

# The Importance of Being Earnest

Oscar Wilde



## About the author

There was never a boring moment in the life of Oscar Wilde. A witty, intelligent, flamboyant figure on the late Victorian London scene, he was probably the first person to have become famous for being famous, or infamous, as his trial and imprisonment for homosexuality in 1898 revealed. Some commentators have remarked that he had a sort of split personality, a sinner and a saint at the same time, which contributed to his ability to see both sides of an argument and agree with neither. He left behind him a great number of quotations. One, which sums up his enthusiasm for life in all its manifestations, is 'I can resist anything but temptation.'

## Summary

Algernon lives in London and his friend, Jack, moves between London and his country house. Jack has invented a brother called Ernest, a name which he calls himself in London. He falls in love with Algernon's cousin, Gwendolen, who is under the impression his real name is Ernest. Algernon goes to Jack's country house and introduces himself as Ernest to Cecily, Jack's adopted cousin. They fall in love. She believes she is in love with Jack's brother, Ernest. The plot revolves around the two girls insisting on marrying Ernest, but of course Ernest doesn't really exist. Jack decides to change his name to Ernest, to suit Gwendolen, but in the end it is not necessary. As a young boy he had been abandoned in a railway station, adopted, and given the name Jack. However, it transpires that his real name, at birth, had indeed been Ernest.

**Act 1, pages 1–6 (line 8):** The play begins in the sitting room of Algernon Moncrieff's flat in London. Algernon is expecting a visit from his aunt, Lady Bracknell. Before she arrives, his friend, Jack Worthing, visits him. Jack declares that he intends to marry Lady Bracknell's daughter, Gwendolen. Algernon points out that Jack has overlooked the problem with another girl called Cecily, who Jack pretends at first not to know, but later says she is an aged aunt of his. Algernon produces Jack's cigarette box with the words 'to dear Uncle Jack from little Cecily' written inside, and remarks that the message doesn't sound like one an old woman would write. Jack reveals that Cecily's grandfather had looked after him when he was young, and, that when he died, he became young Cecily's guardian. Algernon wants to know why Jack calls himself Ernest in town and Jack when he is in his country house. Jack replies he has invented a younger brother called Ernest as an excuse to come to London and live a bad life from time to time. Algernon admits that he too has an imaginary friend, Bunbury. Whenever he is invited to a boring party, he tells the host that Bunbury is ill and he has to visit him.

**Act 1, pages 6 (line 9)–15:** Lady Bracknell and Gwendolen arrive. Jack and Gwendolen sit down together while Lady Bracknell and Algernon go to the music room. Jack tells Gwendolen he loves her and she tells him she loves him, and especially his name, Ernest. Jack says he doesn't really like the name Ernest, and asks her what she thinks of the name Jack. She doesn't like it and so he resolves to change his name. He proposes to her. At that moment, Lady Bracknell enters the room, and wants to know what is happening. After informing the couple that she makes the decisions about her daughter's future husband, she sends Gwendolen out of the room and begins to interrogate Jack. He tells her his age, financial status, that he had never known his parents, and that someone had found him, as a baby, in a large black handbag in Victoria railway station. Lady Bracknell is shocked, and will on no account allow her daughter to marry someone who had been found in a handbag. She leaves the room and Algernon comes in. Algernon mentions he would like to meet Cecily but Jack doesn't want Algernon to meet the pretty, eighteen-year-old girl. Gwendolen returns, saying she still wants to write to Jack, at his country house. He gives her the address, which Algernon secretly writes down.

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**Act 2, pages 16–23 (line 1):** Cecily Cardew and her governess, Miss Prism, are sitting in the garden of Jack's country house. Cecily wants to know why her Uncle Jack never brings his brother, Ernest, to visit them. Miss Prism then goes for a walk with Dr Chasuble. A servant announces that Mr Ernest Worthing is in the house and that he would like to speak to Cecily. It is in fact Algernon, posing as Jack's brother. He comes into the garden, where Cecily questions him on his reputation for being bad. Algernon swears to change his ways and become a good man, and tells Cecily she is the prettiest girl he has ever seen. They go into the house and Miss Prism and Doctor Chasuble return. They meet a very sad looking Jack, who tells them that his brother Ernest has died in Paris. He also asks the doctor if he still does christenings, and whether the doctor could change his name for him. The doctor says he can. Cecily appears and announces that Jack's brother is in the house. She fetches him into the garden, and Jack gives him a very frosty welcome. The others leave the two men alone.

**Act 2, pages 23 (line 2)–30:** Jack tells Algernon to leave immediately. He walks off, leaving Algernon alone. When Cecily reappears in the garden, Algernon declares undying love for her. She tells him she has been in love with him ever since Jack had started talking about his brother. She agrees to marry him because she loves the name Ernest. He doesn't like the name and suggests Algernon as an alternative, much to her disgust. He decides he must change his name and runs off to see the doctor. Gwendolen is shown into the garden and during their conversation, Cecily mentions that Mr Worthing is her guardian. Gwendolen assumes she is referring to Ernest Worthing, and becomes suspicious, on account of Cecily's youth and beauty. Cecily corrects her by telling her that Jack Worthing, the brother of Ernest, is her guardian. Gwendolen is at first relieved, but when Cecily adds that she is engaged to Ernest, she is shocked, and tells Cecily that she is engaged to him too, and that her engagement is the valid one because it predates Cecily's by a day. The two women are now enemies. Jack arrives and is asked by Gwendolen if he is engaged to Cecily. He denies it and they embrace but then, Cecily reveals Jack's true name to Gwendolen and she is shocked. Algernon arrives and is asked by Cecily if he is engaged to Gwendolen. This he denies, and Gwendolen reveals Algernon's true name. Cecily can't believe it, and the two women run into each other's arms. Jack confesses he had never had a brother. The two women, realising they are not engaged to anybody now, leave the garden. The men consider their situation.

