

The Three Musketeers

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The story step by step

1 Listen to Chapter 1 on your CD/download and match the people to the things they say.

Queen Anne (A) Constance (C) D'Artagnan (D)

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| a | I cannot wear the diamonds. | _____ |
| b | The King will be very angry. | _____ |
| c | I know someone who can help you. | _____ |
| d | He's the bravest man in France. | _____ |
| e | I will give him a lot of money. | _____ |
| f | You know I will do anything for you. | _____ |
| g | You must keep it a secret. | _____ |
| h | Please tell me what it is. | _____ |
| i | I haven't got any money. | _____ |
| j | The King must not know about the diamonds. | _____ |

Listen again to check your answers, then read pages 8–9 of your Reader.

2 Listen to Chapter 2 on your CD/download. The sentences below are taken from the chapter. Fill in the gaps with the word you hear, which are all forms of the verb 'to be', in the present and past tense. Some of the gaps are positive and some are negative.

- a Then D'Artagnan arrived with his servant, Planchet. He was very excited.
- b 'But money _____ a problem.'
- c There _____ four horses for D'Artagnan and the three Musketeers.
- d The best man in France _____ the King.
- e There _____ not enough time.
- f 'Now we _____ seven.'
- g There _____ a fight and one of the men shot Aramis in the arm.
- h 'I _____ bleeding. I must stay here.'

i 'This _____ real money,'

j 'I _____ not a thief!'

You can check your answers on pages 10–13 of your Reader.

3 Listen to Chapter 4 on your CD/download. Circle the words you hear in the sentences below.

a I **don't wear** / **'m not wearing** the diamonds because I don't want to lose them.

b It **makes** / **will make** me very happy.

c **Are you giving** / **do you give** me two more diamonds?

d My Queen **wears** / **is wearing** twelve diamonds, not ten.

e I **am having** / **have** a present for you.

f Meet me tomorrow evening. I **will see** / **see** you then.

g But not today. I'll **look** / **look** for them tomorrow.

h First I **will** / **must** meet Constance.

Listen again to check your answers, then read pages 18–20 of your Reader.

4 Listen to Chapter 6 on your CD/download, then fill in the gaps in the extract below with the pronouns that you hear. We've done the first one for you.

(1) She saw D'Artagnan and smiled.

'What is (2) _____ name?' he asked.

'Kitty,' the maid replied.

'Tell me. Who lives in that large house?' (3) _____ said.

'My mistress,' Kitty replied. (4) _____'s an English woman. (5) _____ name's Milady Clarick.'

'Is (6) _____ married?' D'Artagnan asked?

'(7) _____ was married,' said Kitty. 'But (8) _____ husband died. (9) _____ has a son.

(10) _____ husband's brother is still alive. (11) _____ name's Lord de Winter. Milady is in love with the Count de Wardes. I must give (12) _____ this letter from (13) _____.'

Listen again to check your answers, and then read pages 29–33 of your Reader.

- 5 Listen to Chapter 8 on your CD/download. Match the beginnings and endings of the sentences below, as you hear them.

1 The musketeers	a were very surprised.
2 D'Artagnan	b waited outside with the horses.
3 Athos and the musketeers	c stop the the war with France now or I will tell the King.
4 The cardinal's two men	d waited at La Rochelle, but there was little fighting.
5 Go to London and	e will be very angry and Buckingham will never see the Queen again.
6 He must	f will be very angry.
7 The King	g was very busy and did not go with them.
8 But the Cardinal	h find the Duke of Buckingham.

Listen again to check your answers, then read pages 38–41 of your Reader.

- 6 Listen to Chapter 9 on your CD/download. Fill the gaps in the questions below with the words you hear: 'what', 'who', 'where' or 'why'.

- a '_____ do you want?' Milady asked him.
- b 'Stop! _____ are you?' he shouted at them.
- c 'Well, _____ did you do?' Porthos asked.
- d '_____ did you do?' Aramis asked.
- e '_____ did you see her?' D'Artagnan asked.
- f 'We must stop her!' D'Artagnan shouted. '_____?' Athos asked.
- g '_____ note?' D'Artagnan asked.
- h '_____ does this mean?' he asked. '_____ did she have it?'
- i 'I know someone who can help us,' he said. '_____?' the musketeers asked.

Listen again to check your answers, then read pages 42–45 of your Reader.

- 7 Listen to Chapter 11 on your CD/download. You will hear the words in the box below. One of the sounds for each word is underlined. Group the words according to the underlined sound. There are six for each sound.

ill lying soon knife cruel time King kill Duke high
prison moon bright beautiful sky will de Winter room

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/aɪ/	<u>l</u> ying		
/u:/	<u>so</u> on		

Listen a few times, and then check your answers on pages 49–52 of your Reader.

- 8 Listen to Chapter 12 on your CD/download and tick the adjectives which describe the people. The first one is done for you.

Adjective	D'Artagnan	Milady
happy	✓	
unhappy		
proud		
sad		
afraid		
worried		
angry		

Listen a few times, then check your answers on pages 52–54 of your Reader.

- 9 Listen to Chapter 13 on your CD/download, and complete the gaps in the sentences below with the word you hear.
- a Athos went to the _____ very quietly. There was a small _____ in the wall. He looked through the _____. Milady was alone in the _____. She sat in front of the _____. Then one of the _____ made a noise. Milady looked up and saw Athos at the window. She ran to the _____ but she could not escape.
- b Milady started to cry. 'I don't want to _____! I don't want to _____!' she shouted. But the musketeers caught her _____ and took her from the _____. Suddenly Milady tried to _____. She ran for _____ metres but then she fell. Soon the musketeers caught her. It was now very _____. They were next to a _____.

Listen again to check your answers, then read pages 60–62 of your Reader.

- 10 Listen to Chapter 14 on your CD/download. Put the events in the order they happen.
- a D'Artagnan visits Porthos.
- b D'Artagnan becomes a lieutenant of the King's musketeers.
- c D'Artagnan visits the Cardinal.
- d D'Artagnan visits Aramis.
- e D'Artagnan visits Athos.

Check your answers on pages 62–65 of your Reader.