

**Escuela Superior
de Tizayuca**



DRACULA



ACTIVITY

BEFORE READING

1 Read the story introduction on the first page of the book, and the back cover. How much do you know now about this story? Tick one box for each sentence.

	YES	NO
1 Count Dracula is a vampire.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 He lives in a castle in England.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Jonathan Harker is going to marry Mina.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 He is enjoying his stay in Castle Dracula.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 He meets three beautiful women there. 6 Mina is also staying in Transylvania.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 She gets lots of letters from Jonathan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 She is afraid that Dracula will hurt her.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 Can you guess what happens in this story? Use this table to make some sentences about your guesses.

Jonathan Harker
Count Dracula
Mina
Lucy

comes to England.
goes to Transylvania.
gets married.
dies.
nearly dies.
becomes a vampire.
kills somebody.

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WHILE READING

Read Chapters 1 and 2. (Jonathan Harker's Diary). and then answer these questions.

Why

- 1 ... didn't Jonathan want to go to Transylvania?
- 2... was Count Dracula pleased that his new house in England had a little church?
- 3... was Jonathan afraid when he looked in the mirror?
- 4... did the three women want to kiss Jonathan?
- 5... couldn't Jonathan leave the castle?
- 6... didn't Jonathan kill the Count in his coffin?
- 7... did Jonathan decide to escape?

Read Chapter 3 (Mina's Story). What did Mina see, hear, or do? Complete these sentences with words from the chapter.

- 1 At Whitby she heard about _____ wich jumped off the strange ship from Varna.
- 2 She saw _____ behind Lucy in the churchyard
- 3 Then she saw _____ on Lucy's neck.
4. She went _____ because Jonathan was ill there.
- 5 In Jonathan's diary she read about his _____
6. She saw _____ in the streets of London.
- 7 In a letter from Arthur she heard that _____

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WHILE READING

Before you read Chapter 4, can you guess the answers to these questions?

- 1 Will Arthur Holmwood find out why Lucy died?
- 2 What will happen to Lucy after her death?

Read Chapter 4. (Jack Seward's Story), and then answer these questions.

- 1 Who was Jack Seward?
- 2 What did Jack see on Lucy's neck?
- 3 Who was Professor Van Helsing?
- 4 What did Van Helsing say they must do?
- 5 Why weren't Arthur, Van Helsing, or Jack with Lucy on the night that Dracula came?
- 6 Why did Lucy ask Arthur to kiss her?
- 7 What happened to Lucy after her death?
- 8 What did Arthur have to do to Lucy?
- 9 What did the three men decide to do after that?

Before you read Chapters 5 and 6, can you guess what happens? Choose Y (yes) or N (no) for each sentence.

- 1 Van Helsing asks Jonathan and Mina to help. Y/N
- 2 The friends find Dracula in England and kill him. Y/N
- 3 Dracula catches one of the friends and drinks their blood. Y/N
- 4 One of them begins to change into a vampire. Y/N

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5. One of them dies and becomes a vampire. Y/N
- 6 Dracula escapes and the friends never find him. Y/N
- 7 Dracula kills two of the friends. Y/N
- 8 In the end one of the friends kills Dracula. Y/N

Read Chapters 5 and 6. (Jonathan Harker's Diary), and then join these halves of sentences.

- 1 Dracula's London house was full of coffins...
- 2 On the night when the four men went out to put holy bread in Dracula's coffins. . . .
- 3 Mina knew that Dracula was on a ship...
- 4 The friends went by train to Varna....
- 5 Mina wanted her friends to kill her...
- 6 Jonathan, Arthur, and Jack caught Dracula's cart in the mountains. ...
- 7 Jonathan pushed the coffin to the ground...
- 8 When they looked into the coffin again. . . .
- 9 before she changed into a vampire.
- 10 because she could hear his thoughts in her head.
- 11 it was empty.
- 12 Dracula found Mina alone in Jack Seward's house.
- 13 just before the sun went down. 1
- 4 but there they learnt that Dracula's ship was at Galatz.
- 15 and drove his knife deep into Dracula's heart.
- 16 because he used them as daytime hiding-places.

