Oscar Wilde

The Canterville Ghost

Mrs Otis wants to use the indigestion remedy to cure the Ghost's stomach-ache. The twins and Washington use pea-shooters to shoot the Ghost. Mr Otis uses a gun to threaten the Ghost.

Possible answers:

Part 2: Open answer

Page 37 – Chapter 5
Possible answers:

brave, compassionate, full of pity, good, kind, unselfish

Part 2: Open answer

Page 43 – Chapter 6
Possible answers:

1 The twins danced with happiness. 2 'God has forgiven him,' said Virginia. 3 'You have always had that, Cecil.'

Wilde’s American Adventure

Page 46 – exercise 1
Possible answers:

1 tour 2 cities 3 earned 4 funny 5 nothing 6 genius 7 popular 8 students 9 silver 10 mine 11 plays 12 civilised

Page 46 – exercise 2
Possible answers:

Washington uses Pinkerton's Champion Cleaner to clean the stain. Mr Otis hopes the Ghost will use Rising Sun American Lubricator to oil his chains. The twins use pillows to throw at the Ghost.

Possible answers:

Reasons to feel sorry for ghosts

a, d, f, g

Reasons to dislike ghosts

b, c, e, h

Think!

Page 15 – Chapter 1
Possible answers:

Mr Otis: a, c, d, f  Mrs Umney: b

Page 21 – Chapter 2
Possible answers:

Washington uses Pinkerton's Champion Cleaner to clean the stain. Mr Otis hopes the Ghost will use Rising Sun American Lubricator to oil his chains.

Hidden word: HAUNTED
Possible answers:

The living room usually contains a sofa, chairs and a coffee table. The cellar sometimes contains bottles. The bathroom usually contains a bath, a sink and a toilet.
The library usually contains bookshelves and chairs. The study usually contains a chair and desk.

CHAPTER 2
Page 54 – exercise 1
1 Yes, a strange noise woke him up. 2 No, he stayed absolutely calm. 3 Yes, said, ‘That’s not polite,’ 4 No, sometimes it was purple or green. 5 No, the armour fell over. 6 No, he simply pointed it at him. 7 Yes, she thought that he had a bad stomach-ache. 8 No, he left his room to replace the bloodstain.

Page 54 – exercise 2
Differences:
Mr Otis lit a candle and opened his bedroom door. In front of him, in the pale moonlight, there was a terrible old man. He had red burning eyes. His long grey hair was thick and dirty. He was wearing old-fashioned clothes. Heavy chains were hanging from his wrists and ankles. Mr Otis was calm.

Page 54 – exercise 3
Open answer

Page 55 – exercise 4
a The twins throw their pillows at the Ghost. The twins shout at the Ghost with their peashooters. Mr Otis points a gun at the Ghost. Mrs Otis offers the Ghost medicine.

b and c: Open answers

Page 55 – exercise 5
1 more successful than 2 is easier ..., 3 more beautiful than 4 are richer than 5 more dangerous than/less safe than 6 more exciting than 7 more delicious than

CHAPTER 3
Page 56 – exercise 1
1 ... stab himself in the neck 2 ... never laughed at him 3 ... has/had never met another ghost before 4 ... haunt Canterville Chase forever 5 ... the Headless Lord 6 ... large heavy jug of water 7 ... cold and sneezed all day 8 ... up the chimney 9 ... are/were dangerous

Page 56 – exercise 2
a Open answer
b Because he doesn’t want the twins to hear him.

Page 57 – exercise 3
2 happy 3 misty 4 pretty 5 risky 6 angry 7 sunny 8 funny 9 lucky 10 friendly 11 naughty 12 lazy

Possible questions:
Which season is the mistiest?
Autumn. Which sport is riskier than rugby or skiing? Formula 1. Who is the friendliest person that you know? Xxxxx.

Page 57 – exercise 4
2, 5 & 9 Let’s hide behind the door. Next, we’ll jump out and scream in his ear. Then the ghost will be shocked.
3, 6 & 11 Let’s find the ghost’s hiding place. Next, we’ll put butter at the top of the stairs. Then, the ghost will fall downstairs.
4, 7 & 12 Let’s come up quietly behind him. Next, we’ll tie a firework to his shirt and light it. Then, he’ll run away with his clothes on fire.

