macbeth and Banquo continue to walk to Forres. On the way, they meet two noblemen, Angus and King Duncan's cousin Ross.

'We are coming from Forres. The King wants to see Macbeth immediately,' Ross says to the two brave soldiers.

Then Angus looks at Macbeth and says, 'The King also sends his thanks to you, Macbeth. And we have some news for you.'

Then Ross says, 'Macbeth, the King is very happy to hear about

your bravery. He is very **proud** of you. We are going to take you to the King. He will make you the general of our army.'

'So, you are the new general of the Scottish army, Macbeth!' adds Angus.

Both Macbeth and Banquo are shocked. They think about the witches' words.

'Macbeth, the good soldier, and now, Macbeth, the general! And perhaps I will be the King, too,' Macbeth thinks to himself. And to Ross and Angus, he politely says, 'Thank you for the news.'

Then he **whispers** in Banquo's ear, 'The witches' words about the future are coming true. That means you will be the father of kings.'

'I can't believe this! It's so strange. Is this a good thing for you or a bad thing?' Banquo says to Macbeth very quietly. Then he begins a conversation with Angus and Ross.

Macbeth thinks to himself again, 'Perhaps this is good for me. But it is bad, too, because I can kill King Duncan. I want to become the King.' Then he is scared of this idea. He says, 'Oh, this is a horrible idea! I must stop imagining things. I don't want to be a **murderer**.'

'Look at Macbeth! He is in a shock,' Banquo says to the two noblemen at that moment. And he asks Macbeth, 'Are you ready to go to the King?'

'I am ready, gentlemen. Let's go,' Macbeth says to the three men. And he thanks Ross and Angus for coming there and for giving him the news. They all set off for the King's camp.

Macbeth and Banquo arrive at the King's camp at Forres together

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with the two noblemen. King Duncan is very happy to see Macbeth.

'My brave soldier! I want to thank you. All the Scottish people want to thank you, too. You are now the general of the Scottish army!' the King says to Macbeth.

'Your Highness, it is my **duty** to serve you and to protect my country,' Macbeth says. 'I am just doing my duty. My duty to you is like the duty of a servant to his master.'

'This is the beginning of a new life and new career for you, Macbeth,' the King says. Then he speaks to Banquo. 'You are **brave** just like Macbeth. I am thankful to you, too. Everyone must know this.'

'I am most **grateful**, your Highness,' says Banquo.

Afterwards, King Duncan speaks to the soldiers and lords at the camp. 'My sons, relatives, and lords! I want to give my kingdom to my eldest son, Malcolm. So, today I am making him the prince of Cumberland.'

Then to Macbeth, he says, 'Let's go to your **castle**, Macbeth. I will be your guest for a night.'

'Can I go there now? I want to give the news to my wife at once,' Macbeth says to the King. And he leaves the camp. On the way, he thinks about the future and makes some plans.

'The King's son Malcolm is the prince of Cumberland now. So, he will become the King after Duncan. That's not good for me. I must be the King,' he says to himself. 'I will do something about this. I have many **desires**. My wishes are **horrible**. I have horrible plans. I really do not want to do **evil** things, but I must.'

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A. Write the names of these characters.

1. The King of Scotland: _____
2. A brave soldier; also a friend of Macbeth: _____
3. The King's oldest son: _____
4. A Scottish noble man; also the King's cousin: _____
5. Another Scottish nobleman: _____

B. Choose the correct word for each picture. Then write the word in the blank under the picture.

whisper

castle

evil

witch

wounded

murderer

creature

guard

scared

startled

proud

tent



1. a(n) _____

2. a(n) _____ bird

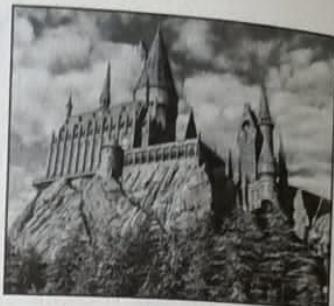


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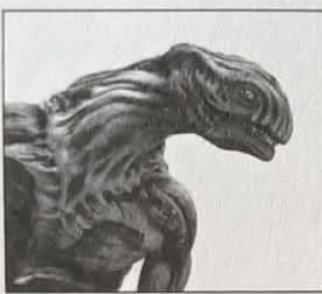
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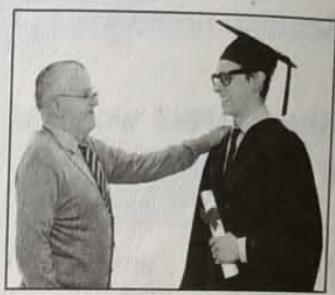
5. a _____



6. a(n) _____



7. a strange _____



8. He is _____ of his son.



9. He is a(n) _____ man.



10. He seems _____.



11. She's _____ ing to her.



12. He is very _____.

C. Read each definition and put the missing letters to write the word.

1. to enter a country or city by force and to take control of it:

i _ _ a _ e

2. to think about something and form a picture of it in your mind:

_ _ _ g _ _ e

3. job or something you must do: d _ _ _

4. wanting to give thanks to someone: g _ _ _ _ f _ _

5. very unpleasant, very bad: h _ r r _ _ _

6. the ability to do dangerous or difficult things without fear:

b _ _ _ _ y

7. a strong wish to do or to have something: d _ _ _ _ e

D. Are these statements true or false? Mark T (True) or F (False).

1. The King of Norway wants to take Scotland. _____

2. Macbeth kills the general of the Norwegian army in the battle. _____

3. Scotland loses the battle. _____

4. The three witches say horrible things about Macbeth's future. _____

5. The witches do not say anything about Banquo's future. _____

6. Macbeth goes to the King's camp alone. _____

7. King Duncan is grateful to Macbeth. _____

8. Macbeth and his wife live in a castle. _____

9. The King makes his oldest son the Prince of Forres. _____

10. Macbeth has pleasant plans and desires. _____

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In Macbeth's castle in Inverness, his wife Lady Macbeth is reading a letter. It is from Macbeth. In the letter, Macbeth tells his wife about the three witches and their words about his future. He also writes about the King's message. The letter ends saying, *'Now I am the general of the Scottish army. I can become the King soon. But for now, this is a secret. Don't tell anyone. Farewell now, my dear wife!'*

Lady Macbeth is very excited. She thinks to herself, 'My husband is a general! And he will be the King of Scotland soon. He wants to be powerful, and he is very **ambitious**. He has many desires, but he doesn't have enough **courage**. He is afraid to do bad things. I must give him some courage because I want to be the King's wife!'