**Act 3:** In the sitting room of the Manor House, the two women question the men about why they had invented names. Both men give satisfactory answers. Lady Bracknell arrives and is told of the marriage plans of her daughter to Jack and her cousin, Algernon, to Cecily. She refuses to allow Gwendolen to marry Jack, but does agree to Algernon's marriage to Cecily, after she discovers Cecily is very rich. As her guardian, Jack says he will not give his consent to the marriage unless Lady Bracknell consents to his marriage to Gwendolen. She refuses again. Miss Prism enters the room and Lady Bracknell forces a confession out of her. Twenty-eight years ago, she had accidentally put a baby in a handbag and a book in a baby carriage, and had left the handbag at Victoria station. Jack assumes Miss Prism is his mother but he is mistaken. Lady Bracknell reveals that Jack is the son of her sister, and therefore is Algernon's older brother. Jack demands to know what his real name had been. He discovers that it had been Ernest all the time.

## Background and themes

**Dramatic irony:** The play is a classic example of dramatic irony at work. One of the main reasons the audience laughs is that they know the truth of what is happening on stage but some of the characters do not.

**Lies and deceit:** Both Jack and Algernon invent new identities for themselves. Jack to be able to lead a double life and Algernon to introduce himself as someone Cecily is already aware of. However their deceit is not punished for they are forgiven in the end, because their motives were not evil.

**Romance:** Wilde is satirising romance when he portrays Gwendolen's love for Jack to be based nearly entirely on the fact that she loves his false name, Ernest. Cecily's love for a man she has never met, and writing letters to herself, is also an example of a rather silly romantic notion.

## Discussion activities

### Before reading

- 1 **Discuss:** Put the students in small groups and ask them to discuss the following questions: *Have you ever seen a play at the theatre or on television? Have you ever acted in a play? Do you like watching plays? Do you think it is more difficult to be an actor in a play or in a film and if so why? What are the popular plays in your country?*

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- 2 Write:** After the students have read the Introduction, ask them to write down the answers to the following questions: *Where was Oscar Wilde born? When was he born? What was his father's job? Where did he study in England? What was the name of his first book? Who did he marry? What was his most famous book? What was his first play? When did he move to Paris? When did he die?*

## Act 1, pages 1–6 (line 8)

**While reading** (p. 5, after 'I must visit him.')

- 3 Discuss:** Explain to the students that Algernon uses his fictitious friend as an excuse not to do things. He tells a 'white lie'. Put them in groups and ask them to discuss the following questions: *Do you always tell the truth? Is it sometimes OK to say things that are not the truth? Your friend buys a new jacket and you hate it. Do you say it is nice, OK or ugly? Is it sometimes very bad to say things that are not the truth?*
- 4 Role play** (p. 12, after 'In a handbag.'): Put the students in pairs. Tell them they are going to act out a conversation between Mr Cardew and his wife, when he returns home and finds the baby in the bag. Mr Cardew doesn't want to keep the baby, and Mrs Cardew does. See Discussion activities key for an example start.

## After reading

- 5 Write and ask:** Write *What time do most people have tea?* on the board and elicit the answer (At five o'clock). Ask students to write another question about something in Act 1, pages 1–6 (line 8). Now have students stand up and walk around the classroom, asking and answering each other's questions.

## Act 1, pages 6 (line 9)–15

**While reading** (p. 9, after 'I said yes.')

- 6 Discuss:** Put the students in small groups and ask them to discuss the following questions about marriage: *Are you married? When did you marry? Who did you marry? Do you want be married in the future? Do more people marry today than before? Is it important to marry somebody rich/pretty/from the same country?*
- 7 Write and ask** (p. 10, after 'Do you smoke?'): Put the students in pairs and tell them to write ten questions (as if they were in a dating agency) that they would ask a potential partner. The students then ask each other their questions, and decide if they would marry their partner or not. If they are uncomfortable with the marriage idea, say the questions are to find a person to share a flat with.
- 8 Pair work:** Write the following words on the board: *shops, letter, weather, five, twenty-nine, ticket, walks, train times*. Have the students talk and write in pairs to say how these words were used in Act 1, pages 6 (line 9) to 15.

## Act 2, pages 16–23 (line 1)

**While reading** (p. 17, after 'I hate lessons.')

- 9 Discuss:** Tell the students they are going to talk about school subjects. If they have already left school, then they will have to use the past tense. Put them in groups and ask them to discuss the following questions: *What are your best/worst lessons at school and why? What are the most difficult/easiest lessons and why? What are the most important lessons? Do you like learning English? Do you use the Internet in lessons?*

## After reading

- 10 Write and guess:** Write *Cecily was very short for her age* on the board. Elicit which word is wrong from the students (tall not short). Now students choose a sentence from Act 2, pages 16–23 and rewrite it changing one word. Students walk around the classroom, reading out their sentences and the other students have to identify and correct the mistake.

