

King Lear

William Shakespeare



About the author

The study of Shakespeare's life (1564–1616) is not an easy task. Since his death there has been a lot of speculation about his religious tendencies, sexual orientation and indeed about whether he actually wrote all the plays he is accredited with. However, he is widely recognised as the author of several tragedies, including *Romeo and Juliet*, *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *Macbeth* and *King Lear*; comedies such as *As You Like it*, *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Twelfth Night*, and the historical plays *Richard III* and *Henry VI*. One interesting point to note is that in his time, all his plays were written in pamphlet form, since they were intended to be used solely as scripts for the actors. Shakespeare made his money from the performances of his plays, not from the sale of the literature, which was the property of the theatre company.

Summary

Act 1: King Lear, the Duke of Cornwall, and the Duke of Albany are looking at a map of Lear's kingdom. Lear is getting old and does not want to have the worries of ruling his kingdom, so he declares he has divided it up into three parts. He has three daughters, Goneril, Regan and Cordelia, and will give the largest share to the daughter that he believes loves him the most. Goneril and Regan both swear undying love for the king in very eloquent language, and are given their parts of the kingdom, but the youngest daughter, Cordelia, is unable to express herself very well, and simply says she loves Lear as a child should love a father. This enrages Lear and he disowns her on the spot. The King of France, who wants to marry Cordelia, enters the room and takes her away. Goneril, who is married to the Duke of Albany, and

Regan, who is married to the Duke of Cornwall, then discuss their father's deteriorating mental health and the future problems this could cause. In a room in the Earl of Gloucester's castle, Edmund, the illegitimate son of the Earl, is lamenting the fact his position is not lawful and brandishing a letter supposedly written by his brother, Edgar. The Earl enters and demands to see the letter. In it he reads that Edgar doesn't want to grow old before he receives his inheritance and mentions the possibility of his father's early death. The implied treachery enrages the Earl and he blames it, and the problems with Lear and his daughter, on the recent movements of the sun and the moon. Edmund then talks to his brother and tells him he is in danger and that he should stay out of the Earl's way until he calms down. When Edgar leaves the room, the scheming Edmund reflects on how stupid and gullible his father and brother are to believe everything they are told. Goneril is annoyed with her father and his group of badly behaved knights. She confronts her father about the knights and he becomes angry. Lear laments the fact that he believed Goneril's love was true, and comforts himself in the thought that he at least has another daughter that loves him. After he leaves, Goneril sends a letter to her sister, warning her of the king's behaviour.

Act 2: Edmund tells Edgar to run away from the Earl of Gloucester's castle. When he has gone, he tells the Earl that Edgar had asked him to kill him, and that he, Edmund, had put up a fight and shows the Earl a self-inflicted wound. The Earl swears to find Edgar and kill him. Cornwall and Regan arrive and she tells the Earl that Lear's knights and Edgar are behind the plot to kill him. Meanwhile, Edgar is on the run disguised as a pauper called Poor Tom. Lear and Regan discuss his disagreement with Goneril. He tells her that Goneril had sent away half of his knights and that he wouldn't forgive her. Regan tells her father he can stay in her house if only twenty-five knights accompany him. He is furious with his two daughters and walks off into the stormy night, causing the Earl to feel very uneasy about the situation.

Act 3: The Earl communicates to Edmund his worries about the hostile attitude the family is showing towards Lear, adding that he intends to help the king, and that Cornwall must on no account be informed of this. Edmund immediately plans to do just that. Lear is walking through the rain and wind, cursing his daughters and wondering if he is going mad, when he comes across

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Poor Tom, in reality Edgar, pretending to be deranged. Lear is convinced Tom's madness must have resulted from having unkind daughters, just as he has. Gloucester then approaches the pair, doesn't recognise his son, and invites Lear to stay in his home. Lear insists on talking to Tom and Gloucester relents, and asks them both to come to his castle. In a room at the castle, Edmund shows Cornwall a letter which proves Gloucester is a spy, and is in an alliance with the French. He promises to find his father, knowing his father's crime will result in him becoming the next Earl of Gloucester. His father is caught and tied to a chair. A fight breaks out when one of Gloucester's servants tries to protect him and Cornwall is injured. He then stabs Gloucester in both his eyes with his sword, leaving him blind. Regan tells Gloucester that his son Edmund hates him, which makes him realise that Edgar is really his honest son. He is then thrown out of his castle.

Act 4: Gloucester meets Poor Tom on a country road and Tom offers to take him to Dover. A servant informs Goneril that her husband is behaving strangely. He is pleased that the French have attacked and shows no desire to see his wife. She instructs Edmund to go to the Duke of Cornwall and ask for help. Before he goes, they kiss. Her husband enters and begins to criticise his wife's actions as being evil. She answers back, saying he is a weak man. A messenger arrives telling them that Cornwall has died from his wounds, but not before he had gouged out Gloucester's eyes and that Edmund had betrayed his father. Albany vows revenge on Gloucester's attackers. Back at Gloucester's castle, Regan tells Goneril's servant, Oswald, that Edmund wants to be her husband, not Goneril's, and that he should communicate this to her sister. Gloucester and Edgar are walking in a field. Edgar makes Gloucester believe he is walking up a steep hill and shortly afterwards that he has fallen from a great height. Lear arrives, half mad, and he and Gloucester recognise each other. Oswald then tries to kill Gloucester but Edgar kills him first. Before he dies, he gives Edgar a letter from Goneril to Edmund, in which she asks Edmund to kill her husband, Albany, so she can marry him. Lear is brought to a tent where Cordelia is waiting. He is delirious and can't remember anything. At first he doesn't recognise his daughter, but later he does and they are happily reunited.