At that moment, a servant comes in. 'There is a messenger at the door. He says the King is coming here this evening,' the servant tells Lady Macbeth.

'What? Are you crazy? Isn't Macbeth with the King now?'

'He is on his way here. He wants you to get ready for the King's visit.'

'I can't believe this! The King is visiting us!' she cries out. 'But soon, he will be a dead man,' she says to herself with an evil smile on her face. 'And Scotland will have a new King! Nothing can stop my evil plan.'

A few hours later, Macbeth arrives home. 'My dear love,' he says to Lady Macbeth. 'Are you ready for King Duncan's visit? He will stay with us until tomorrow morning.'

'But for him, there is no tomorrow,' Lady Macbeth says. 'I have a

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secret plan. Tonight, everything will change for us and for Scotland.'

'What do you mean? Your words **frighten** me,' says Macbeth. His face becomes **pale** with fear.

'Don't be afraid, my dear husband! Leave everything to me. And **greet** the King kindly. We must be very nice to him. He mustn't understand our plans.'

In the evening, King Duncan arrives at Macbeth's castle together with his sons Malcolm and Donalbain. Banquo comes with them, too.

'This castle is in a very pleasant place. The air here smells so sweet,' the King says to Banquo.

'Yes, the air is so nice. And there are beautiful birds in the garden,' says Banquo. Then Lady Macbeth welcomes the King and his sons.

'Thank you for visiting us, my Lord,' she says to the King. 'It is a pleasure to see you in our home. We are **delighted** to have you as our guest.'

'Where is your dear husband, the general of my army?' asks King Duncan and then he adds, 'My dear Lady Macbeth, we are your guests tonight.'

'Your Highness, Macbeth and I are your servants. Our house is your house,' says Lady Macbeth.

Then Macbeth comes down the stairs and greets the King very kindly. They all have dinner at a big table. They drink wine and talk and laugh. Macbeth seems very nervous. Suddenly, he leaves the dining room. Lady Macbeth becomes worried about him. She goes out of the dining room and looks for him. She finds him in his room upstairs. He is sitting on his bed, covering his face with his hands.

'I can't do it. I can't kill Duncan. He is a kind man and a good king,' he says to his wife. 'And he is very good to me. He is very proud of me.'

'But don't you want to be the King? Don't be a **coward!** Have some courage. Be a brave man!'

'Of course, I want to be the King. I'm not afraid. I'm not a coward. But I'm worried.'

'Don't worry. I have a very good plan. I will give Duncan's servants a lot of wine tonight. They will get drunk, and they will sleep heavily. Then you can go into Duncan's room and kill him with the servants' **daggers.** Do you understand?'

'Yes, yes, I do. And we must cover the servants' clothes and hands with Duncan's blood.'

'Yes, we will do so,' says Lady Macbeth. 'Tonight, when Duncan's servants are asleep, I will ring the bell in the hall. It will be a sign for you. Then you can go into Duncan's room. And tomorrow morning, we will find Duncan's dead body in his bed'.

'And everyone will think Duncan's servants are the murderers,' Macbeth says. And Lady Macbeth adds, 'We will cry and feel sad for Duncan's death together with the other people.'

Macbeth finally believes this is a good plan. He decides to kill Duncan that night. 'All right. I won't go to bed tonight. I will wait downstairs for your sign,' he says. 'Now, sit with the guests, my dear wife. Speak to Duncan in a very friendly way. Do not look nervous.' Then, Lady Macbeth goes back to the dining room. An hour later, everyone leaves the table and goes to their rooms to sleep.

It is midnight now, and the whole house is dark. Everyone is asleep, but not Macbeth. He is waiting downstairs. Lady Macbeth is in her room, but she is not sleeping. Suddenly, Macbeth hears a noise. He quickly picks up his **sword** and shouts, 'Who is there?'

'It's me, Banquo! I am very tired. But I can't sleep. I am still thinking about the three witches and their words.'

'Oh, I am not thinking about them anymore. I am very tired. I'm going to bed. We can talk about them in the morning, if you wish.'

'I am going to bed, too. Good night now,' says Banquo and goes to his room.

Macbeth is alone in the dark now. He waits for the bell to ring. He is very nervous. He begins to imagine things. He sees a dagger in the air, right in front of him. He sees blood on the dagger. He holds out his hand to take it. Then he says to himself, 'I am imagining things. There is no dagger here.'

Suddenly, he hears the bell ringing. 'It is time to kill Duncan. I must go and do it,' he says to himself. He slowly climbs the stairs to Duncan's room.

At that moment, Lady Macbeth hears an **owl**'s cry outside. 'This means Macbeth is killing the King right now. His servants are so drunk; they are **snoring** heavily. They cannot protect the King,' she says to herself. Then she hears a noise outside. 'Oh, no, I hope the servants are still asleep and the murder happens.'

Suddenly, Macbeth enters the room. He has two daggers in his hands. They are covered with blood. 'It is **done!**' he says. 'But I am afraid. I hear voices. Do you hear them?'

'I don't hear anything. You are imagining them. Duncan's servants are snoring in their beds. Malcolm, Donalbain and Banquo are sleeping in their rooms. And Duncan is dead.'

'Shh! Listen to the voices!' Macbeth says to his wife. 'They are saying horrible things about me.'

'Relax Macbeth! Don't be a coward. Go and wash off the blood on your hands. And take those two daggers back to Duncan's room. Put them near his servants.'

'I can't go back to that room. I'm afraid.'

'Coward!' Lady Macbeth angrily says to her husband and takes the daggers from him. She goes to Duncan's room and leaves the bloody daggers next to the servants.

They are still asleep. Then she puts some of Duncan's blood on the servants' hands and faces. She quickly comes back to the bedroom.

It's early in the morning now. There is a loud knock at the main door. Macbeth is very scared now. He can't move or speak. 'Who is knocking on the door at this time of the night?' he asks Lady Macbeth. 'I am frightened of every noise. What is happening to me?' he thinks to himself.

Then he looks at his hands and begins to speak to himself. 'Whose hands are these? Can all the water in the oceans wash this blood from my hands?'

Then they hear two more knocks at the door.

'It is the main door. The **porter** will open it. Do not worry,' says Lady Macbeth calmly. 'Come Macbeth. Let's wash our hands and put on our **nightgowns**. They must think we are in bed.'