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AFTER READING

1 What is a vampire? Complete the passage with these words from the story. (Use each word once.)

become, bites, blood, bread, coffin, cross, day, dead, garlic, hammer, heart, ill, mirror, night, sharp, wood, wounds

A vampire is the body of a _____ person that drinks the _____ of living people. If you look at a vampire in a _____ you see nothing. During the _____ it lies quietly in its but at it comes out and tries to catch people.

It has long _____ teeth, and it _____ and leaves two small _____ there. After a time the will get _____ and die, and then _____ a vampire too.

into people's necks

You can frighten a vampire away if you wear a circle of _____ flowers around your neck. Or you can hold a holy _____ or put holy _____ in its coffin. The best way to kill a vampire is to take a _____ and drive a long piece of _____ through the vampire's _____.

2 Now write a short description of Count Dracula. Use these notes to help you.

tall, thin/clothes/hair/ face / mouth / teeth good English / address
Castle Dracula / very dangerous

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AFTER READING

3 Here are some sentences from eight different letters in the story. Who wrote them, and to whom? Choose the right people from the list below. Then put the letters in the order in which they were written.

Arthur to Mina Jonathan to Mr Hawkin Budapest Hospital to Mina / Arthur to Dr Jack Seward Jack to Professor Van Helsing / Jonathan to Mina Jack and Van Helsing to Arthur / Van Helsing to Jack

1 ... and we are sorry to tell you that she is very weak. It won't be long now. Come as soon as you can.

2... The Count has asked me to stay here for another month. I hope that you will not need me in the office.

3 We have a young Englishman here, who has given us your name. He is still very ill and would like to see you, if you can make the journey from England...

4... Don't forget - you must watch her all night! Don't leave her for a minute, or she'll be in great danger.

5 ... You helped me so much when I was your student. Now I need your help for a dear friend. Can you come?

6 I have some very sad news. You have lost a dear friend, and I have lost the girl I loved. It happened like this...

7... You're my oldest friend, and also a doctor, so perhaps you can help her and find out why she is so ill.

8 My work in Transylvania is finished and I am coming home. I'm at Bistritz already, and will see you soon...

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AFTER READING

4 Here is a new illustration for the story. Find the best place in the story to put the picture, and answer these questions.

The picture goes on page

1 Who are the four characters in the picture?

2 What has just happened?

3 What happens next?

Now write a caption for the illustration.



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AFTER READING

5 Van Helsing has to tell Arthur that Lucy is a vampire. Put their conversation in the right order and write in the speakers' names. Van Helsing speaks first (number 9).

1 _____ 'This is worse. Lucy was killed by a vampire, and she has now become a vampire herself.'

2 _____ 'Because Jack and I have seen her empty coffin. Come with us tonight, and we can show you.'

3 _____ 'How horrible! But it can't be Lucy! It can't be!'

4 _____ 'What could be worse than my Lucy's death?'

5 _____ 'I'm afraid it is possible. There is a vampire-a

beautiful lady - who is catching small children at night. She bites their necks and drinks their blood.'

6 _____ 'It is her, Arthur. She leaves her tomb at night.'

7 _____ 'I can't believe this. I don't want to believe it. But

I'll come with you and see for myself.'

8 _____ 'What! Lucy - a vampire? That's not possible!'

9 _____ 'Arthur, I have something terrible to tell you.'

10 _____ 'How do you know she leaves her tomb?'

6 What do you think about vampires? Do you agree (A) or disagree (D) with these ideas? Explain why.

1 Stories about vampires are fun to read.

2 Nobody believes in vampires today.

3 It is more frightening to see a film about Dracula than to read a book about him.