CHAPTER 4
Page 58 – exercise 1
1 He told him that the Ghost had gone away. 2 Because a branch had torn her jacket. 3 He was looking out of the window.

No, he wasn’t. 5 She suggested that he should go to America. 6 Because he couldn’t sleep.

Page 58 – exercise 2
Open answers

Page 59 – exercise 3
1 The storm began while they were driving to Canterville Chase. 2 While they were eating dinner, Mrs Otis noticed the bloodstain.

3 While the Otis family were sleeping, strange things happened. 4 The twins jumped out while the Ghost was looking at photographs.

5 While Cecil was sleeping, he dreamt about Virginia. 6 While Virginia was talking to the Ghost, she became angry.

Page 59 – exercise 4
1 Possible answers: There was no Internet or television to spread news. There were no Hollywood films. European students didn’t usually go to study in America. Travel was more expensive and unusual.

2 Possible answers: Lord Canterville and Mr Otis have different ideas about the existence of ghosts. Mrs Umney thinks that the Americans should be afraid of the Ghost. The Otis family do not easily understand Sir Simon’s history and his need to haunt the house.

3 Yes. He creates American characters who are determined, calm and unafraid. For example, instead of being afraid, Washington tries to clean the bloodstain. Mr Otis doesn’t panic when the Ghost appears.

CHAPTER 5
Page 60 – exercise 1
1 The Garden of Death. 2 Love.

3 A poem about a golden girl who brings peace to Canterville. 4 ‘Go back! Go back!’; ‘Be careful, Virginia. Be careful. We’ll never see you again if you go with him’; ‘You will never see her again.’ 5 A wall opened and they passed through into another place. 6 Because nobody could find Virginia. 7 He decided to look for her in the park.

Page 60 – exercise 2
Possible answers:
Words to describe Virginia: angelic, brave, artistic, helpful, sweet, sympathetic, unselfish'.

Words for Mrs Umney: afraid, superstitious. Words for the Twins: brave, naughty, sweet.

Page 60 – exercise 3
1 nightingale, cold moon 2 yesterday, tomorrow 3 Death’s house 4 peace, come 5 cry, cry 6 Angel of Death, forgive
Page 63 – exercise 3
Open answer

Extensive listening
Page 64 – exercise 1
1 The Ghost frightened Lady Mary in 1713 while she was reading.
2 He shouted in her ear that there was a murderer in the room.
3 Princess Victoria from Australia stayed in the house in 1845.
4 The Ghost stole the gold and money and gave them to a beggar.
5 In 1817, Princess Alice saw the Ghost in her mirror and screamed.
6 In 1880, the Duchess of Newbury saw the Ghost in her room. TRUE
7 The Duke also saw the Ghost and thought that he and his wife were mad.
8 The Ghost thinks that the American family will never leave.

Monty
Page 64 – exercise 2
Open answers

Recording script
Narrator: Listen carefully to these questions.
Number One. If a friend tells you that he or she has seen a ghost, do you: A: tell him or her to see a psychiatrist? B: believe him or her immediately? C: ask for more information? D: telephone the newspapers and try to sell the story?
Number Two. If someone offers you fifty thousand pounds to sleep alone in a haunted house, do you: A: agree because it is a safe way to make money? B: refuse to do so because you are afraid?
C: ask for time to think about it? D: invite a TV film crew to meet you there?
Number Three. If a ghost appears in your room, do you: A: believe it is a dream? B: run out of the house in your pyjamas? C: go nearer and touch it? D: sell tickets to people who want to see it?
Number Four. If there is a TV programme about ghosts, do you: A: watch it and laugh at it? B: stay at home specially to watch it? C: watch it if there is nothing better to do? D: invent a story about seeing a ghost and ask to appear on the programme? Now add up your points.
For each 'A', give yourself zero points.
For each 'B', give yourself ten points.
For each 'C', give yourself five points.
For each 'D', give yourself twenty points.