Act 5: The jealousy of Goneril and Regan intensifies. Edmund is weighing up his options. He knows he can't

marry Goneril while her husband, Albany, is still alive. He needs Albany's help to defeat the French, and so decides to wait and kill him after the battle. Lear and the French lose and Edmund imprisons Lear and Cordelia. Albany accuses Edmund of being a traitor and demands a fight. Edgar arrives, still in disguise, and insists on fighting Edmund himself. Edmund is injured, and while lying on the ground is told the identity of his attacker. Suddenly a servant runs in and tells them that Goneril has committed suicide and Regan has died of poison that Goneril had given her. Edmund is dying but wants to repent. He tells Albany to go quickly to the castle, where Lear and Cordelia are in prison, because he had ordered his men to kill them. A short time afterwards, Lear enters carrying the dead body of Cordelia. He lays her on the ground, and then dies next to her.

Background and themes

Justice: So many terrible things happen to the good and bad people in the play that one has to ask whether there is any justice in the world of King Lear. Indeed, the king himself, when confronting the storm, seems to arrive at the conclusion that the human world is no different from the natural one, in that forces within it operate beyond our control, and with no regard to morality or justice.

Betrayal and jealousy: There are many instances of betrayal in the play. Edmund betrays his brother and his father, Lear betrays his daughter Cordelia, and Goneril and Regan betray their father. Goneril and her lover, Edmund, plan to murder her husband and marry. Jealousy between the two sisters leads to one killing the other and the murderess's suicide.

Authority versus chaos: When Lear hands over his lands to his daughters, he not only personally gives up control of the kingdom, but also plunges the country into chaos, which leads to a French invasion, infighting amongst the inheritors of power and eventually to the deaths of nearly everyone concerned.

Discussion activities

Before reading

- 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? Why (not)? 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. *What does the Earl of Gloucester lose in the play? When was the play written? When was the play first acted? When was William Shakespeare born? Where was he born? When did he die? When did he get married? Who did he marry? How many plays did he write?*

Act 1

While reading (p. 5, after 'The King of France and Cordelia leave.')

- 3 **Write:** Tell the students that Cordelia is keeping a diary. Tell them to write an entry about the day she has had, and to include something about what her hopes and expectations are for her life in France with the French king.

After reading

- 4 **Pair work:** Write the following words on the board: *forests, nothing, Queen, joke, disorder, mother, lucky.* Have the students talk and write in pairs to say how these words were used in Act 1.

Act 2

After reading

- 5 **Write and guess:** Write *Edgar cut his leg with a sword.* on the board. Elicit which word is wrong from the students (arm not leg). Now students choose a sentence from Act 2 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 3

While reading (p. 24, after 'Edgar follows, dancing like a madman.')

- 6 **Discuss:** Remind the students that Edgar is only pretending to be mad, but of course there are people in the world who are mad and need help. Put them in groups to discuss the following questions: *What happens to mad people in your country, do they go to special hospitals, live with their families, or live on the streets? What things can make people go mad? Do you think medicines can help these people? Can some mad people be dangerous? Do you know any famous people in history who have been mad?*
- 7 **Role play** (p. 27, after 'I am not a spy!'): Put the students in groups of three and tell them they are going to act out a conversation between Gloucester, Regan and Cornwall. Gloucester has to try and convince the other two he is not a spy, and they have to give reasons for hurting him. See Discussion activities key for an example start to the conversation.

After reading

- 8 **Write and ask:** Write *Who is Edmund going to tell about the plans to help Lear?* on the board and elicit the answer (Cornwall). Ask students to write another question about something in Act 3. Now have students walk around the classroom, asking and answering each other's questions.

Act 4

While reading (p. 31, after 'He is a good man and you have made him crazy.')

- 9 **Write and game:** Put the students in groups of four and ask them to write two lists. One list is all the words they know in English to describe a bad person and the other a good person. The team with the longest, correct list wins.

After reading

- 10 **Write and guess:** Put students in pairs and ask them to choose a short paragraph from Act 4. Tell them to write it again, making five changes to words in the text. Students then read out their paragraphs to the other students, who have to identify the mistakes.

Act 5

Before reading

- 11 **Research:** Tell the students that at the time the play was written, and for many years afterwards, the English and the French fought many wars against each other. Ask them to look on the Internet for information about the most important of these conflicts. The students then give an oral presentation of what they have discovered.

While reading (p. 43, after 'He doesn't need you to defend him.')

- 12 **Discuss:** Put the word *jealousy* on the board and explain what it means. Remind the students that the two sisters are extremely jealous of each other and are both fighting for the love of Edmund. Then put them in groups to discuss the following questions: *Do you think it is always bad to feel jealous? Have you ever been jealous in your life? Do you know anybody who is very jealous? What bad things can happen if people are very jealous? Can you think of any films in which jealousy has been very important?*

After reading

- 13 **Write:** Put the students in pairs and tell them that they are newspaper reporters at the time of King Lear. Tell them to write a report of what happened at the end of the play and the reasons they happened. Tell them to write their article in a modern style, using headlines, and to including interviews with the surviving cast, and to predict what might happen in the near future. They could include illustrations of the events and a police report.

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While reading

Act 1

1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a The King of France wanted to marry Lear's oldest daughter.
- b Cordelia hated her sisters.
- c Edmund and Edgar had different mothers.
- d Edmund gave his brother the key to his room.
- e Goneril didn't want Lear's knights to stay in her house.
- f Goneril and Albany had a son.
- g Goneril wrote a letter to her sister.

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

- a The King of France took Cordelia away.
- b Goneril wanted Lear's knights to leave her house.
- c Edmund gives the Earl of Gloucester a letter.
- d Lear, Cornwall and Albany look at a map.
- e Goneril sent a letter to her sister.
- f Lear became angry with Cordelia.

