

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

The Canterville Ghost and Other Stories by Oscar Wilde

A Before Reading

1 Look at the pictures in this book. Which picture do you like best?

(a) Describe this picture.

(b) Explain why you like this picture.

2 You have looked at the pictures. Here are some adjectives. Which adjectives do you think describe the stories in this book? Tick the boxes.

frightening

horrible

interesting

funny

strange

boring

B After Reading Each Story

THE CANTERVILLE GHOST

3 The Otis family all write letters to people who live in America. They each write about the Canterville Ghost. Write a letter. For example, write a letter from Mrs Otis to her sister. Or write a letter from Virginia (or the twins or Washington) to a school friend.

4 Use your own words. Write the part of the story that is missing.

Virginia walked into the darkness with the ghost. Virginia and the ghost disappeared through the library wall...

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Virginia stood in the doorway. She looked down the stairs at them. Her face was very pale and she carried a small box in her hand.

THE MODEL MILLIONAIRE

5 ‘My model was very interested in you,’ says Alan to Hughie. ‘He asked me lots of questions.’ Write the conversation between Alan Trevor and Baron von Hausberg. They are talking about Hughie Erskine.

LORD ARTHUR SAVILE’S CRIME

6 There are lots of names in this story. What are they?

MOSTHA

RURATH

NEREWIMDER

YEILPAS

LOOFARFUV

LISBY

GESPROD

TEECLINNAM

FEKKLINPOWC

THESCREICH

7 Lady Windermere has a telepathist now. The telepathist's job is to read people's minds. It is Spring. Lady Windermere gives another party. Write about the telepathist at this Spring Reception. What does he say to Lady Windermere's guests?

C After Reading All the Stories

8 These are strange stories. They are sad and they are also funny. Choose one story. Explain why it is sad. Explain why it is funny.

Name of story: _____
It is sad because
It is funny because

9 Who are these people? Why is each person important?

(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



(e)



(f)



(g)



(h)



<i>The Picture of Dorian Gray is another Elementary Level Guided Reader by Oscar Wilde.</i>
