

The Signalman and The Ghost at the Trial

Charles Dickens

A Before Reading

- 1 Look carefully at the picture on the front cover. What can you see?
- 2 The author of these stories, Charles Dickens, was a very famous English writer.
 - a) Do you know the names of any of his books?
 - b) What was he interested in?
 - c) What jobs did he have?
 Look at pages 4 to 8. Check your answers.

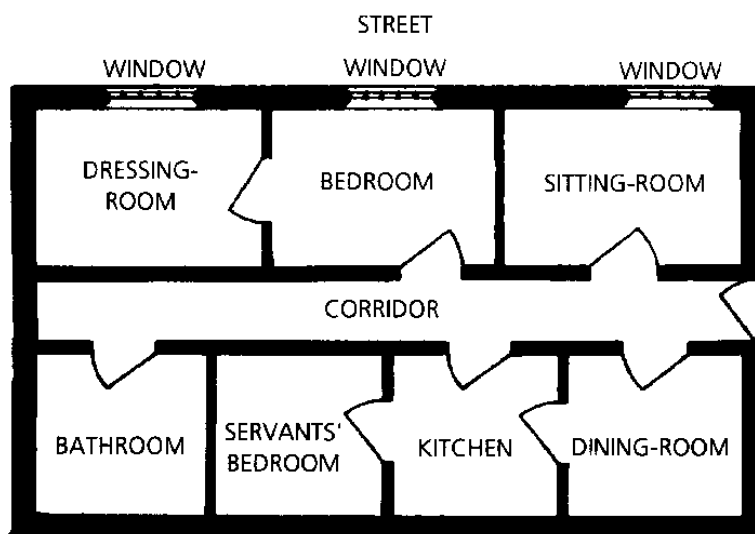
B While Reading

THE SIGNALMAN

- 3 Strange things are happening! Write some sentences about them.
 - a) Read Chapter 1. Choose four sentences about these strange things.
 - b) Now read Chapter 2. Choose four more sentences.
- 4 Read to the end of Chapter 3. What is going to happen? Make some guesses.

THE GHOST AT THE TRIAL

- 5 Read page 37. Look at this plan of George Fotherley's apartment. What important information about the apartment is not on page 37?



- 6 Strange things are happening! Write some sentences about them.
- Read Chapter 1. Write some sentences from this chapter.
 - Now read Chapter 2. Write some sentences from this chapter.
 - Now read Chapter 3. Write some sentences from this chapter.
 - Now read Chapter 4. Write some sentences from this chapter.
- 7 Read the last chapter. How does the ghost help Fotherley in the courtroom?

C After Reading

- 8 Which is the better ghost story? Make a choice.
- 9 The Signalman's visitor and George Fotherley are friends. They talk about ghosts. Write their conversation.
- 10 Here are some words from these stories. Use them to help you. Write a very short, frightening ghost story. (You don't have to use all the words.)

frightened	unhappy	strange	pale	cold
worried	dead	dark	horrible	staring
victim	knife	accident	train	witness
murder	kill	ghost	eyes	