Act 2

3 Find the right words in Act 2.

- a A word to describe something very, very good. (p. 14)
- b Something is this if it is important and needs to be done quickly. (p. 17)
- c You are this if you behave in a bad way to another person. (p. 18)
- d A word that means the same as a present. (p. 18)
- e A word that means the same as prepared. (p. 19)
- f It means the same as twice or two times as much. (p. 19)
- g The opposite of strong. (p. 20)

4 Finish the sentences with the right words.

- accept unkindness forgiveness blood picture protection
- a There was on Edmund's arm.
 - b Gloucester wanted to send a of Edgar to every part of the kingdom.
 - c Goneril's to Lear was like a knife in his heart.

- d Lear didn't want to ask Goneril for
- e Regan could only twenty-five knights.
- f There was no from the winds for many miles.

5 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.

- a the Regan letter a had about knights
- b big and Lear a daughter disagreement his had
- c tree enemies Edgar The saved from his
- d knights away Goneril the sent king's half
- e coming Regan that was know the didn't king
- f cry king not to The was going

Act 3

6 Put words on the left with words on the right.

- | | |
|------------|-----------|
| make | your best |
| wave your | an excuse |
| follow | pain |
| do | orders |
| discover a | letter |
| receive a | arms |
| use bad | crime |
| feel a | language |

7 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a Gloucester locked a letter away in a box.
- b Edgar was dancing happily like a child.
- c The servants tied Gloucester to a table.
- d Gloucester sent Lear to Dover because his daughters wanted to help him.
- e A servant pushed his sword into Cornwall's stomach.
- f Regan killed the first servant with a stone.

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8 Write the names next to the person who says or thinks this.

Regan Lear Cornwall Gloucester Edgar
Edmund Servant

- a 'No, I didn't give my daughters anything.'
.....
- b 'A man is just an animal when he doesn't have clothes.'
.....
- c 'Please come to my house, the weather is terrible.'
.....
- d 'I have a letter that proves my father is a spy.'
.....
- e 'I will defend my king until I die.'
.....
- f 'Your son told us everything about you and the King of France.'
.....
- g 'I am losing a lot of blood. This is serious.'
.....

Act 4

9 Circle the right words.

- a The old man went away to bring some *clothes / food*.
- b Goneril's husband was behaving very *rudely / strangely*.
- c The French soldiers were coming to *kill / help* the king.
- d Edgar wanted Gloucester to think he was going *up / down* a hill.
- e Edgar's voice *got more serious / changed* when he was talking to Gloucester.
- f Lear offered Gloucester some *money / flowers*.
- g Goneril wanted to kill her husband and marry *her sister's husband / Edgar's brother*.

10 Answer the questions.

- a How long has the old man lived on Gloucester's land?
.....
- b Who carried the messages between Goneril and Edmund?
.....
- c What did Goneril and Edmund do before he left?
.....
- d Why couldn't Albany kill his wife?
.....
- e Who did Albany want to punish?
.....

- f What did Gloucester give to Edgar?
.....
- g Who killed Oswald?
.....

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

- a Goneril thinks that Edmund is very ftedenrif from her husband.
- b Oswald knew all of Goneril's ctseres.
- c Gloucester wants to say goodbye to the world and end his nplfaui life.
- d Women are a complete symtrye to Edgar.
- e Lear can't mbermee where he got his clothes.
- f Lear will drink inposo if Cordelia will give it to him.

Act 5

12 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

- a Albany was ready to fight the French but or he wasn't happy about fighting Lear.
- b Goneril didn't want to lose lost Edmund to her sister.
- c Edgar looks like as a poor man.
- d Albany wanted to forgiving forgive Lear and Cordelia.
- e Edmund arrived at the tent with a little few soldiers.
- f The pain in Regan's stomach was getting worst worse.
- g Edgar didn't tell his father who he was since until half an hour before he died.
- h Regan was poisoned by for Goneril.
- i Edmund wanted to do a best good thing before he died.

13 Finish the sentences.

- a Regan had a dangerous look in
- b Edmund sent Lear and Cordelia away to a
- c Edgar stood over Edmund and lifted
- d Albany never hated Edgar or
- e Edgar dressed and behaved like a
- f The servants carried the bodies of Goneril and Regan and put them on

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

- a Edgar runs away from home and becomes Poor Tom.
- b Goneril tells her husband he is weak and he tells her she is a bad woman.
- c Edgar tells Gloucester that he has fallen from the top of a hill.
- d Gloucester learns that his son is planning to kill him.
- e Lear and Cordelia meet in a tent near Dover.
- f Lear arrives with the dead body of Cordelia.
- g Edgar cuts his brother with a sword and then tells him who he really is.
- h Regan and Goneril die.
- i Goneril and Regan tell their father that they love him.
- j Cornwall takes out Gloucester's eyes with his sword.

2 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Edmund cut himself with his sword.
- b Edgar hides in a tree to escape from his enemies.
- c Regan wanted Lear to bring all his knights to her home.
- d Cornwall, Regan and Goneril ordered Gloucester not to help Lear.
- e Edmund told Gloucester about the plans to help Lear.
- f Lear didn't want to stay and talk to Poor Tom.
- g Oswald wanted to kill Gloucester but Edgar stopped him.
- h Lear didn't know that he was going mad.
- i The French won against the English in the fight.
- j Goneril poisoned Regan because Regan loved Edmund.

3 Finish the sentences with the right names.

Edgar Cordelia Cornwall The King of France
Regan King Lear Gloucester Edmund
Goneril Albany

- a wanted to make a young woman queen of his country.
- b tells his brother to imagine he is attacking him.
- c thinks one of his sons wants to kill him.
- d puts dirt on his face and wears old clothes.