Page 65 – exercise 3
1 woods 2 garden 3 grass 4 stars 5 nightingale 6 moon 7 tree 8 mountain 9 lake 10 water 11 nightingale 6 moon 12 fish 13 rocks 14 mist 15 desert 16 city 17 palaces 18 roses 19 music 20 dreams 21 dancers 22 Life

Recording script
The Ghost: Far away, on the other side of the woods, there is a little garden. The grass is long and deep. The flowers are great white stars. The nightingale sings all night long while the cold moon looks down. The old tree spreads its branches over the sleepers. It is the Garden of Death.
Far away, on the other side of the mountain, there is a deep lake. The water is cold and dark. The swans are beautiful silent ghosts. The fish glide beneath the surface while the sun sets behind the high black rocks. The ferryman and his passengers disappear in the mist. It is the Lake of Forgetfulness.

The parks are full of roses and lilies. The swans are beautiful silent ghosts. The sun shines down on the dancers and the singers. It is the City of dreams. The music goes on all night and all day while the people tell each other their dreams. The sun shines down on the dancers and the singers. It is the City of Life.

**Surf the Net**

**Grand Houses**

**Page 66**

1 Scotland  2 Downton Abbey  3 The gardens, including trees, a lake  4 Olive Wilson Filmer/Lady Baillie.  5 Winston Churchill  6 York  7 They have safari parks.  8 Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone  9 The Duke of Wellington  10 The Prince of Wales (Prince Charles)

**Ghosts**

**Page 67**

Open answers. The basic stories are:
1 a ‘ghost’ appeared in a photograph of the church
2 King Arthur and his knights ride their horses down the hill
3 a ‘ghost’ appeared in a photograph of the library
4 the ‘ghost’ of a monk has been seen climbing stairs which no longer exist
5 a ‘ghost’ was photographed behind the Irish President
6 a ‘ghost’ appeared in a photograph of the stairs
7 the ‘ghost’ of the Black Abbott has been seen frequently
8 a ‘ghostly chicken’ appears; it is connected with the death of Bacon

**Trinity preparation**

**Page 68**

1, 2, 3 & 4 Open answers

**Preliminary preparation**

**Page 70 – exercise 1**

1 f  2 g  3 b  4 a  5 d

**Page 72 – exercise 2**

1 b  2 d  3 c  4 b  5 a

**Page 74 – exercise 3**

1 c  2 b  3 c  4 d  5 d  6 b  7 a

**Page 74 – exercise 4**

Open answer

**Let’s revise the story**

**Page 75 – exercise 1**

1 b 2 d 3 i 4 e 5 c 6 g 7 f

8 h 9 a

Possible answers:

a Virginia prayed beside the skeleton of the Ghost in the secret room.
b Canterville Chase was a large old house.
c Sir Simon was frightened by the ‘Otis Ghost’.
d There was a blood stain on the floor.
e The Twins used their pea-shooters to frighten the Ghost.
f The Garden of Death is on the other side of the woods.
g Virginia and Cecil went riding in the park.
h Virginia came down the stairs carrying a small box.
i The Ghost sat in his room thinking about the American family.

**Page 76 – exercise 2**

The Ghost: 1 cooked 2 look after my clothes 3 brothers 4 food 5 Barbara 6 grandfather 7 stains 8 chains

The Otis family: 1 United States government minister 2 Mrs Lucrezia Otis 3 Washington, Virginia, Ricky and Robby ( = the Twins ) 4 painting/riding 5 riding/painting 6 Duchess of Cheshire

**Page 77 – exercise 3**

Open answer

**Page 77 – exercise 4**

Possible answers:
1 +5 2 -5 3 +3 4 -3 5 +5 6 +5 6 +3

**Values & Feelings**

**Page 78 – Think!**

Possible answer:
Chapter 1 = d  Chapter 2 = b  Chapter 3 = a  Chapter 4 = e  Chapter 5 = f  Chapter 6 = c

**Page 78 – The characters**

Possible answers:
Ghost: not at peace, revenge, be alone, play tricks

Virginia: feel pity, be in love, courageous, imaginative, feel patriotic

The Twins: mischievous, play tricks, full of energy, imaginative

Mr Otis: in control, courageous, feel patriotic, modern