## Act 2, pages 23 (line 2)–30

**While reading** (p. 24, after 'You asked me last Valentine's Day.')

- 11 Research:** Ask the students to look for information on the Internet about Valentine's Day. Then they give a short oral presentation of what they have found out. Put them in groups to talk about the following questions: *Do people do anything on Valentine's Day in your country? Do you think it is a good thing or a stupid thing? Would you like to send somebody a Valentine card?*

## After reading

- 12 Game:** Remind the students that Jack has told a lie. Put them in groups of four. Tell them to write three short stories about things that have happened to them in their life. Two of the stories must be true and one not true. Then each student reads out their stories and the rest have to identify which story isn't true. Encourage them to write about interesting, frightening or funny events.

## Act 3

**While reading** (p. 31, after 'We do not like your names.')

- 13 Pair work:** Put the students in pairs and ask them to make a list of ten boys names and ten girls names in their country. Then ask them to put them in order from one, the best name, to ten, the worst name. Then the pair talk to another pair and discuss their choices.

## After reading

- 14 Write:** Ask the students to write a summary of the play. The summary must contain exactly fifty words, not one more nor one less. Put them in groups of four and each student reads his/her summary to the other three.

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## While reading

### Act 1, pages 1–6 (line 8)

#### 1 Put words on the left with words on the right.

invite people	good life
marry	to music
look	to dinner
make a	mistake
tell	somebody
listen	tea
have	for something
live a	the truth

#### 2 Finish the sentences with the right words.

grandfather butter cucumber box cards  
friend

- Lane showed Algernon a plate of ..... sandwiches.
- Gwendolen loved bread and .....
- Mr Worthing left his cigarette ..... in Algernon's flat.
- The name Ernest was on Mr Worthing's .....
- Mr Thomas Cardew was the ..... of Cecily.
- Algernon says he has a ..... in the country called Bunbury.

### Act 1, pages 6 (line 9)–15

#### 3 What's first? Number the sentences 1–6.

- ☐ Jack asks Gwendolen to marry him.
- ☐ Lady Bracknell does not want her daughter to marry Jack.
- ☐ Algernon writes down Jack's address in the country.
- ☐ Algernon says that his friend Bunbury is ill.
- ☐ Jack says he doesn't know his parents.
- ☐ Lady Bracknell arrives at Algernon's flat.

#### 4 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

- Lady Bracknell thinks Mary Farquhar is an rgistnineet ..... woman.
- Lady Bracknell wants to sing mGnrae ..... songs at the party.
- Gwendolen thinks Jack has dlwfrneuo ..... blue eyes.
- Mr Worthing's name is not in Lady Bracknell's btkenoo .....
- Cecily is very pretty and tnehegei ..... years old.

- Algernon thinks life is earnest without uetolrb .....

#### 5 Find the right words in Act 1, pages 6 (line 9)–15.

- You are this when something you want to happen, doesn't happen. (p. 7) .....
- You are this when you aren't well. (p. 7) .....
- Not interesting. (p. 9) .....
- Money people use in Britain. (p. 10) .....
- People are this when they have a lot of money. (p. 12) .....
- The opposite of pretty. (p. 13) .....
- You are this when you want something to eat. (p. 14) .....

### Act 2, pages 16–23 (line 1)

#### 6 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- Miss Prism wrote a book that sold very well. ☐
- Cecily and Miss Prism went for a walk to the church. ☐
- Cecily didn't want to meet Ernest Worthing. ☐
- Jack wanted to send Algernon to America. ☐
- Algernon wanted a flower to put in his jacket. ☐
- In the past, churchmen didn't marry. ☐
- Jack was not happy to see Algernon at his country house. ☐

#### 7 Who says or thinks this?

Algernon Merriman Jack Cecily Chasuble  
Miss Prism

- 'I really want to see his brother.' .....
- 'A lot of men only like drinking and dancing.' .....
- 'There is a man in the house and he wants to speak to you.' .....
- 'Yes, I sometimes do very bad things.' .....
- 'I am very sad. My brother died in Paris.' .....
- 'I will see you at the church at half past five.' .....

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## 8 Circle the right words.

- a Miss Prism *didn't finish / lost* her book.
- b Jack Worthing liked to be in London on *Mondays / Sundays*.
- c Jack wore *black / expensive* clothes and had a sad face.
- d Jack says that Ernest *loved / liked* Paris.
- e Chasuble could do the christening the *same afternoon / next day*.
- f Jack *takes / doesn't take* Algernon's hand.

## Act 2, pages 23 (line 2)–30

### 9 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a Cecily hates saying goodbye to old friends.  
.....
- b Cecily heard about Ernest in the summer.  
.....
- c Cecily wrote letters to Ernest three times a month. ....
- d Gwendolen thinks Cecily is a strange name.  
.....
- e Gwendolen says that pretty girls make men stupid. ....
- f Gwendolen never went anywhere without her glasses. ....
- g Gwendolen didn't want any sugar in her coffee. ....

### 10 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.

- a lovely Algernon Cecily that thinks is  
.....
- b notebook Cecily in writes her everything  
.....
- c plate Gwendolen on Cecily a some gives cake  
.....
- d says Gwendolen isn't to Algernon he engaged  
.....
- e Jack brother have says doesn't he a  
.....
- f cake likes Algernon much very eating  
.....
- g Ernest his Jack name is to changing  
.....

### 11 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

- a Merriman put the bags in a room next to by Jack's room.

- b Algernon wanted to read reading Cecily's notebook.
- c Algernon never wrote any some letters to Cecily.
- d Gwendolen's eyes weren't very well good.
- e There were many interesting interested walks near the Manor House.
- f Gwendolen and Cecily weren't engaged to somebody anybody.
- g Algernon ate cake because he was unhappier unhappy.