- e is angry that nobody wants to speak to him.
- f kisses a man who isn't her husband.
- g dies because a servant pushed a sword into his side.
- h is not happy with the way his wife treats the king.
- i dies because her sister gave her poison.
- j is taken to a castle with her father and dies.

4 Circle the right words.

- a The King of France was *surprised* / *angry* that Lear didn't love Cordelia.
- b King Lear *thought* / *didn't think* that his knights behaved badly.
- c Edgar called himself *Poor* / *Dirty* Tom.
- d Lear met Edgar in a *castle* / *field*.
- e A servant tried to *protect* / *hurt* Gloucester.
- f Gloucester wanted to go to the top of a *hill* / *tree* at Dover.
- g Albany was *happy* / *angry* about what happened to Gloucester.
- h Edmund loved *both* / *only one* of Lear's daughters.
- i Albany *wanted* / *didn't want* Edgar to kill Edmund.
- j Lear imagined that he saw Cordelia's *mouth* / *eyes* move.

5 Finish the sentences with the right word.

hold describe took enjoy waving fell
refused remembered hurt came

- a Lear wanted to the last years of his life.
- b Cordelia couldn't her love for her father in beautiful language.
- c Cornwall and his wife to speak to Lear.
- d Lear was sure that Regan would not him.
- e Gloucester wanted to Edgar in his arms before he died.
- f Gloucester a step in front of him and fell to the ground.
- g Lear was dressed in flowers and was an imaginary sword.
- h Gloucester Lear's voice very well.
- i Regan held her stomach and to her knees.
- j The knife from Goneril's heart.

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Book key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 a people: bastard, duke, earl, knight, servant, villain
parts of a play: act, scene
things that can kill: poison, sword
- b Open answers
- 3 a thoughtful
b amusing
c south-west England in the 700s
d 30
e Because the King of England at the time, George III, was mad, like King Lear.
- 4 Open answers
- 5 a The King of France b Regan c Cordelia
d Edmund e Gloucester f Edgar g Oswald
h Goneril
- 6 a 3 b 3 c 2 d 1
- 7–8 Open answers
- 9 a 1 b 3 c 6 d 4 e 2 f 5
- 10 Open answers
- 11 a The attack is not real, and Edmund cuts himself.
b
c She says that Edgar, with the help of Lear's knights, wanted to kill Gloucester for his money.
d His madness is an act.
e She is unnaturally polite to him. She does not want Lear or his knights to stay with her.
f
g He refuses to cry in front of them.
h
- 12 Open answers
- 13 a–b Open answers
c Possible answers:
angry – Yes. He is angry with his daughters.
brave – Yes. He is not afraid of a night alone in the middle of a storm.
calm – No. He becomes angry very quickly.
mad – Not yet. He says, 'I shall go mad!'
proud – Yes. Regan says, 'Proud men like him have to learn from their own mistakes.'
unlucky – No. Lear has problems because of his own bad judgement.
wise – No. He thinks that Goneril and Regan's empty words of love are more important than Cordelia's quiet but real love. Also, he still thinks that he can behave like a king, even without a kingdom. He does not seem to learn from his mistakes.
- d Possible answers:
They both believe lies. They both think that their bad children are good. They also think that their good children are bad. Gloucester perhaps seems less selfish than Lear. Gloucester does not seem as mad or as angry as Lear.
- 14 Open answers
- 15 a Lear b does not know c likes d not surprised
e the King f Cornwall g sends h a servant
i Regan j eyes
- 16 a Pleased. He will show the letter to Cornwall and get his father into trouble.
b He wants Lear to go away. He does not want anyone to discover his real name.
c He feels sorry for Tom. He also thinks that Tom is wise.
d Surprised. He thinks that Tom's company is not good enough for Lear.
e Angry with Gloucester. Gloucester seems to be an enemy spy.
f They hate him because he is a spy.
g He does not like them because they wanted to destroy Lear.
h Angry with himself because he believed Edmund's lies about Edgar.
i Unhappy, and possibly afraid that he is going to die.
- 17–19 Open answers
- 20 a Edgar / Gloucester b Oswald / Albany
c Goneril / her kiss for Edmund
d Cordelia / Lear e Regan / Edmund
f Gloucester / the top of the imaginary hill
g Oswald / Gloucester h Edgar / Goneril
i Cordelia / Lear
- 21 Possible answers:
a Gloucester is grateful for Poor Tom's help. He does not know that Poor Tom is really Edgar. Edgar is sad that his father is in pain. He is happy to help him.
b Goneril thinks that Albany is weak. Albany thinks that Goneril is a bad, dishonest woman.
c Gloucester wants to kiss Lear's hand. Lear remembers Gloucester but, in his madness, this does not seem important.
d Oswald wants to kill Gloucester. Gloucester wants Oswald to kill him.
e Cordelia is very happy to see her father. Lear is sorry for his past mistakes. He wants Cordelia to forgive him.

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22 a 10 b 6 c 9 d 2 e 7 f 1 g 8 h 3
i 5 j 4

23 Open answers

24 a Albany b Edmund c Edmund d Goneril
e Edgar f Gloucester g Goneril h Edmund
i Lear

25 a Cordelia is killed by Edmund's soldiers. Edmund wants Lear and Cordelia to die. Then he can marry Regan or Goneril and become king. Edmund is killed by Edgar in a swordfight. Goneril kills herself. Albany, her husband, has her love letter to Edmund. Edgar finally tells Gloucester who he really is. Gloucester's weak heart is filled with too much happiness and sadness, and stops. Lear dies of a broken heart next to Cordelia's dead body. Regan is poisoned by Goneril. Goneril wants Edmund to marry her, not Regan.

