Oscar Wilde

The Canterville Ghost

KEY TO THE EXERCISES AND EXIT TEST

The Life of Oscar Wilde

Page 7 — Exercise 1

1 He was Irish.
2 When he arrived he said, 'I have nothing to declare except my genius.' When he left he said, 'I have civilised America.' The Americans probably thought he was a snob and were offended by his parting comment.
3 He was sent to prison for two years and lost all his friends. When he left prison he went to France to live. He died in 1900 at the age of 46.
4 Most Victorians had strong moral beliefs and were very conventional. Wilde was extremely unconventional and laughed at Victorian beliefs.

Page 8 — Exercises 2, 3

Open answers.

Part One

Page 10 — Exercise 1

A blood **B** bones **C** chains **D** coffin **E** moonlight **F** shroud **G** skeleton **H** vampire **I** ghost

Page 11 — Exercise 2

A fireplace **B** carriage **C** cigar **D** steps **E** apron **F** lightning

1 D **2** B **3** A **4** A/F **5** E **6** C

Page 12 — Exercises 3, 4

Open answers.

Page 19 — Exercise 1

1 A **2** A **3** B **4** A **5** B **6** A **7** A **8** B **9** B **10** B

Page 19 — Exercise 2

A Mrs Otis doesn't like bloodstains on the floor (page 16).
Washington suggests removing the bloodstain with 'Pinkerton's Champion Cleaner' ... and he succeeds (page 16).
Mr Otis's comment on the weather (last line of page 16).

B She hears Mr Otis suggesting a reduction in her wages.

Page 20 — Exercise 3

1 F **2** G **3** B **4** A **5** D

Page 22 — Exercise 4

1 have never seen **2** came **3** has visited **4** wrote **5** have never performed **6** saw **7** murdered **8** has haunted **9** Have ... ever used **10** lived

Page 22 — Exercise 5

A **1** STAIRS **2** HALL **3** BEDROOM **4** KITCHEN **5** LIBRARY **6** NURSERY **7** DINING ROOM **8** ATTIC **9** CELLAR **10** CORRIDOR **11** BATHROOM **12** LIVING ROOM **13** LOUNGE **14** STABLE **15** TOILET
The words reading downwards are: THE HAUNTED HOUSE

B *Possible answers:*
wardrobe: bedroom
coffee table: living room
oven: kitchen
sink: kitchen
washbasin: bathroom
cot: nursery
bookshelf: library
chest of drawers: bedroom
mirror: bathroom / bedroom
medicine cabinet: bathroom
shower: bathroom
fridge: kitchen

Pages 23, 24 — exercises 6, 7

Open answers.

Page 24 — Exercise 8

1 like **2** for **3** in **4** as **5** of **6** to **7** in **8** by **9** of **10** by **11** in **12** to **13** after **14** of **15** of **16** in **17** after **18** for **19** without **20** about **21** than **22** by **23** to **24** like **25** from

Part Two

Page 25 — Exercise 1

A ankles **B** elbows **C** knees **D** wrists
You would put chains on wrists and ankles.

Page 25 — Exercise 2

A armour **B** gun **C** pillows **D** peashooter

Page 25 — Exercise 3

Open answer.

Page 31 — Exercise 1

1 B **2** A **3** A **4** B **5** B **6** A **7** B **8** B **9** A **10** B

Pages 31 — Exercise 2

Open answer.

Page 32 — Exercise 3

A The twins throw their pillows at the Ghost (last line of page 27).
The twins shoot at the Ghost with their peashooters (top of page 30).
Mr Otis points a gun at the Ghost (page 30).
Mrs Otis offers the Ghost medicine (page 30).

Page 32 — Exercise 4

1 more successful than **2** is easier **3** more beautiful than **4** are richer than **5** more dangerous than **6** more exciting than **7** more delicious than

Page 33 — Internet Project

Open answer.

Page 34 — Exercise 5

1 Lady Mary **2** She woke up and screamed. She never got married. **3** He stole all his gold and money.

4 Princess Alice. **5** He cut off all her hair. **6** She looked in the mirror and screamed. **7** 1880. **8** She told her husband. He thought she was mad and divorced her.