The man at the door is Macduff, one of the King's noble men. He continues to knock on the door. Finally, a sleepy porter opens the door.

'Is your master awake?' asks Macduff.

At that moment, Macbeth comes down the stairs and stands before the door.

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'Good morning, general. Is the King awake?' asks Macduff.

'Not yet, I think. It's too early,' answers Macbeth in a calm voice.

'I'm here to wake him up. It is my job. Can I go to his room?'

Macbeth orders the servant to take Macduff upstairs to Duncan's room. He stays downstairs in the hall.

Macduff comes back in a few minutes. His face is **pale**. 'Oh, it's horrible! I can't believe it!' he cries out.

'What's the matter?' asks Macbeth.

'The King is dead! It is a bloody murder!' Macduff cries out again.

'It can't be true! The King? Murder?'

'Go in his room and look. It is horrible. I can't describe it,' says Macduff. Then he begins to shout, 'Wake up, wake up everyone! Ring the alarm bell! There is a murderer in this house!'

At that moment, Macbeth goes into the King's room. And Macduff continues shouting. 'Malcolm, Donalbain, Banquo! Get out of your beds! Come here at once!'

Lady Macbeth comes out of her bedroom. 'What is all that noise? What's happening here?' she asks.

'Oh, gentle Lady! The news is terrible!' says Macduff. Banquo and the King's sons arrive at that moment, too. Macduff quickly gives everyone the bad news.

'How horrible! Murder in our house?' Lady Macbeth cries out.

Banquo is shocked, and his face becomes pale. 'Is it true? Who is the murderer?' he asks.

'His two servants, I suppose,' answers Macduff. 'Their faces and hands are covered with blood. There is blood on their daggers, too. They are lying in their beds. They don't answer my questions. They seem shocked. They just **stare** at me.'

Just then, Macbeth comes out of Duncan's room. 'Don't worry. They can't hurt or kill anyone again.'

'Oh, no!' Banquo shouts angrily 'Are they dead? That is very bad because we will never learn the truth about the King's murder.'

'I am sorry for killing those servants. But you must understand the reason. They are the murderers of our dear King!' says Macbeth in a sad voice.

Suddenly, Lady Macbeth **screams** 'Help me, quickly!' and she **faints**. A maid and a servant run and carry her to her room.

The King's sons are very sad. They are frightened and worried, too.

'We must not stay here,' Malcolm whispers to Donalbain. 'This house is too dangerous for us. The murderer will kill us, too.'

And Donalbain says, 'Perhaps he is one of our own relatives. And those two servants are the murderer's men. I must escape to Ireland.'

'I will escape to England. I will ask the King of England for help,' Malcolm says.

A few minutes later, Malcolm and Donalbain get on their horses and ride away without saying 'goodbye' to anyone.

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ACTIVITIES

A. Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (a-f).

1. pale	_____	a. the colour on a scared person's face
2. delighted	_____	b. a fearful person with no courage
3. coward	_____	c. wanting to be powerful, rich or successful
4. ambitious	_____	d. to make somebody scared, afraid
5. courage	_____	e. the ability to do dangerous things without being afraid
6. frighten	_____	f. pleased; very happy

B. Read the questions. Answer them by writing the names only.

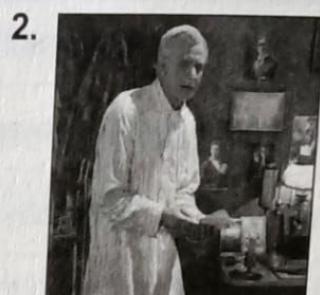
1. Who kills King Duncan? _____
2. Who makes the plan for the murder? _____
3. Who comes and knocks on the castle door? _____
4. Who opens the door to this visitor? _____
5. Who takes the bloody daggers to Duncan's room? _____
6. Who faints? _____
7. Who escapes from Macbeth's castle? _____
8. Who do you think is braver, Macbeth or his wife? _____

C. Look at each picture and complete the sentence about it with a word from the box below. (5 verbs and 3 nouns)

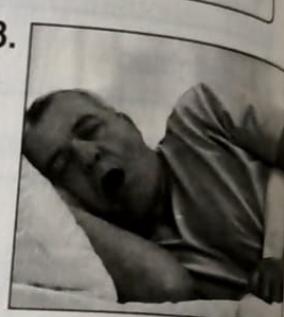
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faint	owl	snore	porter	
			nightgown	



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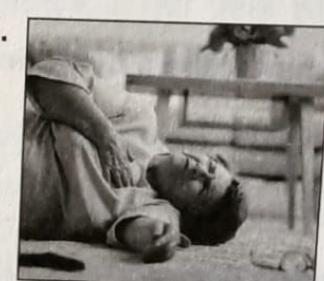
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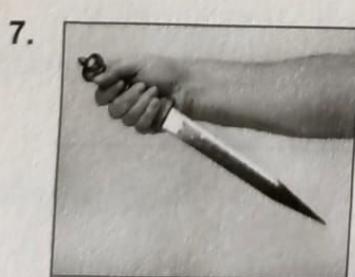
She's _____ ing.



She's _____ ing.



She's _____ ing the guests.



He's holding a _____.



He's _____ ing at the stars.



The bird is a(n) _____.

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D. Mark the correct choice.

1. King Duncan wants to be a guest at Macbeth's castle for ____.

- a) one day
- b) one week
- c) one night

2. Lady Macbeth says, 'There is no tomorrow for Duncan,' because ____.

- a) she has a plan for killing him that night
- b) she will kill him tomorrow morning
- c) his servants will kill him the next day

3. The murderer kills King Duncan with ____.

- a) his dagger
- b) a sword
- c) the servants' daggers

4. ____ finds Duncan's dead body in his bedroom.

- a) Macbeth
- b) Macduff
- c) Malcolm

5. Everyone thinks ____ are the murderers.

- a) The King's sons
- b) Macbeth and his wife
- c) the two servants of King Duncan

6. Macbeth kills Duncan's servants because ____.

- a) they are murderers
- b) he doesn't like them
- c) he doesn't want them to tell the truth

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Everyone in Scotland hears about the King's death and feels sad. They talk about the murder and its possible reasons. Some people think the murder is part of a plan by one of Duncan's relatives. Also, they wonder who the next King will be.

All the important men in Scotland have a meeting a few days after the murder. Angus, Ross and Macduff are at the meeting, too.

