

# The Stranger

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## A Before Reading

- 1 Look at the front cover and read the back of the book. Guess what the story is about. Is it a sad/ happy/ romantic/ frightening story?

## B While Reading

- 2 Here are the chapter headings for this story. Write a new chapter heading for each chapter after you read it.

| Heading in Book            | New Heading |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1 A Stranger in Woodend    |             |
| 2 The Village Meeting      |             |
| 3 The Corner Shop          |             |
| 4 A Beautiful Customer     |             |
| 5 A Page in Film News      |             |
| 6 A Quick Kiss             |             |
| 7 Another Special Order    |             |
| 8 The Football Match       |             |
| 9 A Secret Weekend         |             |
| 10 A Quarrel               |             |
| 11 Arthur Riseman          |             |
| 12 Anna Waits for News     |             |
| 13 The Special Orders Room |             |
| 14 The Special Customers   |             |
| 15 31st October            |             |

## C After Reading

- 3 Here are some of the people from the story. Draw lines between the people and the things they said.



'Here's a photograph of me. I'll sign it.'

'Please go away. Leave me alone.  
I want to go home.'



'I didn't feel very well on Saturday morning. I stayed in Woodend.'



'My briefcase? I haven't got a briefcase.'



'Now tell me about your Special Orders. Then I'll come to London with you.'



'I left the door open for you. I wanted you to go into this room this morning.'



- 4 Explain why each of these things was important in the story.  
*Diamond rings, a doll with a broken arm, a torn photograph of a goal keeper, a briefcase full of money, a broken aeroplane.*
- 5 Did you notice anything strange about Dave Slatin's name? Look again: DAVE SLATIN. Change the letters round to make two new words.  
a) D-L  
b) S-N  
Remember - Dave Slatin is an evil man.

Have you read *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle or *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley? These are both Elementary Level Readers.