## Act 3

### 12 Answer the questions.

- a Why didn't Cecily and Gwendolen want to marry the men?  
.....
- b Why did Lady Bracknell think Hertfordshire was interesting?  
.....
- c Where did Cecily's grandfather live in Scotland?  
.....
- d How much money did Cecily have in the bank?  
.....
- e Where did Algernon go to university?  
.....
- f What did Algernon drink in Jack's house?  
.....
- g What did the police find in the baby carriage?  
.....

### 13 Finish the sentences.

- a Jack tells Lady Bracknell that he is Cecily's  
.....
- b Lady Bracknell tells Cecily that Algernon has no .....  
.....
- c Miss Prism is waiting for Dr Chasuble at the  
.....
- d Miss Prism thinks of that morning every day of .....  
.....
- e Miss Prism left the hand bag at .....  
.....
- f Lady Bracknell tells Jack that he is Algernon's  
.....
- g Algernon's father died before he was a  
.....



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## I What's first? Number the sentences 1–10.

- a ☐ Algernon gives Jack his cigarette box back.
- b ☐ Jack tells Gwendolen the truth that his name really is Ernest.
- c ☐ Cecily has a German lesson in the garden with Miss Prism.
- d ☐ Cecily and Gwendolen have a fight in the garden about Ernest.
- e ☐ Jack tells everyone that his brother, Ernest, is dead.
- f ☐ Jack tells Lady Bracknell the story about the handbag.
- g ☐ Jack arrives at Algernon's flat in London.
- h ☐ Cecily tells Algernon about the letters she wrote.
- i ☐ Jack tells Cecily and Gwendolen that he hasn't got a brother.
- j ☐ Lady Bracknell asks Jack a lot of questions about his life.

## 2 Finish the sentences with the right word.

better strange ill exciting bad cold ugly  
oldest importance happily

- a Algernon thinks that life is ..... when you love somebody.
- b Jack lives a ..... life in town.
- c When Bunbury is ..... Algernon has to see him.
- d Cecily thinks that German is an ..... language.
- e Miss Prism's story ended ..... for the good people in it.
- f Algernon tells Jack that he wants to live a ..... life in the future.
- g Jack is very ..... to Algernon on his first visit to the country house.
- h Miss Prism's answer about the handbag is of great ..... to Jack.
- i Lady Bracknell tells Jack he is the ..... son.
- j Lady Bracknell says that Jack's father was a ..... man.

## 3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Algernon Moncrieff lives in the country. ☐
- b At first Jack tells Algernon that he doesn't know a girl called Cecily. ☐
- c Jack leaves a cigarette box in Lady Bracknell's house. ☐
- d Algernon's friend, Bunbury, lives in London. ☐

- e Cecily thinks that Algernon's name is Ernest. ☐
- f Cecily doesn't want Algernon to see her letters. ☐
- g Cecily and Gwendolen think they are engaged to the same man. ☐
- h Jack and Algernon don't change their names to Ernest. ☐
- i Jack is the son of Lady Bracknell's cousin. ☐
- j Jack's father was a policeman. ☐

## 4 Put the right answers with the questions.

- a Where did Algernon see the words 'From little Cecily with love.' ....
- b Where did Mr Cardew find the large, black handbag? ....
- c What was the name of the small town by the sea? ....
- d What was the name of Jack's country house? ....
- e Where did Miss Prism give Cecily German lessons? ....
- f Where did Jack's 'brother' die? ....
- g Where did Cecily write things down? ....
- h Where was all Cecily's money? ....
- i Where was the handbag in Jack's house? ....
- j Where did Jack find his father's name? ....
  - 1) In Paris.
  - 2) In a book.
  - 3) In the garden.
  - 4) In Jack's cigarette case.
  - 5) In the bank.
  - 6) In Victoria Station.
  - 7) In his bedroom.
  - 8) In a notebook.
  - 9) The Manor.
  - 10) Worthing.

## 5 Circle the right words.

- a Miss Prism is Cecily's *mother* / *governess*.
- b Algernon *sometimes* / *never* goes to Lady Bracknell's parties.
- c Lady Bracknell likes *French* / *German* songs.
- d Gwendolen loves *only Jack* / *Jack and his name*.
- e Algernon is always *hungry* / *tired*.
- f Cecily puts *sugar* / *milk* in Gwendolen's tea.
- g When Lady Bracknell married her husband, she was *rich* / *poor*.
- h Cecily *can't* / *can* marry without Jack's consent.
- i When Miss Prism sees Lady Bracknell she is *excited* / *shocked*.
- j Algernon *liked* / *didn't know* his father.