Ross asks, 'Who is going to be our new King?'

Another nobleman says, 'What about Malcolm? He is Duncan's older son.'

Macduff does not want Malcolm to be the King. 'Oh, but Malcolm and his brother are **gone**,' he says. 'They are not in Scotland anymore.'

Angus agrees with Macduff. He says, 'Malcolm is in England now. He is worried about his own life. He is not worried about Scotland.'

Then one of the lords says, 'Maybe those two murderers are Malcolm's men.'

Finally, Ross **suggests** Macbeth as the new King. 'I think Macbeth must be our new King. He is a very good soldier. And he is the general of our army,' he says.

Everyone at the meeting agrees. Ross says, 'I am sure Macbeth will be a good king. We must make him the King.'

'Yes, Macbeth is our new King!' they all shout happily. They are very excited.

So, they name Macbeth the King. They arrange a **ceremony** for

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him at the palace in Scone. Macbeth wears the King's **crown** there. Ross and all the other noblemen attend the ceremony, but not Macduff and Banquo.

Now Banquo is sitting alone in a big room in Macbeth's castle. He is thinking about Macbeth and the witches' words.

'Macbeth has everything now,' he says to himself. 'He is the general of the army. He is the King. So, the witches are right. But perhaps he is the murderer of Duncan. I'm afraid Macbeth is not a good man. He is very ambitious.'

Then he remembers the witches' words about himself. He thinks those words will come true, too. 'I will be the father of kings. So, my sons or grandsons will be kings. That means the crown will not be Macbeth's sons' or grandsons'.'

Just then Macbeth and the Queen, Lady Macbeth, enter the big room. Behind them, there are many lords and ladies. They are all Macbeth's guests. They have their servants with them, too.

Macbeth looks at Banquo. 'Oh, here's our most important guest!' he says in a loud voice. Then he continues, 'Tonight, we are having a big **banquet** here. Can you join us, please?'

'Of course, my Highness. It will be my **pleasure**. It is also my duty to be at your banquet,' answers Banquo.

'Are you going riding this afternoon?'

'Yes, my good Lord. But I won't go very far. I will come back an hour after **sunset**.'

'Good. Don't forget about the banquet tonight,' says Macbeth. Then he asks, 'Are you riding alone, or is your son coming with you?'

'He is coming with me, my Lord,' answers Banquo. 'Fleance and I usually go riding together. We're leaving very soon.'

'Banquo, do you know the news about Malcolm and Donalbain?' asks Macbeth suddenly.

'My Lord, I hear that one of them is in England. And the other one is in Ireland.'

'That's true. They are hiding because they are the murderers of their father. And they are causing trouble for us. They are telling lies to the King of Ireland and to the King of England. I will discuss this with you at a meeting tomorrow. See you at the banquet this evening.'

After Banquo leaves, Macbeth turns to the other guests and says, 'I will see you all at the banquet tonight. It begins at seven o'clock. Until then, you can do as you wish.'

Everybody leaves the big room. One of the house servants stays with Macbeth. 'Are those two men still waiting for me?' Macbeth asks that servant.

'Yes, my Lord. They are waiting at the gate of the palace.'

'Go and bring them to me,' Macbeth says to the servant. Then he begins to think. 'I am the King now. I have everything, but Banquo is a problem for me. I am very afraid of him.' And he remembers the witches' words, 'Banquo, the father of kings!' Then he says to himself, 'Banquo is my enemy now. I don't want his sons to be kings after me. I must stop this!'

At that moment, the servant comes back with two men. Macbeth orders the servant to go out. And he begins to speak to the two men.

'I have an enemy. His name is Banquo. He's a nobleman, and everyone thinks he is a good man, but he is not. He must die because he is dangerous for me. I have a plan, but I need your help. Do you understand?'

'Yes, your highness, we do,' answer the two men. 'It is our duty to help you.'

'You will kill him tonight,' says Macbeth. 'Banquo is coming to the palace for the banquet. His son is with him, too. They are coming after sunset. You must kill Banquo and his son. His son must not live, either. Wait outside the palace until sunset. And kill them when they come near the palace.'

The two men leave and Lady Macbeth comes to speak to Macbeth.

'What is wrong with you, my dear husband?' she asks. 'Duncan is dead, and you are the King. We live in the palace. But you are not happy. You look worried all the time.'

'You are right; I am worried. But I don't think about Duncan anymore. I have another problem now. It is Banquo and his son Fleance.'

'Come on, relax. You must look **cheerful** to the guests tonight. And remember, Banquo and his son can't live forever.'

'Yes, I must look cheerful. And I must be very kind to Banquo. He must not understand my plan.'

'What plan? Tell me, please!'

'I don't want to tell you anything about my plan now. Wait until tonight. Now let's go and wait for our guests,' Macbeth says, and they both go to the big dining room of the palace.

The guests begin to arrive in groups. Macbeth and his wife greet them and talk to them cheerfully.

It's nearly seven o'clock. Banquo and Fleance are getting down from their horses at the palace gate. Suddenly, two strangers appear

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from behind the trees. Banquo and his son can't see them because it is dark. The men attack Banquo with their daggers. Banquo shouts to his son, 'Fleance, run, run! Run away! They will kill you, too.'

One of the two men **stabs** Banquo and kills him. Fleance runs away and **disappears** in the dark.

Just at seven o'clock, Lady Macbeth leads the guests to the table, and everyone sits in their chairs. At that moment, two men appear at the door of the dining room. Macbeth goes to the door and talks to them in a quiet voice.

'There is blood on your face. Are you wounded?' he asks one of the men.

'No, my Lord. It is Banquo's blood.'

'So, the job is **done**. That's very good news,' Macbeth says with a smile.

'Banquo is dead now. Do not worry, my Lord. And his body is lying in a **ditch**.'

'Great! Thanks for that! What about Fleance?' asks Macbeth fearfully.

'Fleance is **alive**, my good Lord. He is **gone**. He is hiding somewhere. We can't find him. It is very dark outside.'

Macbeth stops smiling. He is **upset** again. 'That's terrible. Fleance will be a problem for us. You must leave immediately. We will talk again tomorrow.'

The two men are gone, and then Lady Macbeth comes to the door. 'Is there a problem, my love?' she asks Macbeth. 'Everyone is waiting for you at the table. Come and join us, please.'

Macbeth enters the dining room. and walks to his chair at the table. But he stops suddenly. He is **horrified!** There's a ghost sitting in his chair. It's the ghost of Banquo!