b Open answers

26–36 Open answers

Discussion activities key

- Open answers
- Answers: His eyes. Between 1604 and 1605. 26 December 1606. In Stratford-upon-Avon, England. 1564. Stratford-upon-Avon, England. 1616. 1582. Anne Hathaway. Thirty-seven.
- Open answers
- Lear gives Goneril a part of his kingdom full of shadowy forests. Cordelia can say nothing to Lear. The King of France wants to make Cordelia the Queen of France. Edmund tells his father that he hopes his brother's letter is a joke. Goneril's house is in complete disorder because of Lear's knights. Lear says that Goneril must never become a mother. Lear says he is lucky to have another daughter.
- Open answers
- Suggestions: Hitler, Stalin, George III of England, Nero, Caligula, Juana la Loca of Spain.
- Example start of conversation:
Gloucester: I am not a spy. I have never talked to the French.
Regan: What about the letter?
G: I don't know anything about the letter. Maybe someone wrote it to make you think I was a spy, or maybe you wrote it Cornwall.
C: Me! Are you crazy? And why did you send the king to Dover?
G: I want to protect my king.
R: You are going to be punished. We are going to ...

8 Open answers

9 Possible answers for good: Good, pleasant, funny, happy, exciting, honest, lovely, nice, sensible, tidy, warm, wise.

Possible answers for bad: Bad, boring, cold, greedy, selfish, silly, weak.

10 Open answers

11 Possible suggestions: Seven Years War, Hundred Years War, American Revolutionary War, Napoleonic War.

12–13 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

1 a X b X c ✓ d ✓ e ✓ f X g ✓

2 a 3 b 5 c 4 d 1 e 6 f 2

3 a wonderful b urgent c rude d gift
e ready f double g weak

4 a blood b picture c unkindness
d forgiveness e accept f protection

5 a Regan had a letter about the knights.
b Lear and his daughter had a big disagreement.
c The tree saved Edgar from his enemies.
d Goneril sent half the king's knights away.
e Regan didn't know that the king was coming.
f The king was not going to cry.

6 make – an excuse
wave your – arms
follow – orders
do – your best
discover a – crime
receive a – letter
use bad – language
feel a – pain

7 a box > cupboard
b child > madman
c table > chair
d help > destroy
e stomach > side
f stone > sword

8 a Edgar b Lear c Gloucester d Edmund
e Servant f Regan g Cornwall

9 a clothes b strangely c help d up e changed
f flowers g Edgar's brother

10 a Eighty years.
b Oswald.
c They kissed.
d Because she was a woman.
e The people who took out Gloucester's eyes.
f A purse with gold inside it.
g Edgar.

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- 11 a different b secrets c painful d mystery
e remember f poison
- 12 a or b lost c as d forgiving e little
f worst g since h for i best
- 13 a her eyes.
b secret place.
c his sword.
d his father.
e poor madman.
f the ground.

Progress test key

- 1 a 3 b 5 c 6 d 2 e 7 f 10 g 8 h 9
i 1 j 4
- 2 a ✓ b ✓ c ✗ d ✓ e ✓ f ✗ g ✓ h ✗
i ✗ j ✓
- 3 a The King of France b Edmund c Gloucester
d Edgar e King Lear f Goneril g Cornwall
h Albany i Regan j Cordelia
- 4 a surprised b didn't think c Poor d field
e protect f hill g angry h both i didn't want
j mouth
- 5 a enjoy b describe c refused d hurt e hold
f took g waving h remembered i fell j came

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9781447925804	A Scandal in Bohemia (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	British English	20654	1,200	96	A Scandal in Bohemia is collection of six short stories featuring the great detective Sherlock Holmes and his friend Dr Watson. From shopkeepers to kings, everyone wants the help of Sherlock Holmes, but can he solve these mysteries?
9781405881746	Amistad (Book)	Joyce Barnes	British English	7995	1,200	56	There is a bloody fight on the slave ship Amistad. The African slaves face prison and the US law. Now, the courts must decide if they are murderers or men fighting for freedom.
9781405862363	An Ideal Husband (Book)	Oscar Wilde	British English	13844	1,200	72	Sir Robert Chiltern is a successful politician and an honest man. He is an ideal husband for the beautiful and serious Lady Chiltern. But somebody knows a dangerous secret about Sir Robert. Can Sir Robert's charming Society friends save his job and his marriage?
9781447925347	An Ideal Husband (with MP3)	Oscar Wilde	British English	13844	1,200	72	Sir Robert Chiltern is a successful politician and an honest man. He is an ideal husband for the beautiful and serious Lady Chiltern. But somebody knows a dangerous secret about Sir Robert. Can Sir Robert's charming Society friends save his job and his marriage?
9781405867672	Becoming Jane (Book)	Sarah Williams and Kevir	British English	11795	1,200	64	Jane's romance with Tom Lefroy inspired her to write Pride and Prejudice and Sense and Sensibility. Read the story of Jane Austen, one of the greatest writers of English literature.
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9781405881760	Billy Elliot (Book)	Melvin Burgess	British English	12931	1200	64	Billy Elliot is not very clever or good at sports. One day he discovers ballet dancing, and it's something he can do well. His father and brother don't approve. Will Billy continue to dance?
9781447925378	Billy Elliot (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Melvin Burgess	British English	12931	1200	64	Billy Elliot is not very clever or good at sports. One day he discovers ballet dancing, and it's something he can do well. His father and brother don't approve. Will Billy continue to dance?
9781405881777	Braveheart (Book)	Randall Wallace	British English	7523	1,200	56	Braveheart is based on the true story William Wallace and his fight for Scotland's freedom from English rule. This epic story was made into an award-winning film in 1995 and starred Mel Gibson.
9781292099347	Braveheart (with MP3)	Randall Wallace	British English	7523	1,200	56	Braveheart is based on the true story William Wallace and his fight for Scotland's freedom from English rule. This epic story was made into an award-winning film in 1995 and starred Mel Gibson.
9781405881814	Dangerous Game (Book)	William Harris	British English	17761	1,200	80	William Harris enjoys the company of a friendly poltergeist he names 'Poldy'. At the beginning, William and Poldy play a friendly game every night, but then the game begins to change. It becomes a dangerous game. Who will win?
9781447925439	Dangerous Game (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	William Harris	British English	17761	1,200	80	William Harris enjoys the company of a friendly poltergeist he names 'Poldy'. At the beginning, William and Poldy play a friendly game every night, but then the game begins to change. It becomes a dangerous game. Who will win?
9781405862400	David Copperfield (Book)	Charles Dickens	British English	23699	1200	112	David Copperfield's happy life suddenly changes when his mother marries again. Her new husband is cruel to him and sends him away to school. When David's mother dies, he is sent to work in London. He hates his job so he runs away. He has no money for food or for travelling. But it is the beginning of his life of adventure.
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9781405855457	Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde	Robert Louis Stevenson	British English	13232	1200	64	Dr Jekyll is a respected doctor and Mr Hyde is a small, sinister man. Why are they friends? After a terrible murder, everyone searches for Mr Hyde, but he has disappeared. Or has he?
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9781405855440	Dracula (Book)	Bram Stoker	British English	12755	1,200	72	Count Dracula lives in a castle in Transylvania and is a strange and evil man. Professor Van Helsing knows Dracula is a vampire, but can the professor stop Dracula?