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## Book key

- 1 a 3 b 1 c 2 d 1
- 2 a respectable b disappointed c shocked  
d earnest e engaged
- 3 a wonderful > boring  
b exciting > boring  
c is > isn't  
d uncle > guardian  
e wants > doesn't want  
f has > doesn't have / hasn't got  
g has > doesn't have / hasn't got
- 4 Possible answers:  
a Yes, they are.  
b No, they aren't. Algernon doesn't know about Jack in the country.
- 5 Possible answers:  
a 'Will you marry me?'  
b 'Bunbury is ill again. I must go to him.'
- 6 a is  
b were some  
c He doesn't want to go and he won't.  
d before  
e doesn't tell  
f angry
- 7 a X b ✓ c X d ✓ e X f ✓ g ✓ h X  
i X
- 8 a Jack, to Ernest  
b Algernon. She is strong and never listens to her lessons. She is eighteen and very pretty.  
c Gwendolen  
d Gwendolen  
e Algernon
- 9 Open answers
- 10 Open answers (Algernon arrives first, then Jack, then Gwendolen, then Lady Bracknell.)
- 11 a her German lessons.  
b Miss Prism.  
c is a really bad person.  
d to go to Australia.  
e is wonderful.  
f because 'his brother' is dead.  
g because Jack wants a christening.  
h because Algernon is at the Manor House.
- 12 a Most of them like only drinking, dancing and theatres.  
b Because he has Jack's London card.  
c Life. Pretty faces.  
d He wants to marry Gwendolen. He wants to live a good life.  
e Ernest.  
f Because he hasn't got a brother.
- 13–14 Open answers
- 15 a Algernon b Cecily c Ernest d Cecily  
e Ernest f Gwendolen g Ernest
- 16 Possible answers:  
a Jack is angry because Algernon brought three bags and two hat boxes with him.  
b Algernon goes to Dr Chasuble because he wants to change his name to Ernest.  
c Gwendolen is angry because Cecily gives her cake and tea with sugar. She wanted bread and butter and tea without sugar.  
d Gwendolen and Cecily go into the house because Uncle Jack doesn't have a brother Ernest.  
e Algernon eats the cake because he is unhappy. He always eats when he is unhappy.
- 17–18 Open answers
- 19 a ✓ b X c ✓ d ✓ e X f ✓
- 20 Open answers
- 21 Possible answers:  
a Algernon learns about Cecily and about Jack's two lives from the cigarette box.  
b Miss Prism lost Jack when he was a baby. She left him in a handbag by mistake. She put her book in the baby carriage.  
c Cecily and Gwendolen loved the name Ernest before they met 'Ernest'.  
d A rich man found Jack in the handbag at Victoria Station.
- 22–29 Open answers

## Discussion activities key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 In Dublin, Ireland. In 1854. He was a doctor. Oxford University. Poems. Constance Lloyd. *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. *Lady Windermere's Fan*. In 1897. In 1900.

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### 3 Open answers

- 4 Husband: Look what I have in this bag. It's a baby.  
 Wife: Oh, he's lovely, where did you find him?  
 H: In a railway station. You know he can't stay with us.  
 W: Why not? What are we going to do with him?  
 H: We can take him to the police.  
 W: No. I want him to stay here.  
 H: But he isn't our baby.  
 W: I don't care. Let's ...

### 5–6 Open answers

- 7 Example questions: Do you get up early? Do you go to bed late? Are you rich? What is your job? Do you like films/music/theatre? Do you eat meat? How old are you? Have you got a big family?
- 8 There were no cucumbers in the shops. A letter arrived from Bunbury. Gwendolen didn't want to talk about the weather. Gwendolen knew five Jack's and they were all boring. Jack was twenty-nine years old. Mr Cardew had a ticket to Worthing. Cecily went for long walks. Algernon looked at a book of train times.

### 9–14 Open answers

### Activity worksheets key

- 1 invite people – to dinner  
 marry – somebody  
 look – for something  
 make a – mistake  
 tell – the truth  
 listen – to music  
 have – tea  
 live a – good life
- 2 a cucumber b butter c box d cards  
 e grandfather f friend
- 3 a 3 b 5 c 6 d 2 e 4 f 1
- 4 a interesting b German c wonderful  
 d notebook e eighteen f trouble
- 5 a disappointed b ill c boring d pounds  
 e rich f ugly g hungry
- 6 a X b X c X d X e ✓ f ✓ g ✓
- 7 a Cecily b Miss Prism c Merriman  
 d Algernon e Jack f Chasuble
- 8 a lost b Sundays c black d loved  
 e same afternoon f takes

- 9 a old > new  
 b summer > autumn  
 c month > week  
 d strange > pretty  
 e stupid > weak  
 f glasses > notebook  
 g coffee > tea
- 10 a Algernon thinks that Cecily is lovely.  
 b Cecily writes everything in her notebook.  
 c Cecily gives Gwendolen some cake on a plate.  
 d Algernon says he isn't engaged to Gwendolen.  
 e Jack says he doesn't have a brother.  
 f Algernon likes eating cake very much.  
 g Jack is changing his name to Ernest.
- 11 a by b reading c some d well e interested  
 f somebody g unhappier
- 12 a Because they didn't like their names.  
 b Because the number of engagements was very high.  
 c The Sporrin in Fifeshire.  
 d A hundred and thirty thousand pounds.  
 e Oxford.  
 f A bottle of expensive wine.  
 g A very thick book.
- 13 a guardian  
 b money  
 c church  
 d her life  
 e Victoria Station in London  
 f older brother  
 g year old

### Progress test key

- 1 a 2 b 10 c 5 d 8 e 6 f 4 g 1 h 7  
 i 9 j 3
- 2 a exciting b bad c ill d ugly e happily  
 f better g cold h importance i oldest  
 j strange
- 3 a X b ✓ c X d X e ✓ f ✓ g ✓ h ✓  
 i X j X
- 4 a 4 b 6 c 10 d 9 e 3 f 1 g 8 h 5 i 7  
 j 2
- 5 a governess b sometimes c German  
 d Jack and his name e hungry f sugar g poor  
 h can't i shocked j didn't know