Lady Macbeth and the guests do not understand why Macbeth is so afraid. 'What is wrong, my Lord?' asks one of the noblemen.

'Which one of you is doing this to me?' asks Macbeth angrily. Then he looks at his chair and begins to speak to the ghost. 'I am not your murderer! Stop looking at me! And don't shake your bloody head!'

Everyone stares at Macbeth. They are startled. They think he is talking to the chair. Then Ross stands up and says, 'Ladies and gentlemen! The King is not feeling well. We must all leave now.'

'Oh, no, my dear friends. You must stay,' says Lady Macbeth. 'Please do not leave. My husband has an illness. He sometimes imagines things. He will feel well in a moment. Please eat your dinner and do not worry.'

Then she takes her husband out of the room. 'What's the matter with you again?' she asks angrily.

'Banquo is sitting in my chair! Can't you see him? What is he doing here? He is a dead man now.'

'Are you crazy? Your chair is empty. I don't see anyone in it! You are imagining things again!' says Lady Macbeth angrily. 'What is happening to you? You see a dagger in front of you one day. And now you see a dead man in your chair! Let's go back to the table. Everyone is worried about you.'

Macbeth walks back to the table. He looks at his chair again. But the ghost is not there anymore. So, he feels better.

And he speaks to the guests. 'My dear friends! I am so sorry. Sometimes I don't feel well, and I imagine things. I am all right now. Let's drink some wine and have a **toast**.

The servants **pour** wine into everyone's glasses. Macbeth **raises** his glass and says, 'I drink to the happiness of everyone here and to Banquo. I am sorry that he is not here with us tonight.' At that moment, he sees the ghost sitting in his chair again!

'Why are you here again? You are dead! Your body is cold and you have no blood. You must be in your **grave**! Leave me alone right now!' he shouts at the ghost angrily.

Now the guests are very worried. They all ask Lady Macbeth, 'Who is the King talking to? Why is he acting so strangely?'

'Please do not ask any questions. The King is very ill this time. You must all leave now, very quickly,' Lady Macbeth says to the guests. And they all begin to leave the palace.

Lady Macbeth takes the King to the bedroom. Macbeth does not go to sleep. He begins to think again. 'Banquo is dead now. But perhaps I have other enemies. I think Macduff is my enemy, too,' he says to himself.

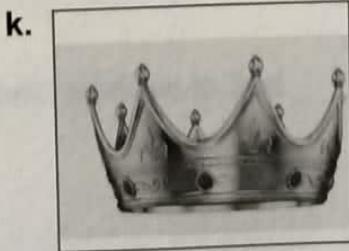
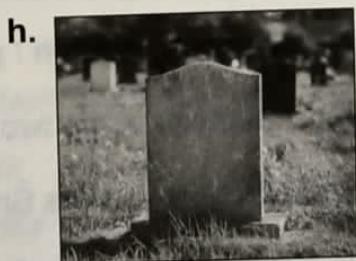
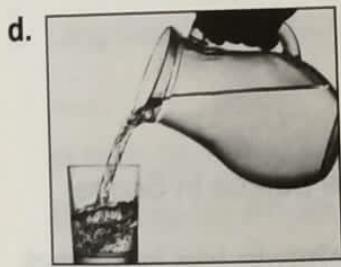
'You must sleep now. It is almost morning, and you are very tired,' says his wife.

'I can't sleep. I am very unhappy. Everything is wrong. I am worried about my future. Tomorrow, I must find those three witches and talk to them,' says Macbeth and goes to bed.

ACTIVITIES

A. Match the words (1-11) with the pictures (a-k).

1. sunset _____	2. horrified _____	3. stabbing _____
4. grave _____	5. pouring _____	6. crown _____
7. toasting _____	8. cheerful _____	9. ceremony _____
10. banquet _____	11. ditch _____	



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B. Match the words (1-4) with their synonyms or definitions (a-d).

1. gone _____	a. sad; worried; angry
2. pleasure _____	b. happiness; enjoyment
3. done _____	c. finished; completed
4. upset _____	d. not present; absent

C. Match the words (5-8) with their opposites (e-h).

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| 5. disappear _____ | e. lower |
| 6. alive _____ | f. better |
| 7. raise _____ | g. appear |
| 8. worse _____ | h. dead |

D. Circle the correct word in each sentence.

1. The crowning **banquet** / **ceremony** takes place in the palace in Scone.
2. Banquo dies when one of the two murderers **stabs** / **shoots** him in the dark.
3. Banquo's killers place his dead body in a **ditch** / **grave**.
4. Fleance is **dead** / **alive** after the attack of the two men.
5. Macbeth feels **horrified** / **upset** when he sees Banquo's ghost in his chair.
6. Macbeth **holds** / **raises** his glass and drinks to Banquo's health.

E. Mark the correct alternatives.

1. It is ____ plan to kill Banquo.

- a) Lady Macbeth's b) Macbeth's c) Malcolm's

2. The plan is to kill Banquo and Fleance ____ the banquet.

- a) before b) after c) during

3. When the two murders attack, ____.

- a) Banquo dies
b) Banquo dies, but Fleance escapes
c) Fleance dies, but Banquo escapes

4. Lady Macbeth tells the guests that Macbeth is acting strangely because ____.

- a) he is very sad about Duncan's death
b) he has an illness
c) he is very excited about being a king

5. The banquet ends suddenly because ____.

- a) Banquo is not present
b) Macbeth acts strangely
c) Fleance disappears

6. After the banquet, Macbeth decides to find ____.

- a) Fleance
b) Banquo's murderers
c) the witches

CHAPTER 4

After the banquet that night, all the lords and noblemen hear about Banquo's murder and Fleance's disappearance. They think Fleance is his father's murderer. They also talk about the murder of King Duncan again.

'Where is Macduff? Do you know?' one nobleman asks a lord.

'He is in England. He is with Malcolm,' answers the lord. 'They want help from the King of England. They want to save Scotland from the cruel king Macbeth. They realize that Macbeth is the murderer of King Duncan. Macbeth orders Macduff to return to Scotland immediately, but he is not coming back. So, Macbeth is very angry and afraid. He is preparing his army for a battle with the English army.'

'I hope Macduff and Malcolm together can save our country from Macbeth. He is a cruel king, and he is a murderer,' says another nobleman.