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9781447925507	Five One-Act Plays (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Donn Byrne	British English	7598	1,200	56	Has Mrs Brown killed Granny on the beach? Why does Mrs Hill want to leave her husband? Who wants to steal the Professor's invention? And what is little Johnny trying to say? Discover the answers when you read the plays in this book. They are plays about ordinary people and the unusual, often funny, things that happen to them.
9781405881838	Food for Thought (Book)	Pauline Francis	British English	8795	1,200	48	Joe is working on his uncle's organic farm. Soon he finds himself in the middle of a debate about GM (genetically modified) crops. Joe also meets Kate and Anna, but who can he trust?
9781447925514	Food for Thought (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Pauline Francis	British English	8795	1,200	48	Joe is working on his uncle's organic farm. Soon he finds himself in the middle of a debate about GM (genetically modified) crops. Joe also meets Kate and Anna, but who can he trust?
9781405876759	Forrest Gump (Book)	Winston Groom	British English	9119	1200	56	This is a warm and funny story about a good-hearted young man from Alabama - Forrest Gump. Read the story that inspired the award-winning movie starring Tom Hanks.
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9781405881852	Grey Owl (Book)	Vicky Shipton	American English	6909	1,200	56	In the 1930s, Grey Owl was the most famous North American Indian in the world. He wanted to save his land, its forests and animals. He wanted to change the world. He also had a very strange secret. This book tells his true story.
9781405881869	Hamlet (Book)	William Shakespeare	British English	11552	1,200	64	Hamlet is the Prince of Denmark. His heart is filled with sadness and pain. Why? Only his two best friends, Horatio and Marcellus, know the true reason. The new king, Claudius, murdered Hamlet's father and married the young prince's mother. Will Hamlet be strong and brave enough to take revenge? Is he mad? Or does he have a secret plan?
9781405881883	How to be an Alien (Book)	George Mikes	British English	7845	1,200	56	This is the funniest book that you will read about English people! Why are the English different from Europeans? George Mikes' book describes the strange things the English do and say. And the English don't get angry when they read the book. They love it! You will too!
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9781405876636	Jane Eyre (Book)	Charlotte Bronte	British English	8327	1,200	56	Jane Eyre is a poor girl and has no mother or father. She's living with her uncaring aunt and bullying cousins, but her life changes when her aunt sends her away to Lowood School. Later, she becomes a teacher and works for the rich Mr. Rochester. She loves him and wants to marry him. He also loves her, but he has a dark secret...
9781447925606	Jane Eyre (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Charlotte Bronte	British English	8327	1,200	56	Jane Eyre is a poor girl and has no mother or father. She's living with her uncaring aunt and bullying cousins, but her life changes when her aunt sends her away to Lowood School. Later, she becomes a teacher and works for the rich Mr. Rochester. She loves him and wants to marry him. He also loves her, but he has a dark secret...
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9781405881913	K's First Case (Book)	L.G. Alexander	British English	7824	1,200	72	Katrina Kirby is a detective, but people call her 'K'. There has been a murder, and there are five suspects who were in the house at the time of the murder. This is her first case, so she needs your help to solve the crime.
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9781447925620	King Lear (with MP3)	William Shakespeare	British English	14605	1,200	64	King Lear is old but not wise. He loves the two daughters who secretly hate him. He hates the only daughter who really loves him. In time, he discovers his mistake. Has he learnt his lesson? Or will his proud and angry nature bring him even more sadness and pain?