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9781408231654	Barack Obama (Book)	Coleen Degnan-Veness	American English	6875	600	32	In January 2009, a new American president moved into the White House. But who is Barack Obama? What do we know about his family and his early life? Why did he want to be a politician? And how did he get the top job? This is his story.
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9781405842839	Five Famous Fairy Tales (Book)	The Brothers Grimm, Ha	British English	9927	600	48	This book contains 'The Table, the Donkey and the Stick', 'The Prince and the Servants,' 'The Glass Box,' 'The Fisherman and the Giant,' and 'The White Birds.'
9781408278024	Five Famous Fairy Tales (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	The Brothers Grimm, Ha	British English	9927	600	48	This book contains 'The Table, the Donkey and the Stick', 'The Prince and the Servants,' 'The Glass Box,' 'The Fisherman and the Giant,' and 'The White Birds.'
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9781408284995	Five Plays for Today (Book and MP3 Pack)	Tonya Trappe	British English	6063	600	40	Paul is shy and Judy has no friends. Oliver is afraid of other boys. Jane and Leo can't talk about their feelings, and Sue lies to her boyfriends. These five short plays tell the stories of young people with problems. Are there any answers? What do you think?
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9781405842846	Gulliver's Travels (Book)	Jonathan Swift	British English	9681	600	48	Gulliver travels across the sea from England and has an accident. He arrives in a country of very, very small people. What will they do with him?
9781408278031	Gulliver's Travels (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Jonathan Swift	British English	9681	600	48	Gulliver travels across the sea from England and has an accident. He arrives in a country of very, very small people. What will they do with him?
9781405842853	Heidi (Book)	Johanna Spyri	British English	8601	600	48	Heidi lives with her grandfather high in the mountains of Switzerland. One day, Heidi moves to Frankfurt. Can she go back to the mountains and the people she loves?
9781408278048	Heidi (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Johanna Spyri	British English	8601	600	48	Heidi lives with her grandfather high in the mountains of Switzerland. One day, Heidi moves to Frankfurt. Can she go back to the mountains and the people she loves?
9781405855372	Kidnapped (Book)	Robert Louis Stevenson	British English	9104	600	48	After his parents die, young David Balfour goes to the house of his uncle Ebenezer. But his uncle is a dangerous man. When he puts David on a ship to America, a difficult and dangerous time begins. But who is the stranger on the ship? Can he help David?