In the morning, Macbeth goes out alone and searches for the three witches. He finds them in a dark cave. They are standing around a big pot over a fire. They are **boiling** blood in the pot. They add a snake, a dragon's head, a dead man's hand and teeth and other **weird** things into the pot, too.

'What are you doing, you evil creatures?' Macbeth asks them. But they don't answer him.

'I want to know about the future. I have important questions. You must answer them,' he shouts at the witches angrily.

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'Don't ask any questions. Just wait and watch,' one witch says. Just then, the fire gets bigger, and there is a thunder. Macbeth sees a head over the pot. There is a helmet on the head. The head looks at Macbeth and says, 'Macbeth! Macduff will hurt you. Be careful!'

'I know. Macduff must die,' says Macbeth.'



Macbeth sees a head over the pot. There is a helmet on the head.

Next, there is another thunder and a baby appears over the pot. The baby is covered in blood. It smiles at Macbeth and says, 'Be cruel and brave, Macbeth. Do not be afraid of any men. No mother's son will hurt you.'

This makes Macbeth happy and he says, 'That's great! Everyone has a mother. So, I will be safe. I mustn't be afraid.'

Then there is a third thunder. This time, a small boy with a crown on his head appears over the pot. He has a tree in his hand. This makes Macbeth nervous and he cries out. 'This looks like a young king!'

'Macbeth, your enemies can never hurt you. But when the trees in the forest near your castle begin to **march**, you will have trouble,' says the child.

Macbeth laughs loudly. 'Oh, this is good, too. Trees cannot walk. This means I will stay as a king and live safely for a long time.' Then to the witches, he says, 'I have an important question. Please answer me. Will Banquo's sons be kings?'

'Do not ask us,' say the tree witches altogether.

Suddenly, a man appears. There is a crown on his head, and he's dressed like a king. Then seven other kings come after him. The last one has a mirror in his hand. Macbeth sees many more men in that mirror. Finally, Macbeth sees a ghost behind the kings. He is horrified now.

'Oh, this ghost looks like Banquo! These men are his sons, grandsons and great grandsons! Oh they will all be kings!' Macbeth shouts with anger.

He leaves the witches' cave angrily and returns to the palace.

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There are three messengers waiting for Macbeth at his castle in Dunsinane. One of them begins to speak, 'My good Lord, Macduff is in England. He is together with Malcolm. And they will cause trouble for you.'

'Well, well, Macduff is in England, but his family is here. He is safe, but his family is not. I will attack his castle, and kill his wife and children,' Macbeth says.

At about the same time, Macduff and Malcolm are talking outside King Edward's palace in England. Just then, a messenger appears beside them. He is coming from Scotland and has bad news about the country.

'Macbeth is not only a cruel king. He is also a murderer,' the messenger tells them. 'Everyone in Scotland is crying. Good men are dying every day. Macbeth's men are killing them. Some people plan to attack Macbeth's castle and kill him. Macbeth knows this, so he is getting ready for a war.'

'Tell the Scottish people that King Edward is helping me,' says Malcolm. 'I am coming back to Scotland with England's best **swordsman** and an army of ten thousand soldiers. We will **defeat** Macbeth's army.'

Then Macduff asks the messenger about his family. The messenger gives him the terrible news that Lady Macduff and the children are all dead.

Macduff cannot say anything at first. Then he begins to speak, 'It is Macbeth again! He is a murderer. I am going back to Scotland. I'll kill Macbeth with my own sword!'

'Macduff, we must go and see King Edward immediately,' Malcolm says. 'His army is ready. But we must say goodbye to him now. Then, we will get ready to leave for Scotland. We will fight and save our country from Macbeth.'

Macbeth is not in the palace anymore. He is gone to the castle in Dunsinane with his army. Lady Macbeth is staying in the palace alone. Late one night, one of Lady Macbeth's **court lady** and the palace doctor are talking about the Queen. They are standing near the Queen's door and speaking in a very low voice.

'I am very worried about Lady Macbeth,' says the court lady. 'She gets up from her bed and walks around every night. But she is still asleep. She speaks to herself and does strange things. Then she goes back to her bed.'

'Oh, you mean she walks in her sleep! That's very strange! What does she say?' asks the doctor.

'I can't repeat them to you. Look, she is opening her door now! I am sure she is asleep again.'

Lady Macbeth walks out of her room with a candle in her hands.

'Her eyes are open. She's not sleeping. How can she light a candle?' asks the doctor.

'Her eyes are open, but she doesn't see. And we put a lit candle next to her bed every night because she is afraid of the dark.'

Lady Macbeth puts the candle down and begins to **rub** her hands.

'What is she doing now?' the doctor asks the lady. He is startled.

'She thinks she is washing her hands. She does this every night, for fifteen minutes.'

Then the doctor and the court lady both listen to Lady Macbeth's words, and the doctor writes them down.

'Come out, you horrible **stain!** I **command** you!' Lady Macbeth says, looking at her hands. 'Nonsense, my lord, nonsense! You are a soldier. Why are you afraid? Why should we be afraid? Oh, he's an old man, but he has so much blood in his body!'

'Do you hear that?' the doctor asks. He is shocked.

Lady Macbeth continues to speak. 'Where is Macduff's wife now? Oh, will my hands be clean again? Don't be afraid my Lord! I still smell blood on my hands. All the perfumes of Arabia can't make my hands smell better. Oh, oh, oh!'

After hearing these strange things, the doctor says to the court lady, 'Lady Macbeth has a terrible illness. I can't **cure** her.' Then they hear Lady Macbeth speaking again.

'Oh, wash your hands. Put on your nightgown, my dear husband. Banquo is in his grave. He can't come out. Don't be so frightened.'

The doctor is shocked again. 'Oh, is this true? What is she saying?'

'Go to bed! Be quick, my Lord!' Lady Macbeth cries out.

'Look! She is going back to her bed,' says the court lady to the doctor.

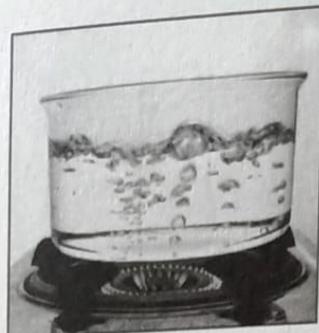
The doctor feels sorry for Lady Macbeth. 'The poor Queen needs a **priest**, not a doctor,' he says. 'She is feeling very **guilty** about something in the past. You must take good care of her. Remove the sharp things and medicine bottles from her room. She can kill herself while she is walking in her sleep. Be very careful.'