4 Recording script

Ghost: The Americans aren't afraid of me. But I have lived in this house for three hundred years. I have frightened many people. I have done terrible things. Listen to my stories.
In 1730, I frightened Lady Mary. In the middle of the night, I whispered in her ear while she was asleep. I said: 'If you get married, your husband will kill you.' Poor Lady Mary. She woke up and screamed. She never got married. She believed what I told her.
In 1835, Prince Victor of Austria stayed in the house. While he was sleeping, I stole all his gold and money. After that, he became a beggar.
In 1876, I frightened Princess Alice. I cut off all her hair in the middle of the night. When she woke up, she looked in the mirror and screamed.
Then, in 1880, I frightened the Duchess of Newbury. I came in her room in the middle of the day. She told the Duke, her husband. When he came to look, I disappeared. He thought she was mad and divorced her.
So you see I am a very dangerous ghost. I will soon make these Americans leave. They cannot win.

Page 34 — Exercise 6

1 B **2** C **3** B **4** C **5** B

Page 36 — Exercises 7, 8

Open answers.

Oscar Wilde in America

Page 39 — Exercise 1

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 40 — Exercise 2

1 F **2** T **3** T **4** T **5** F **6** F **7** F **8** F
9 F **10** T

Page 40 — Exercise 3

The first night of *Vera* was not a success, as can be seen from the way that Wilde looks in the second picture — not happy! American public opinion would seem negative, as there is no sympathy or sign of regret in the caricature. It seems, although it is not certain, that there is criticism: the change in Wilde's clothes from the left picture to the right picture seems to show him 'punished' in some way for being a dandy.

Part Three

Page 41 — Exercise 1

A butter **B** curtain **C** dagger
D feather **E** jug **F** garden pump
G strings **H** sword **I** pumpkin

Page 41 — Exercise 2

Open answer.

Page 47 — Exercise 1

1 B **2** B **3** B **4** A **5** A **6** B **7** B **8** B
9 A **10** A

Page 47 — Exercise 2

Open answer.

Page 48 — Exercise 3

1 crazy **2** happy **3** rainy **4** misty
5 ugly **6** dry **7** pretty **8** risky

9 stormy **10** angry **11** lazy **12** sunny
13 cloudy **14** dirty **15** funny
16 lucky **17** friendly **18** naughty

Page 49 — Exercise 4

1 'll **2** is going to **3** 'll **4** am going to
5 will **6** am going to

Page 49 — Exercise 5

1 B **2** A **3** D **4** C **5** B

Page 51 — Exercise 6

1 elbow **2** chest **3** waist **4** hip
5 wrist **6** finger **7** shoulder
8 thumb **9** toe **10** knee **11** foot
12 thigh **13** ankle **14** heel **15** sole
16 forehead **17** eyebrow **18** ear
19 cheek **20** lip **21** neck **22** hair
23 eye **24** nose **25** mouth **26** chin

Page 52 — Exercise 7

1 nose **2** neck **3** toes **4** fingers
5 wrist **6** forehead **7** thumbs
8 waist **9** lips **10** foot

Part Four

Page 52 — Exercises 1, 2

Open answers.

Page 57 — 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.
4 No, he wasn't.
5 She suggested that he should go to America.
6 Because he could not sleep.

Page 57 — Exercise 2

Open answer.

Page 58 — Exercise 3

1 The storm began while they were driving...
2 While they were eating supper, Mrs Otis noticed...
3 While the Otis family were sleeping, strange things happened.
4 While the Ghost was looking at photographs, the twins jumped out.
5 While Cecil was sleeping, he dreamt about Virginia.
6 While Virginia was riding her pony, she tore her jacket.

Page 58 — Exercise 4

1 50.
2 Open answer.
3 *Possible answers:* New York, San Francisco, Washington D. C., Chicago.
4 The Mississippi.
5 The Rocky Mountains.
6 George W. Bush (at time of going to print).
7 George Washington.
8 Red and white stripes and in the left-hand corner there are white stars on a blue background.
9 English is the official language but there are a lot of Spanish and Oriental languages.

Page 59 — Exercise 5

Open answer.

Page 59 — Exercise 6

Open answers.

7 Recording script

Narrator: Listen carefully to these questions. Tick your answers in the book. I shall repeat each question.
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?
I'll repeat that.
(repeated)

Now listen to Number Two.
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?
I'll repeat that.
(repeated)

Now listen to Number Three.
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?
I'll repeat that.
(repeated)

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?
I'll repeat that.
(repeated)

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.