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9781405881999	Notting Hill	Richard Curtis	British English	13451	1200	64	Can the most famous film star in the world fall for the man in the street? Notting Hill is a wonderful and very funny love story. The award-winning movie starred Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant.
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9781408231623	Noughts and Crosses (Book)	Malorie Blackman	British English	14101	1,200	64	Sephy Hadley and Callun McGregor are two young people in love. But Sephy is a Cross, daughter of a government minister, and Callun is a nought. In their world, Crosses and noughts cannot be friends. Must they become enemies? Or is there hope for them - and for their unhappy country?
9781408261293	Noughts and Crosses (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Malorie Blackman	British English	14101	1,200	64	Sephy Hadley and Callun McGregor are two young people in love. But Sephy is a Cross, daughter of a government minister, and Callun is a nought. In their world, Crosses and noughts cannot be friends. Must they become enemies? Or is there hope for them - and for their unhappy country?
9781405867719	Othello (Book)	William Shakespeare	British English	11678	1200	64	Othello is a popular soldier who is in love with his beautiful new wife. His trusted friend, Iago, tells him terrible stories about his wife, Desdemona. Who should he believe?
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9781447925828	Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of Boscombe Pool (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	British English	8714	1200	56	Who killed Charles McCarthy at Boscombe Pool? And why? Detective Lestrade from Scotland Yard thinks it was McCarthy's son, James. Things do not look good for James. But the famous English detective, Sherlock Holmes, sees things differently. His friend, Dr Watson, joins him and tells the story.
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9781405881791	The Climb (Book)	John Escott	British English	8624	1200	48	A mysterious stranger has come to the island where Costas lives. Why is the man there, and why is he looking at Eagle's Rock? Costas wants to be the first person to climb the dangerous rock. But will the stranger climb it first?
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9781405881807	The Count of Monte Cristo (Book)	Alexandre Dumas	British English	12014	1,200	64	Edmond Dantes is a sailor and has a beautiful fiancée, Mercedes. But Edmond's enemies are jealous of his success and devise a plan to have him sent to prison. There he learns of the treasure on the island of Monte Cristo.
9781447925422	The Count of Monte Cristo (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Alexandre Dumas	British English	12014	1,200	64	Edmond Dantes is a sailor and has a beautiful fiancée, Mercedes. But Edmond's enemies are jealous of his success and devise a plan to have him sent to prison. There he learns of the treasure on the island of Monte Cristo.
9781405862356	The Fall of the House of Usher and Other Stories (Book)	Edgar Allan Poe	American English	11432	1,200	72	There are five stories in this book. 'The Fall of the House of Usher' and 'The Barrel of Amontillado' are stories of madness; 'The Maelstrom' describes fear of death during a storm on the ocean; and in 'The Murders of the Rue Morgue' and 'The Stolen Letter' meet C. Auguste Dupin, Poe's famous Parisian detective.
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9781405881906	The Island of Dr. Moreau (Book)	H.G. Wells	British English	13226	1,200	64	Edward Prendick is saved at sea by a ship and a passenger, Montgomery, brings him back to health. Prendick becomes interested in the mysterious Montgomery and the even more mysterious Doctor Moreau.