'I will. Thank you, doctor.'

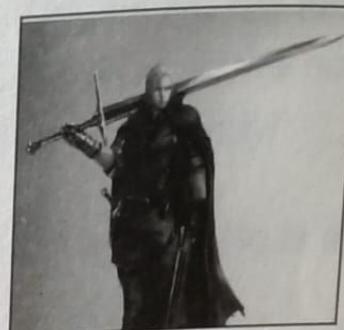
'Good night' says the doctor and leaves.

B. Match the words (1-6) with the pictures (a-f).

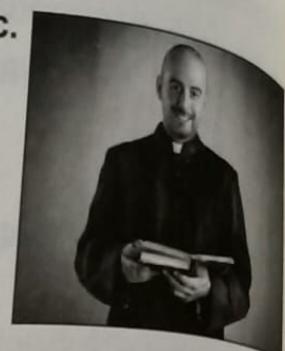
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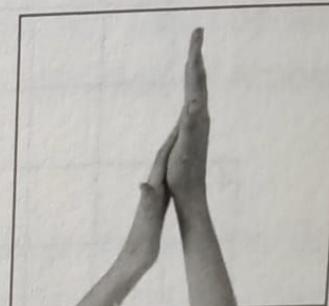
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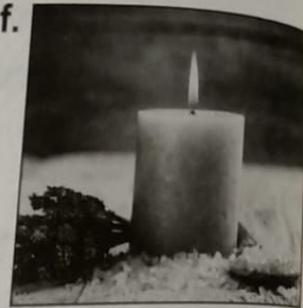
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e.



f.



1. marching: _____

2. swordsman: _____

3. candle: _____

4. boiling: _____

5. rubbing: _____

6. priest: _____

C. Mark the correct alternatives.

1. Macbeth goes to the witches' cave because he wants ____.

- a) to see Banquo's ghost
- b) to learn about his future
- c) to find Fleance

2. The king-like child over the pot has a ___ on his head.

- a) helmet
- b) crown
- c) tree

3. Macduff's wife and children are in ____.

- a) Scotland
- b) England
- c) King Edward's palace

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4. Macbeth kills ____.

- a) Macduff
- b) Macduff's wife
- c) Macduff's family

5. Malcolm will save his country with the help of ____.

- a) some Scottish noblemen
- b) the King of England
- c) Macduff and his men

6. Lady Macbeth's illness is ____.

- a) speaking to herself
- b) imagining things
- c) sleepwalking

7. Lady Macbeth sees ____ on her hands.

- a) a blood stain
- b) a bloody dagger
- c) her husband's blood

8. Lady Macbeth feels guilty for ____.

- a) the deaths of several people
- b) being a queen
- c) marrying a cruel man

D. Answer the questions. Write short answers.

1. Whose son is going to fight against Macbeth? _____

2. What is the name of the king of England at the time? _____

3. How many thunders does Macbeth hear in the cave? _____

4. How many kings appear over the pot in the cave? _____

5. Who can help to cure Lady Macbeth's illness? _____

6. What does Lady Macbeth try to do by rubbing her hands?

Chapter 5

'I am not afraid. This castle is very strong, and Malcolm is a woman's son. So, he can't hurt me,' Macbeth says to himself. And to the servant, he angrily says, 'Get out now! And don't be a coward. We are brave and strong. We will defeat the enemy.'

Now Macbeth is alone in the room and begins to think. 'My people and my men respect me because I am their king. They follow my orders because they are afraid of me. They don't really love me. My friends honour me with their words, but not with their hearts. They are not loyal to me. They will leave me and join Malcolm.'

Then one of Macbeth's spies enters the room. He looks very worried and scared. He says, 'The enemy is very near our castle, my Lord.'

'We will fight with them. I will fight, too!' Macbeth says and shouts to the servants. 'Bring my **armour!**' Then he turns to the spy. 'Some people in the country are spreading fear. Search the whole country for those men and hang them!'

At that moment, the doctor comes from Lady Macbeth's room in the castle. 'The Queen can't sleep, my Lord. She's still speaking and saying strange things,' he tells Macbeth.

'She must **recover** at once. Give her some medicine and cure her!' Macbeth orders him.

'I am afraid I can't help her, my Lord. She cannot forget about the past. She feels guilty about something in the past.'

Macbeth doesn't pay attention to the doctor's words. 'Do you have any **drugs** for pushing the English army out of Scotland?' he asks the doctor.

Afterwards, he calls the head of his army and says, 'Make your soldiers ready for a battle. The English army is going to attack the castle

very soon. We will fight until the forest walks to the castle. Come on!
Be quick!

Malcolm's army is now in front of the forest near Macbeth's castle.
They are ready for battle. Macduff, Angus, Ross and other lords and
noble men are among the soldiers, too.

'We will march through the forest and attack Macbeth's castle,'
says Malcolm to the soldiers. 'But Macbeth's soldiers can see us when
we come out of the forest. So, everyone must cut a branch from a tree
and carry it in front of him. That way, Macbeth's soldiers will not see us.'

At the same time, Macbeth and the others in the castle hear women
crying in one of the rooms. A servant comes running and gives Macbeth
the sad news.

'The Queen is dead, my lord,' he says.

'My wife? Oh, no!' cries out Macbeth. He feels very sad and lonely.

'Every day, we are getting closer to death. Life is nothing more than
a dream. It is like a **tale**. But a foolish person is telling this story.'

Suddenly, a messenger arrives. He is in panic and says, 'My Lord,
a very strange thing is happening. The forest is moving! It is coming
this way.'

'That can't be true! You are lying!' shouts Macbeth at the messenger
angrily.

'If it is not true, **punish** me, my lord! But it is true. The trees are
coming towards the castle! You can see this from the window.'

'If you are lying to me, I will hang you alive from the nearest tree.
And you will hang there until you die,' Macbeth warns the messenger.

Then he thinks of the words of the baby in the witches' cave. 'I will
die when the forest marches to my castle. And now it is happening.'

'Should I stay inside the castle? Or should I go out there and fight?' Macbeth asks himself. 'I know they will kill me. It doesn't matter because I don't want to live. But, I prefer to die in my armour.' So, he decides to fight against Malcolm's soldiers.

Finally, the English army arrives, with Malcolm as the leader. All the soldiers are carrying branches. There is a **drummer** and a flag in front of the army.