Ghosts

Page 63 — Exercise 1

1 F **2** T **3** T **4** F **5** F **6** F **7** T **8** T **9** T **10** F

Page 63 — Exercise 2

1 stories **2** homes **3** witnesses **4** feel **5** photographs **6** film **7** Castle **8** exist **9** wives **10** forgive **11** Dickens **12** most

Page 64 — Internet Project

Open answer.

Part Five

Page 65 — Exercise 1

A bell **B** earth **C** woods **D** stars **E** nightingale **F** grass

Page 65 — Exercises 2, 3

Open answers.

Page 70 — Exercise 1

1 He wants to go to the Garden of Death.
2 Love.
3 'Then the house will all be still and peace will come to Canterville.'
4 'Go back! Go back!'
5 They went through the wall.
6 Because Virginia had disappeared.
7 He decided to go and search the park with Washington.

Page 70 — Exercise 2

Open response, but here are some suggestions.

A Sadness when Virginia feels sorry for the Ghost (page 66, beginning). Sadness and perhaps surprise when the Ghost talks about the Garden of Death (pages 66-7). Horror when Virginia trembles (page 68). Suspense when the Ghost starts to interpret the six lines on the library window (page 68). Surprise, perhaps, when Virginia agrees to go with the Ghost to the Garden of Death (page 68, bottom). Horror when they go to the Garden of Death (first half of page 69). Suspense when Virginia doesn't return (second half of page 69).

B There is no humour. This marks a great change in the tone of the story.

Page 71 — Exercise 3

1 Although Mr Otis had locked..., the stain was there...
2 The Ghost was very angry because the twins had thrown...
3 Mrs Otis gave Sir Simon... because he had laughed...
4 Virginia returned to the house because she had torn...
5 Although the Ghost had stolen..., Virginia felt sorry...
6 Sir Simon killed her because she had been a bad wife.
7 The brothers killed Sir Simon because he had murdered...
8 After the twins had put..., they waited for Sir Simon...
9 When the Ghost had explained..., Virginia decided...
10 Mrs Otis was... because Virginia had disappeared.

Page 71 — Exercise 4

1 strong **2** wise **3** green **4** sweet **5** pretty **6** quiet **7** fast **8** slow

Page 72 — Exercise 5

Open answer.

Page 74 — Exercise 6

1 woods **2** flowers **3** moon **4** spreads **5** Death **6** mountain **7** silent **8** black **9** disappear **10** Forgetfulness **11** desert **12** golden **13** night **14** dancers **15** Life

9 Recording script

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.
Far away, on the other side of the desert, there is a great city.
The palaces are tall and golden.
The parks are full of roses and lilies.
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.

Page 75 — Exercise 7

1 C **2** B **3** D **4** A **5** C

Page 76 — Exercise 8

Open answer.

Part Six

Page 78 — Exercise 1

A torch **B** necklace **C** jewels **D** ruby **E** grave **F** dish

Page 78 — Exercise 2

Open answer.

Page 84 — Exercise 1

1 A **2** B **3** A **4** B **5** A **6** A **7** B **8** A **9** B **10** B

Page 84 — Exercise 2

Open response, but here are some suggestions.

A Suspense when they can't find Virginia (page 79).
Surprise when Virginia appears (page 80, top).
Surprise when Virginia says what has happened to her (page 80, just above middle).
Perhaps horror when the skeleton of the Ghost is discovered (page 80, just below middle).
Surprise when the black tree suddenly has flowers (page 80, towards bottom).
Sadness at the funeral (page 82, first half).
There is no humour. This marks the total change in the tone of the story.

B A contrast is when Mr Otis at first doesn't accept the jewels, referring to American democracy (page 82, towards bottom).
Coming together can be seen in the way they all attend the funeral (page 82, first half) and of course the marriage between Cecil and Virginia (page 83), where Virginia, an American, wears the British jewels.
The coming together is more important, which is the 'serious' message of the story, rather than the contrast, which in the early parts of the story provided much of the humour.

Page 85 — Exercise 3

A **1** felt **2** forgave **3** gave **4** hid **5** threw **6** fell **7** found **8** got **9** heard **10** told **11** wore

B **2** told **3** heard **4** threw **5** hid **6** fell **7** found **8** felt **9** forgave **10** gave **11** got **12** wore

Page 85 — Exercise 4

Open answer.

Page 86 — Exercise 5

See recording script for answers.

