

The Canterville Ghost and Other Stories by Oscar Wilde

THE CANTERVILLE GHOST

1 A rich American from New York. 2 He wants to buy Canterville Chase, Lord Canterville's house. 3 Lord Canterville has said that there is a ghost at Canterville Chase. 4 Lord Canterville will sell Mr Otis the house (and the ghost). But Mr Otis must remember that Lord Canterville told him about the ghost before he bought the house. 5 Washington is almost 20. He is good-looking and he has fair hair. Virginia is 15. She has large blue eyes and a lovely face. The two young boys are 12. They are twins. 6 The housekeeper at Canterville Chase. 7 There are many books on bookshelves, paintings on the walls, a big table in the centre of the room. And there is a red stain on the floor, by the fireplace. 8 That it is a blood-stain – the blood of Lady Eleanore de Canterville. It has been there for over 300 years. 9 (a) He removes the stain. (b) She faints. (c) That trouble will come to the house and that the ghost will come to the Otises. 10 He wants to tell it to stop making the stains. 11 (a) He hears a strange noise outside his room. The sound is like metal chains. (b) The Canterville Ghost. (c) He gives the ghost some Tammany Rising Sun Oil for his chains. 12 Everyone else has been frightened of him. But Mr Otis is not frightened of him. 13 He has looked through windows, knocked on bedroom doors, blown out candles in the night, turned green and made noises with his chains. 14 (a) Every morning it reappears. But it is not always the colour of blood. (b) They laugh. (c) She feels sad. She feels sorry for the ghost. 15 (a) In the hallway near the front door. (b) They all hear a crashing noise. They run downstairs to the hallway. Then they can see him. (c) He stands up and gives a loud shout. He blows out the candle in Washington Otis's hand. Then he runs up the stairs. (d) He is very angry. 16 They make a head from a pumpkin and put a candle inside it so that its eyes burn. The Canterville Ghost thinks that it is another ghost. They also put a heavy jug of water on top of their bedroom door. The ghost goes into their bedroom to frighten them. The jug falls on him. He gets soaked with water. 17 In the library. 18 That it is his job to frighten people. That his wife's brothers starved him to death. And that he never eats anything. 19 Because he said her family were rude, nasty and unkind. 20 To the Garden of Sleep. 21 (a) That the ghost will not rest until Virginia weeps for him. (b) She must go with him into the darkness. (c) They go into the darkness. They disappear through the library wall. 22 (a) In the house and in the gardens. In the pond and in the trees. (b) People at the railway station. 23 All the clocks in the house strike twelve and the Otises hear a terrible noise. Thunder crashes outside and they hear a dreadful cry. There is strange music inside the house. And a door opens at the top of the stairs. 24 To a little room with a low ceiling. She shows them a skeleton. It is held to the wall by chains. 25 The funeral is at night. The body is buried in a grave among the trees. The Otises, Mrs Umney, all the servants and people from the village, stand near the grave. Virginia carries white flowers. And a nightingale sings.

THE MODEL MILLIONAIRE

1 He is the best-looking gentleman in London. He has curly brown hair, grey eyes and a handsome face. He has many friends. He does not have much money. He has tried to do several jobs but he is not good at anything. He is in love with Laura Merton. Laura's father does not want them to get married. 2 He has no money. 3 When Hughie has 10000 pounds. 4 (a) Pictures of people – portraits. (b) For rich men. 5 An old beggar. 6 He knows that Alan will sell the picture for a lot of money. He thinks Alan should give the

beggar some of this money. Alan does not think he should. 7 He thinks the beggar needs it more than he does. 8 Alan has told his model all about Hughie's private business. 9 (a) Foolish. (b) Hughie gave a pound to a millionaire. It is the funniest thing he has ever heard. 10 (a) The Baron von Hausberg. (b) The Baron has asked him to give Hughie an envelope. 11 *Student's own answer. Student could mention that Hughie had given the Baron his last pound when he thought he was a beggar. He thought the beggar needed it more than he did. Now the Baron has sent Hughie enough money to marry Laura. He knows that Hughie needs the money more than he does.*

LORD ARTHUR SAVILE'S CRIME

1 Lady Windermere's palmist. He tells people their futures by looking at their hands. 2 He looks at many hands, and tells people's fortunes. 3 She says that Mr Podgers reads the newspapers. He finds out about people from the newspapers. 4 She finds him amusing and he amuses the guests. 5 Lord Arthur's fiancée, Sybil, is coming to see her the next day. Lady Windermere wants to know if they will have a happy marriage. When she will tell Sybil. 6 He saw something horrible there. 7 Mr Podgers does not say much about Lord Arthur's future. It was a bad end to a wonderful evening. 8 Lord Arthur says he will pay him 100 pounds. 9 (a) That there has been a murder in Soho. That the police will pay money for information. And there is a drawing of the murderer. (b) About Mr Podgers. He has said that Lord Arthur will kill someone soon. 10 That he cannot marry Sybil. And that he will make his own future – he will kill someone. 11 His second cousin, Lady Clementina Beauchamp. She is old and Lord Arthur thinks that she will not live long anyway. 12 That there is a strong poison called aconitine. It works quickly and painlessly. 13 Lord Arthur says he needs it to kill a large dog. He promises only to use the poison to kill this dog. 14 He gets a small box of sweets. He takes out the sweets and puts the pill in the box. Then he takes it to Lady Clementina. He says it is medicine. 15 He wants to change the date of their marriage. 16 He is looking for news of Lady Clementina Beauchamp. 17 He throws the pill on the fire. But we do not know what he does with the box. Sybil asks him not to burn it or throw it away. 18 He knows he has not killed Lady Clementina. Now he must delay his marriage again. He must kill someone before he marries Sybil. 19 His uncle, the Dean of Chichester. 20 He is a Russian anarchist. Lord Arthur wants to get a bomb. He thinks Count Rouvaloff will help him. 21 He is going to make a bomb and put it in a clock. Then he is going to send the clock to the Dean of Chichester. 22 (a) That when the clock strikes twelve, smoke comes out of it. The Dean thinks it is a clever toy. (b) No. 23 He is bored with the conversation at dinner. 24 He was happy until Mr Podgers told him his fate. 25 Mr Podgers. 26 He takes hold of Mr Podgers by the legs and pushes him over the wall. He feels very happy. 27 (a) That the police think that he killed himself. (b) He runs to Sybil's house and says that they can get married that day. 28 He never told her anything useful. And because there is a new fashion called telepathy. She has a telepathist now. 29 *Student's own answer. Student should mention that killing Mr Podgers made it possible for Lord Arthur to marry Sybil.*