

Ghost in the House!**Exercise 1 Comprehension**

Choose the best answer to each question.

- 1 Why was the house in the story strange?
 - a It looked strange from the outside.
 - b Something unusual was happening inside.
 - c There were lots of police, scientists and newspaper people there.
- 2 How many people were living in the house?
 - a Two
 - b Four
 - c Six
- 3 What was the first strange thing that happened?
 - a The young girl heard a loud noise.
 - b A desk moved across the room.
 - c The girl ran out of the room and shouted for her parents.
- 4 Which of these did **NOT** happen?
 - a A policeman's chair started to move around the room.
 - b A policeman started to talk in a strange voice.
 - c The police finally believed the family's story.
- 5 How many ghosts were 'living' in the house?
 - a Six
 - b Eight
 - c Ten

Exercise 2 Short Answers

Write a short answer to each question.

- 1 Where did the family in the story live?

- 2 When did the strange things start happening?

- 3 Which of the family was the first to see something strange?

- 4 How long did the ghosts stay in the house?

- 5 Did the ghosts ever come back to the house?

ANSWER KEY (*Ghost in the House!*)

Exercise 1 Comprehension

- 1 b
- 2 c
- 3 a
- 4 b
- 5 b

Exercise 2 Short Answers

- 1 *North London*
- 2 *September 1977*
- 3 *the eleven-year-old daughter*
- 4 *three years*
- 5 *no, never*

The Strange Story of the Mary Celeste

Exercise 1 Comprehension

Choose the best answer for each question.

- 1 What happened to the first captain of the *Amazon*?
 - a He died on the first trip.
 - b He hit some rocks.
 - c He caught fire in the repair yard.
- 2 What is the ship's 'log'?
 - a The place where the captain sleeps.
 - b The place where the ship is going to.
 - c A book to record information.
- 3 How many people were on the ship when it sailed to Italy?
 - a Nine
 - b Ten
 - c Eleven
- 4 Which of these is **TRUE**?
 - a The weather turned bad on 24th November 1872.
 - b They saw a group of islands before the storm began.
 - c They sailed to the Azores to get away from the storm.
- 5 What do we know about the *Mary Celeste*?
 - a We know how the people on the ship disappeared.
 - b We know it used to be called *Amazon*.
 - c We know what happened after 25th November 1872.

Exercise 2 Short Answers

Write a short answer to each question.

- 1 When was the ship called *Mary Celeste* built?

- 2 What happened to the *Amazon* in the repair yard?

- 3 Who chose the name *Mary Celeste*?

- 4 When did the captain write in the log for the last time?

- 5 What date did another ship discover the *Mary Celeste*?

ANSWER KEY (*The Strange Story of the Mary Celeste*)

Exercise 1 Comprehension

- 1 a
- 2 c
- 3 b
- 4 b
- 5 b

Exercise 2 Short Answers

- 1 1860
- 2 *It caught fire.*
- 3 *J.H Winchester and Company*
- 4 25th November 1872
- 5 5th December: ten days after the last log was written

The Secrets of the Pyramids

Exercise 1 Comprehension

Choose the best answer to each question.

- 1 Why was Napoleon afraid when he came out of the King's Chamber?
 - a He didn't like to be alone.
 - b He had seen a ghost.
 - c We don't know the reason.
- 2 Why didn't Napoleon tell his manservant what had happened in the King's Chamber?
 - a He died before he could tell him.
 - b He didn't think the manservant would believe him.
 - c He didn't want the manservant to know what had happened.
- 3 What was strange about the cat that Bovis discovered in the pyramid?
 - a It didn't look dead.
 - b It didn't smell.
 - c It was lying among the trash left by tourists.
- 4 What do we **NOT** know for sure about the pyramids?
 - a You can see the future inside the pyramid.
 - b Food stays fresh for longer inside the pyramid.
 - c Knives stay sharp longer inside the pyramid.
- 5 What is the reason why the pyramids have these special qualities?
 - a They have their own magic.
 - b It has something to do with science and mathematics.
 - c No one is really sure.

Exercise 2 Short answers

Write a short answer to each question.

- 1 When did Napoleon visit the Great Pyramid?

- 2 Did Napoleon visit the King's Chamber with his guide?

- 3 When did Karel Drbal visit the pyramids?

- 4 Which country was Bovis from?

- 5 Why was Drbal's discovery about razor blades important?

ANSWER KEY (*The Secrets of the Pyramids*)**Exercise 1 Comprehension**

- 1 c
- 2 b
- 3 b
- 4 a
- 5 c

Exercise 2 Short Answer

- 1 1799
- 2 *No, he went into the King's Chamber alone.*
- 3 *in the 1950's*
- 4 *France*
- 5 *There was a lack of razor blades at that time.*

What Happened to Mrs Reeser?

Exercise 1 Comprehension

Choose the correct answer to each question.

- 1 Why did Mrs Reeser's friend offer to take the letter to her?
 - a The mailman didn't know where Mrs Reeser lived.
 - b The mailman didn't want to go up to the seventh floor.
 - c The mailman got no answer when he knocked at her door.
- 2 Why did the friend ask two workmen to break down the door?
 - a She wanted to give the letter to Mrs Reeser.
 - b She was afraid something bad had happened inside.
 - c She couldn't break the door herself because the door-handle was hot.
- 3 What happened when they opened the door?
 - a A lot of hot air left the room.
 - b They saw a big fire.
 - c They gave Mrs Reeser the letter.
- 4 What did they **NOT** see inside the room?
 - a Mrs Reeser sitting in an armchair
 - b A small fire
 - c A broken mirror
- 5 Why do scientists not believe that a person can catch fire without reason?
 - a Because nothing like this had happened before
 - b Because the temperature would have to be over 1,500 degrees Celsius
 - c Because there is no scientific reason for it to happen

Exercise 2 Short Answers

Write a short answer to each question.

- 1 Where did Mrs Reeser live?

- 2 Who broke open Mrs. Reeser's door?

- 3 What was strange about the newspaper lying near the armchair?

- 4 What temperature do you need to burn a human body to the bones?

- 5 In which other parts of the world had something similar happened?

ANSWER KEY (What happened to Mrs. Reeser?)

Exercise 1 Comprehension

- 1 c
- 2 b
- 3 a
- 4 a
- 5 c

Exercise 2 Short Answers

- 1 *On the seventh floor of an apartment block*
- 2 *Two workmen working on the same floor*
- 3 *It wasn't damaged at all.*
- 4 *1,500 degrees Celsius*
- 5 *France, India and England*