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9781405855327	King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table (Book)		British English	10369	600	56	Only the next king can pull the sword out of the stone. Many try, but they all fail. Then young Arthur tries, and the sword comes out easily. Now he will be king, but will he be a good king?
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9781405881647	London (Book)	Vicky Shipton	British English	4876	600	32	London is one most famous cities in the world, and this fascinating book highlights the history, the people, the famous landmarks and cultural activities of the biggest city in Britain.
9781408285084	London (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Vicky Shipton	British English	4,876	600	32	London is one most famous cities in the world, and this fascinating book highlights the history, the people, the famous landmarks and cultural activities of the biggest city in Britain.
9781405876971	Lost in New York	John Escott	British English	4875	600	32	It is Nicky's first trip to New York, and he plans to stay with his aunt. But things quickly go wrong like a bad dream. Will Nicky find what he's looking for in New York?
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9781405881654	Lost Love and Other Stories (Book)	Jan Carew	British English	5424	600	32	The stories in this book are exciting and sometimes very strange. Some are sad and some are happy. We meet many interesting people - a young man in love, a lonely customer in a shop, a shy soldier. Strange things happen to all these people. But life is strange sometimes.
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9781408263761	Marley and Me (Book)	John Grogan	American English	10666	600	48	A young husband and wife buy a puppy and call him Marley. Marley gets bigger and bigger, and he is not an easy dog. He eats everything. He breaks things. He doesn't listen. But he loves John and Jenny and they love him. Is this really the story of the world's worst dog?
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9781405842884	Moonfleet (Book)	J. Meade Falkner	British English	5390	600	32	Moonfleet is a quiet village in the south of England, but John Trenchard knows its secrets: smugglers and a famous stolen diamond. A classic tale of adventure.
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9781405881678	Mr. Bean in Town (Book)	Rowan Atkinson, Richard	British English	4347	600	36	In a restaurant, Mr. Bean doesn't like his food. He tries to hide it in very strange places. At the laundromat, Mr. Bean loses his trousers. Two hilarious stories about Mr. Bean.
9781408285121	Mr. Bean in Town (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Rowan Atkinson, Richard	British English	4347	600	36	In a restaurant, Mr. Bean doesn't like his food. He tries to hide it in very strange places. At the laundromat, Mr. Bean loses his trousers. Two hilarious stories about Mr. Bean.
9781405855365	Of Mice and Men (Book)	John Steinbeck	American English	6512	600	56	Lennie and George are poor ranch hands with a dream of having their own farm. One night when Lennie is alone, something tragic happens. John Steinbeck's classic story of friendship, loneliness, loyalty, and sacrifice.
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9781405869492	Persuasion (Book)	Jane Austen	British English	6575	600	56	When they were young, Anne Elliot and Captain Wentworth were in love. Though Wentworth wanted a life together with her, Anne was persuaded not to marry him. Many years later they meet again, but have their feelings changed?
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9781405881715	Project Omega (Book)	Elaine O'Reilly	British English	4325	600	32	Charles Hatfield Baker III, one of the richest men in New York City, suddenly disappears. His daughter, Julia, wants to find him. The directors of his company want power and money. Do they know where he is? And what is Project Omega? Can Julia find her father and save his company?
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9781405855334	Robinson Crusoe (Book)	Daniel Defoe	British English	9711	600	54	Robinson Crusoe is at sea when there is a great storm. His ship goes down, and his friends die. The sea throws Crusoe onto a beach. He is on an island. But which island? Are there other people on it? And are they friendly? What will Crusoe do now?
9781408278154	Robinson Crusoe (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Daniel Defoe	British English	9711	600	54	Robinson Crusoe is at sea when there is a great storm. His ship goes down, and his friends die. The sea throws Crusoe onto a beach. He is on an island. But which island? Are there other people on it? And are they friendly? What will Crusoe do now?
9781405869485	Simply Suspense (Book)	Frank Stockton, Stacy Au	British English	7177	600	56	There are three exciting short stories in this book. They are all about ...fear! Three people are in dangerous places. What can they do? Will anybody help them?
9781408285183	Simply Suspense (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Frank Stockton, Stacy Au	British English	7177	600	56	There are three exciting short stories in this book. They are all about ...fear! Three people are in dangerous places. What can they do? Will anybody help them?
9781405869775	Stranger than Fiction: Urban Myths (Book)	Phil Healey and Rick Glar	British English	7125	600	48	A man fell from a very tall building. Why didn't he die? Why did a dead woman have a frozen chicken under her hat? What fell out of an old man's ear, and why did everybody laugh? And how did a cow fly? Find the answers in these strange stories.
9781408285190	Stranger than Fiction: Urban Myths (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Phil Healey and Rick Glar	British English	7125	600	48	A man fell from a very tall building. Why didn't he die? Why did a dead woman have a frozen chicken under her hat? What fell out of an old man's ear, and why did everybody laugh? And how did a cow fly? Find the answers in these strange stories.
9781405855402	Tales from Hans Andersen (Book)	Hans Andersen	British English	8094	600	48	Hans Andersen wrote many famous stories that teach lessons for life. This book contains five stories including The Ugly Duckling and The Little Mermaid.
9781408278185	Tales from Hans Andersen (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Hans Andersen	British English	8094	600	48	Hans Andersen wrote many famous stories that teach lessons for life. This book contains five stories including The Ugly Duckling and The Little Mermaid.
9781405855396	Tales from the Arabian Nights (Book)		British English	9041	600	56	Tales from the Arabian Nights is a collection of stories from Persia, Arabia, India and Egypt which were brought together over hundreds of years. Stories include Aladdin and the Lamp, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, and more.
9781408278178	Tales from the Arabian Nights (MP3 Audio CD Pack)		British English	9041	600	56	Tales from the Arabian Nights is a collection of stories from Persia, Arabia, India and Egypt which were brought together over hundreds of years. Stories include Aladdin and the Lamp, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, and more.
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9781405869539	The Ghost of Genny Castle (Book)	John Escott	British English	4514	600	48	Claire is staying with her aunt Min. There is an old castle with a black tower in the village. It has a dangerous secret - accidents happen there, animals and people die. One day, Claire goes to the castle. She wants to know its secret.
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9781405892032	The Importance of Being Earnest (Book)	Oscar Wilde	British English	8602	600	48	Gwendolen thinks that she loves Ernest. Cecily thinks that she loves Ernest too. But who is Ernest really? What kind of man is he? This is a wonderfully funny play by one of the greatest writers of his time. This book is written in a play script format.
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9781405842860	The Jungle Book (Book)	Rudyard Kipling	British English	8298	600	48	A family of wolves take a little boy into their home in the jungle. The child learns and plays with the other cubs. But can he really live in the jungle? Will the other wolves want him to stay? And will the dangerous tiger Shere Khan catch him?
9781408278062	The Jungle Book (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Rudyard Kipling	British English	8298	600	48	A family of wolves take a little boy into their home in the jungle. The child learns and plays with the other cubs. But can he really live in the jungle? Will the other wolves want him to stay? And will the dangerous tiger Shere Khan catch him?
9781405869751	The Lady in the Lake (Book)	Raymond Chandler	American English	7669	600	56	Detective Philip Marlowe is looking for Derace Kingsley's wife, Crystal. Did she go to El Paso with her lover or is she dead? Is she the lady in the lake?
9781408285077	The Lady in the Lake (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Raymond Chandler	American English	7669	600	56	Detective Philip Marlowe is looking for Derace Kingsley's wife, Crystal. Did she go to El Paso with her lover or is she dead? Is she the lady in the lake?
9781405842877	The Last of the Mohicans (Book)	James Fenimore Cooper	American English	6506	600	48	Uncas is the last of the Mohican Indians. He is with his father and Hawkeye when they meet Heyward. Heyward is taking the two young daughters of a British colonel to their father. But a Huron Indian who hates the British is near. Will the girls see their father again?
9781405842891	The Mysterious Island (Book)	Jules Verne	British English	6370	600	48	Three men, a boy, and a dog are trapped in a hot air balloon flying over the Pacific. One of the men and the dog fall out, and the rest crash on a strange island.
9781405842907	The Prince and the Pauper	Mark Twain	British English	9137	600	48	Two babies are born on the same day in England. One boy is a prince and the other boy is from a very poor family. Ten years later, they change places for a game. But then the old king dies and they cannot change back. Will the poor boy be the new King of England?