11 Recording script

Bob: Welcome to Strange but True, a weekly programme about the supernatural. Tonight, we have a very special guest in the studio.
Virginia: Hello, Bob.
Bob: Hello, Virginia. Those are very beautiful jewels you are wearing.
Virginia: Thank you. I got them from my great-grandmother, the Duchess of Cheshire.
Bob: That's interesting. Was she an English aristocrat?
Virginia: No, she was American. But she married an English Duke. They lived in England. Her father was a famous American minister, Hiram B. Otis.
Bob: I see. Did the Duke give her the jewels?
Virginia: No. The jewels came from a ghost.
Bob: A ghost? Do you really believe that?
Virginia: Yes, Bob, I do. My great-grandmother told me the story before she died. She was a sweet innocent lady. I think she was telling me the truth.
Bob: And where did she meet the ghost?

Virginia: She was a young girl. Her father decided to buy an old house in England. Then strange things began to happen.
Bob: (*fading*) What kind of strange things? Do you think you can tell us about some of them?

Page 86 — Exercise 6

1 shining **2** heavily **3** lightning/thunder **4** storm/blew/poured **5** snowed/frozen/frost

Page 87 — Exercise 7

1 C **2** B **3** C **4** C **5** D **6** B **7** A **8** A **9** D **10** B

Page 88 — Exercises 8, 9

Open answers.

Page 89 — Exercise 10

1 C — Part 1 **2 E** — Part 1
3 G — Part 1 **4 H** — Part 2
5 F — Part 3 **6 I** — Part 3
7 B — Part 4 **8 A** — Part 5
9 D — Part 6

KEY TO THE EXIT TEST

Focus on the context

1 **1** Oscar Wilde. **2** In 1854, in Dublin, Ireland. **3** In unusual clothes. **4** To the United States. **5** 'I have nothing to declare except my genius.' **6** 'I have civilised America.' **7** 'The Happy Prince.' **8** In 1900.

Focus on the story

2 **1** B **2** A **3** C **4** B **5** A **6** C **7** B **8** B

3 **1** Lord Canterville **2** Mrs Umney **3** Washington Otis **4** Mr Hiram B Otis **5** The Ghost **6** Virginia

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Focus on the context

1 Answer the following questions.

1 Who was the author of *The Canterville Ghost*?
2 When and where was he born?
3 How did he dress?
4 Where did he go to on a lecture tour in 1882?
5 What did he say when he entered America?
6 What did he say when he left America?
7 Which story did he write for his sons?
8 When did he die?

Focus on the story

PET **2 Choose the correct answer A, B or C for the following questions.**

1 How many children did Mr and Mrs Otis have?
A ☐ three
B ☐ four
C ☐ five

2 What was the name of the house they bought?
A ☐ Canterville Chase
B ☐ Canterville Castle
C ☐ Canterville House

3 When was Lady Eleanore de Canterville murdered?
A ☐ 1555
B ☐ 1565
C ☐ 1575

4 What was the name of the product Washington used to clean the bloodstain in the library?
A ☐ 'Pinkerton's American Cleaner'
B ☐ 'Pinkerton's Champion Cleaner'
C ☐ 'Pinkerton's Cleaner for Champions'

5 How did the Ghost catch a terrible cold?
A ☐ A jug of water fell on top of him.
B ☐ He ran outside in the rain.
C ☐ He had a cold bath.

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6 Where did the Ghost want to sleep?
A ☐ in the library
B ☐ in Virginia's room
C ☐ in the Garden of Death

7 What did Mr Otis think had happened when Virginia disappeared?
A ☐ He thought she had run away.
B ☐ He thought the gypsies might have taken her away.
C ☐ He thought she was out riding her pony.

8 What was in the box that the Ghost gave to Virginia?
A ☐ money
B ☐ jewels
C ☐ blossom from a tree

3 Who said ...?

1 'The Ghost really exists. People have seen it many times in the last three hundred years, since 1584 in fact. It always appears before the death of any member of my family.'
2 'It is the blood of Lady Eleanore de Canterville. Her husband, Sir Simon de Canterville, murdered her on that exact spot in 1575. ... And nobody can remove the stain.'
3 'Nonsense! ... "Pinkerton's Champion Cleaner" will clean it away.'
4 'Your chains are making a terrible noise. ... Let me give you this bottle of "Rising Sun American Lubricator". Put it on your chains to stop them making a noise. Goodnight, sir.'
5 'I don't like America. You have no history. All you have is money and bad manners.'
6 'Papa, I have been with the Ghost. He is dead.'

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