'We are very **close** to the castle now. Throw down the branches and **draw** your swords!' Malcolm orders his soldiers.

His army attacks the castle, and the battle begins. Some of Macbeth's soldiers don't want to fight for Macbeth. They join Malcolm's army. But Macbeth fights bravely. He kills many enemy soldiers.

Macduff is on the battle field, too, but he does not fight. He wants to find and kill Macbeth, the murderer of his wife and children.

It is a bloody and **violent** battle. Many of Macbeth's soldiers are dead. The others run away. Finally, Malcolm's soldiers enter the castle. And Malcolm himself walks into the castle, too. He is proud and happy. The battle is almost finished.

Now Macbeth is fighting alone and he is very scared. 'I don't have an army anymore. I am **trapped** here. I can't run away. I must fight. I am not afraid of anything. I am afraid of only the man with no mother,' he says to himself.

Just then, he hears someone shouting 'Macbeth!' in a loud and angry voice. He turns around and sees Macduff standing behind him. Macbeth remembers his visit to the witches' cave again and the words: *Macduff will hurt you. Be careful!*

'Go away, Macduff! I am guilty for the killings of your wife and your children. But, I don't want to be your killer.'

'I have nothing to say to you, Macbeth! My sword will talk to you now,' answers Macduff.

And the two men begin to fight. Macduff tries to stab Macbeth with his sword several times. But each time, Macbeth stops him. He is very quick and strong. Finally, he laughs and says, 'Don't fight with me, Macduff. Do not waste your time. The witches know my future. No mother's son can hurt me!'

'The witches are probably right, Macbeth!' says Macduff. 'I don't have a mother. I come from a dead woman's body. So, stop fighting with me.'

Macbeth is startled to hear this. Now, he feels angry at the witches and afraid. But he shouts at Macduff, 'I will fight to the end. One of us will die.' And they continue fighting.

Macduff comes inside the castle. Malcolm and the lords are waiting for him. Some soldiers, Ross and Angus are standing next to him. The other lords and noble men are around him. Macduff is carrying Macbeth's head in his hands, covered in blood.

'Hail, King!' he says loudly to Malcolm. 'You are the King now. Look, here I have Macbeth's evil head. We are free from him. Scotland is a free country again. All the noblemen are around you, and they're thinking the same thing as I do.'

Then he speaks to the noblemen. 'Join me in this happiness, hail, King of Scotland!'

And everyone shouts, 'Hail, King Malcolm! Son of King Duncan! The new king of Scotland!'

'So, I thank you all. I invite all of you to come to my crowning ceremony at the palace in Scone!' Malcolm shouts happily.

ACTIVITIES

A. Unjumble letters to make meaningful words. Then complete the sentences about the pictures with those words.

gdur → _____

mmreurd → _____

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ratppde → _____

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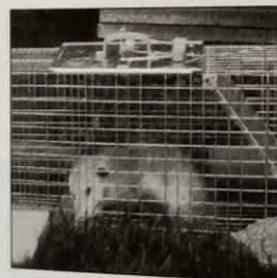
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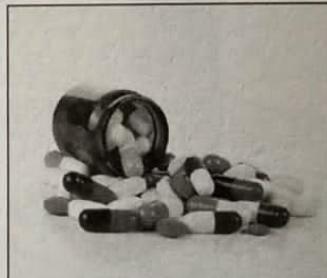
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The animal is
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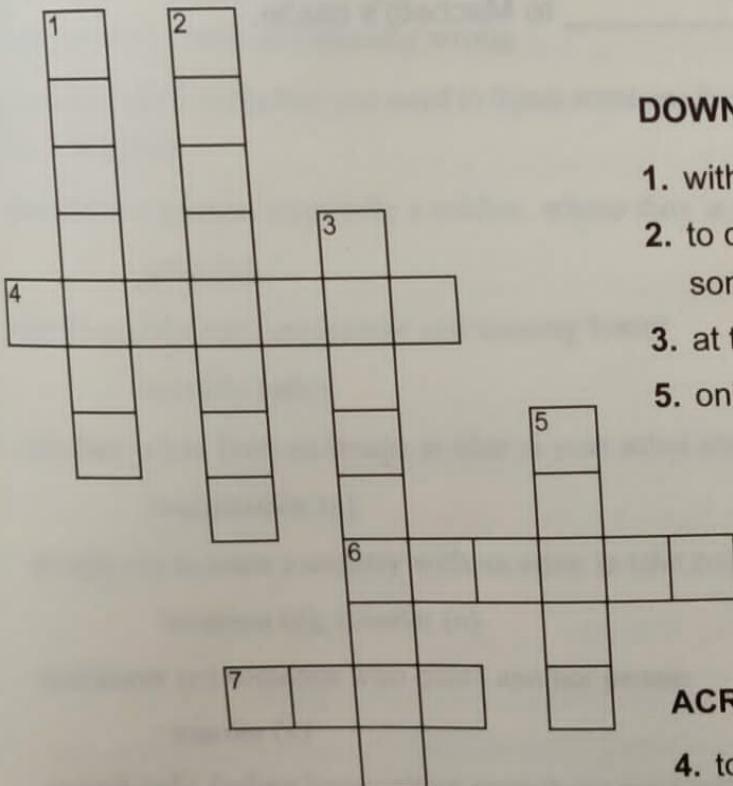
the dog.

Chapter 5

B. Answer the questions with only one word or with just yes / no.

1. Is Macbeth afraid to fight in the battle? _____
2. Is Macbeth's spy telling him the truth about the walking trees? _____
3. Does Macbeth punish the spy for lying to him? _____
4. Does Macbeth really want to fight with Macduff? _____
5. Who wins the sword fight, Macbeth or Macduff? _____
6. Whose army defeats the other, Macbeth's or Malcolm's? _____
7. Who is the new king of Scotland? _____

C. Do the puzzle.



DOWN

1. with a lot of physical force
2. to come nearer toward something
3. at the same time
5. only a short distance away; near

ACROSS

4. to get well after an illness
6. to show great respect
7. story

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D. Complete the sentences with the words in the box. One word is extra.

armour
spies

close
honour

punish
loyal

1. Macbeth thinks his friends will not help him because they're not _____.
2. Macbeth's _____ secretly watch the enemy and give information to him.
3. Macbeth wants to wear his _____ because he will fight in the battle.
4. The Scottish people _____ Malcolm because he is their king.
5. There is a forest _____ to Macbeth's castle.