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9781405869645	The Railway Children (Book)	E. Nesbit	British English	4890	600	48	Roberta, Peter and Phyllis, move to a house near a railway line after their father disappears. The children make new friends, but will they be reunited with their father?
9781408278147	The Railway Children (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	E. Nesbit	British English	4890	600	48	Roberta, Peter and Phyllis, move to a house near a railway line after their father disappears. The children make new friends, but will they be reunited with their father?
9781405869621	The Room in the Tower and Other Ghost Stories (Book)	Rudyard Kipling and Oth	British English	7225	600	48	Three authors, three stories, three ghosts. Written in the nineteenth century, these three chilling ghost stories are guaranteed to send shivers down your spine.
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9781405855341	The Scarlet Letter (Book)	Nathaniel Hawthorne	American English	7411	600	48	Boston in the 1600s is a small town, but a large crowd waits for Hester Prynne outside the prison. She carries a baby in her arms and the scarlet letter 'A' is on her dress. 'A' is for adulteress. Who is the father of her baby? Nobody knows and Hester will not say.
9781405855310	The Three Musketeers	Alexandre Dumas	British English	8557	600	48	D'Artagnan wants to be a musketeer. He wants to fight for his king and his country. But the Queen has a problem with the Cardinal, so d'Artagnan and his new friends have to help her. The Cardinal is a very dangerous man. Who will win? Who will lose? And who will die?
9781405855426	The Voyages of Sindbad the Sailor (Book)		British English	10093	600	56	Sindbad the Sailor went to sea seven times and his voyages were always dangerous. He met giant men, snakes and birds, and the Old Man of the Sea. He visited different countries and strange islands - and he told wonderful stories about his journeys.
9781408289495	The Voyages of Sindbad the Sailor (MP3 Audio CD Pack)		British English	10093	600	56	Sindbad the Sailor went to sea seven times and his voyages were always dangerous. He met giant men, snakes and birds, and the Old Man of the Sea. He visited different countries and strange islands - and he told wonderful stories about his journeys.
9781405869652	The Wave (Book)	Morton Rhue	British English	6591	600	56	Mr. Ross is a high school history teacher. He wants to teach his students about Hitler and the Nazis, so he starts a class team, the Wave. Based on a true story.
9781405855419	The Wind in the Willows (Book)	Kenneth Grahame (retol)	British English	8,004	600	56	The Wind in the Willows is one of the world's favorite classic children's stories. It's a story of four friends (Toad, Rat, Mole and Badger) and their thrilling adventure that has positive lessons for life.
9781408278192	The Wind in the Willows (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Kenneth Grahame (retol)	British English	8,004	600	56	The Wind in the Willows is one of the world's favorite classic children's stories. It's a story of four friends (Toad, Rat, Mole and Badger) and their thrilling adventure that has positive lessons for life.
9781405855433	Three Short Stories of Sherlock Holmes (Book)	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	British English	9179	600	56	Sherlock Holmes is a very clever man. When people have strange, difficult problems, they come to him. Can you find the answers before Sherlock Holmes in these three stories?
9781405869638	Treasure Island (Book)	Robert Louis Stevenson	British English	5723	600	48	Treasure Island is one of the most famous books in English. Read Robert Louis Stevenson's classic adventure tale about pirates, the sea and buried treasure.
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9781405881722	Walkabout (Book)	James Vance Marshall	British English	8436	600	56	This is the story of an Aboriginal boy's walkabout, but it is also the story of two American children lost in the Australian desert. What will happen to the three children when they meet?
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9781405855389	White Fang (Book)	Jack London	British English	7746	600	48	White Fang is a wolf from the mountains of Canada. His life is hard but he is happy in his world. Then he is taken to the world of men. There he learns to fight and to kill. White Fang knows nothing about love. But one day he meets Scott...
9781408285244	White Fang (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Jack London	British English	7746	600	48	White Fang is a wolf from the mountains of Canada. His life is hard but he is happy in his world. Then he is taken to the world of men. There he learns to fight and to kill. White Fang knows nothing about love. But one day he meets Scott...
9781408285206	The Three Musketeers (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Alexandre Dumas	British English	8557	600	48	D'Artagnan wants to be a musketeer. He wants to fight for his king and his country. But the Queen has a problem with the Cardinal, so d'Artagnan and his new friends have to help her. The Cardinal is a very dangerous man. Who will win? Who will lose? And who will die?
9781408278116	The Mysterious Island (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Jules Verne	British English	6370	600	48	Three men, a boy, and a dog are trapped in a hot air balloon flying over the Pacific. One of the men and the dog fall out, and the rest crash on a strange island.
9781408277980	Three Short Stories of Sherlock Holmes (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	British English	9179	600	56	Sherlock Holmes is a very clever man. When people have strange, difficult problems, they come to him. Can you find the answers before Sherlock Holmes in these three stories?
9781408278161	The Scarlet Letter (Book with MP3-CD)	Nathaniel Hawthorne	American English	7411	600	48	Boston in the 1600s is a small town, but a large crowd waits for Hester Prynne outside the prison. She carries a baby in her arms and the scarlet letter 'A' is on her dress. 'A' is for adulteress. Who is the father of her baby? Nobody knows and Hester will not say.
9781292205687	Marvel's The Avengers		American English	8,840	600	56	The Tesseract is a very powerful weapon and Loki plans to use it for an attack on Earth. Who can protect the Tesseract and save our world from the angry Asgardian? Iron Man, Captain America, Hulk, Black Widow, and Hawkeye are the Avengers—and they are Earth's only hope.

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9781292205656	Doctor Who: Robot of Sherwood	British English	8,733	600	56	In beautiful Sherwood Forest, the Doctor learns of the dangerous plan of robots from space. He doesn't like Robin Hood, but has to work with him. Who is real and who is not? The Doctor wants to help the people of Nottingham, so he has to know. Can heroes from storybooks be real?
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