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9781405855471	The Return of Sherlock Holmes (Book)	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	British English	12921	1200	72	Sherlock Holmes disappeared in Switzerland in 1891 while working on a dangerous case. Everyone thought he was dead, but he's back with his friend, Dr. Watson, to solve three of his most interesting cases.
9781447925774	The Return of Sherlock Holmes (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	British English	12921	1200	72	Sherlock Holmes disappeared in Switzerland in 1891 while working on a dangerous case. Everyone thought he was dead, but he's back with his friend, Dr. Watson, to solve three of his most interesting cases.
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9781447925781	The Ring (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Bernard Smith	British English	14754	1,200	64	Rafael and his gold ring is a strange story of murder, mystery and love. Rafael is a poor fisherman, who has gone mad. Did he go mad for love of a girl, or because he saw or committed some terrible deed?
9781405855488	The Swiss Family Robinson	Johann Wyss	British English	13480	1200	72	The Robinson family is shipwrecked on an uninhabited desert island. How long will they be there, and how will they survive? A classic story of adventure, family and an uncertain future.
9781447925842	The Swiss Family Robinson (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Johann Wyss	British English	13480	1200	72	The Robinson family is shipwrecked on an uninhabited desert island. How long will they be there, and how will they survive? A classic story of adventure, family and an uncertain future.
9781405862349	The Thirty-nine Steps (Book)	John Buchan	British English	20752	1,200	94	A man is killed in Richard Hannay's home. Before his death he tells Hannay a dangerous secret. Now Hannay's life is in danger. Who are his enemies and what are they trying to do? And how will he solve the mystery of 'the thirty-nine steps'?
9781405882057	The Turn of the Screw (Book)	Henry James	British English	6851	1200	56	A young woman comes to a big house to teach two young children. It's her first job and she wants to do it well. But she begins to see strange things - the ghosts of dead people. Do the ghosts want the children?
9781447925866	The Turn of the Screw (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	Henry James	British English	6851	1200	56	A young woman comes to a big house to teach two young children. It's her first job and she wants to do it well. But she begins to see strange things - the ghosts of dead people. Do the ghosts want the children?
9781447925729	Othello (MP3 Audio CD Pack)	William Shakespeare	British English	11,678	1,200	64	Othello is a popular soldier who is in love with his beautiful new wife. His trusted friend, Iago, tells him terrible stories about his wife, Desdemona. Who should he believe?
9781292205915	Marvel's Captain America: Civil War		American English	12,047	1200	64	The Avengers are super heroes with very special powers who defend the world against its enemies. Recently, though, they have made mistakes. Governments decide that the team will need permission for future fights. Some Avengers are happy to sign an agreement. Others angrily refuse. Suddenly Avengers are fighting Avengers. Will the super heroes realize in time who their real enemy is?
9781292208190	Marvel's Captain America: Civil War with MP3		American English	12,047	1200	64	The Avengers are super heroes with very special powers who defend the world against its enemies. Recently, though, they have made mistakes. Governments decide that the team will need permission for future fights. Some Avengers are happy to sign an agreement. Others angrily refuse. Suddenly Avengers are fighting Avengers. Will the super heroes realize in time who their real enemy is?
9781292205991	Marvel's Thor		American English	11,800	1200	64	The older son of Odin, King of Asgard, is strong and brave—but also proud and thoughtless. When Thor's actions put Asgard in great danger from its enemies, Odin sends him away, without his powers, to Earth. Can Thor become wiser, far from home? Will he ever be able to return to Asgard? And what will he find if he does?
9781292208206	Marvel's Thor with MP3		American English	11,800	1200	64	The older son of Odin, King of Asgard, is strong and brave—but also proud and thoughtless. When Thor's actions put Asgard in great danger from its enemies, Odin sends him away, without his powers, to Earth. Can Thor become wiser, far from home? Will he ever be able to return to Asgard? And what will he find if he does?
9781292205694	Marvel's The Avengers: Age of Ultron		American English	13,006	1,200	64	When Tony Stark makes a mistake, a destructive intelligence is created. Ultron has terrible plans for people on Earth. Iron Man, Captain America, Black Widow, Hulk, and the rest of the Avengers team must come together again. They must fight Ultron—and other new enemies—to save the world.
9781292239521	Marvel's The Avengers: Age of Ultron with MP3		American English	13,006	1,200	64	When Tony Stark makes a mistake, a destructive intelligence is created. Ultron has terrible plans for people on Earth. Iron Man, Captain America, Black Widow, Hulk, and the rest of the Avengers team must come together again. They must fight Ultron—and other new enemies—to save the world.
9781292205830	Doctor Who: Mummy on the Orient Express		British English	11,413	1200	64	The Doctor and his companion, Clara, are on the most beautiful train in history, speeding past the stars of the future. But something terrible is killing the passengers. After you see the mummy, you only have 66 seconds. Then you die. There is no escape. As the Doctor races against the clock, he seems to Clara more unfeeling than ever before. Will he learn how to stop the mummy? Start the clock!
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9781292206158	Doctor Who: Flatline		British English	12,212	1200	64	Alone, without the Doctor, Clara discovers a new danger from another dimension. But how do you hide when even the walls give no protection? People need help and the Doctor can't leave the TARDIS. And Clara has to fight an enemy that can't be seen.
9781292208176	Doctor Who: Flatline (with MP3)		British English	12,212	1200	64	Alone, without the Doctor, Clara discovers a new danger from another dimension. But how do you hide when even the walls give no protection? People need help and the Doctor can't leave the TARDIS. And Clara has to fight an enemy that can't be seen.
9781292205892	Doctor Who: The Woman Who Lived		British English	12,663	1200	64	England, 1651. The Knightmare is a highwayman who is feared in the dark streets of London. With the help of a mysterious assistant, the Knightmare is searching for jewellery from another world -- and comes face to face with the Doctor. Who is the highwayman's companion? Will the Doctor be able to stay away from the gallows and protect the Earth from a terrible enemy?
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9781292206196	Doctor Who: Face the Raven		British English	13,793	1200	64	The Doctor and Clara, with their friend Riggsy, find themselves in an alien world, on a street hidden in the heart of London. Inside there are some of the most frightening beings imaginable, and Ashildr! The visitors are faced with a death sentence. They won't all get out alive.
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9781447925675	A Midsummer Night's Dream (with MP3)	William Shakespeare	British English	12290	1200	64	This wonderful story of fairies, dreams and lovers is as popular today as it was in Shakespeare's time. In a wood outside Athens, four young people are following their dreams, while fairies play strange games with them. Their world seems unreal but is it really very different from our own?
9781447925637	K's First Case (with MP3)	L.G. Alexander	British English	7824	1,200	72	Katrina Kirby is a detective, but people call her 'K'. There has been a murder, and there are five suspects who were in the house at the time of the murder. This is her first case, so she needs your help to solve the crime.
9781447958369	Amistad (with MP3)	Joyce Barnes	British English	7995	1,200	56	There is a bloody fight on the slave ship Amistad. The African slaves face prison and the US law. Now, the courts must decide if they are murderers or men fighting for freedom.
9781292230641	Doctor Who: Face the Raven (with MP3)		British English	13,793	1,200	64	The Doctor and Clara, with their friend Riggsy, find themselves in an alien world, on a street hidden in the heart of London. Inside there are some of the most frightening beings imaginable, and Ashildr! The visitors are faced with a death sentence. They won't all get out alive.
9781292230665	Doctor Who: The Woman Who Lived (with MP3)		British English	12,663	1,200	64	England, 1651. The Knightmare is a highwayman who is feared in the dark streets of London. With the help of a mysterious assistant, the Knightmare is searching for jewellery from another world -- and comes face to face with the Doctor. Who is the highwayman's companion? Will the Doctor be able to stay away from the gallows and protect the Earth from a terrible enemy?
9781447925538	Grey Owl (with MP3)	Vicky Shipton	American English	6909	1,200	56	In the 1930s, Grey Owl was the most famous North American Indian in the world. He wanted to save his land, its forests and animals. He wanted to change the world. He also had a very strange secret. This book tells his true story.
9781447925545	Hamlet (with MP3)	William Shakespeare	British English	11552	1,200	64	Hamlet is the Prince of Denmark. His heart is filled with sadness and pain. Why? Only his two best friends, Horatio and Marcellus, know the true reason. The new king, Claudius, murdered Hamlet's father and married the young prince's mother. Will Hamlet be strong and brave enough to take revenge? Is he mad? Or does he have a secret plan?
9781447925767	Psycho (with MP3)	Robert Bloch	American English	9718	1,200	56	Marion's dream is coming true. She only needs a room for one more night before she can marry Sam. Driving through the night, she's lost and tired. Then she sees the Bates Motel. She thinks she is lucky. But there, something terrible is waiting for her.
9781447925859	The Thirty-nine Steps (with MP3)	John Buchan	British English	20752	1,200	94	A man is killed in Richard Hannay's home. Before his death he tells Hannay a dangerous secret. Now Hannay's life is in danger. Who are his enemies and what are they trying to do? And how will he solve the mystery of 'the thirty-nine steps'?