

The Invisible Man

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The story step by step

1 Listen to Chapter 1 (from 'The stranger arrived early in February ...' to '... that was the most important thing.'). Which of these do you not hear? Circle the answer. Check your answers on pp.8–13 of the book or in the answer key.

1 Furniture

armchair chair curtains sofa table

2 Parts of the body

ears eyes face head leg

3 Weather

cold snow rain wet wind

4 Clothes

boots coat dress gloves jacket

5 Colours

black blue brown pink red

6 Family members

daughter husband son sister wife

2 Listen to Chapter 2 (from 'As soon as the bottles were in the lounge ...' to '... and started to work.'). List all the different types of bottles you hear. Check your answers on pp.14–15 of the book or in the answer key.

small, fat, red bottles;

3 Listen to Chapter 2 again (from 'The stranger arrived in early February ...' to '... to visit him.'). Complete the sentences with the people/groups of people that have these opinions about the Invisible Man. Check your answers on pp.15–16 of the book or in the answer key.

adults children Dr Cuss ~~Mr Hall~~ Mrs Hall others people x3

- 1 *Mr Hall* did not like him, but he just stayed away.
- 2 He frightened all the _____ that he met, and some _____, too, especially in the dark.
- 3 The _____ in the village did not agree about the stranger.

- 4 _____ seemed to like him. Or perhaps she just liked his money.
- 5 Some _____ thought he was on the run from the police.
- 6 _____ just thought that the man was mad.
- 7 _____ moved away when he walked through the village.
- 8 _____ really wanted to find out more about the stranger.

- 4 Listen to Chapter 3 (from 'It was early one Monday morning ...' to '... they were alone in the house.'). List the things that Mr and Mrs Bunting see and hear. Check your answers on pp.17–19 of the book or in the answer key.

Things they hear: *the bedroom door open and close,* _____

Things they see: *a lamp burning,* _____

- 5 Listen to Chapter 3 again (from 'At about the same time on Monday morning ...' to 'A few minutes later they heard the door open again.'). Complete the missing words you hear. Check your answers on pp.19–20 of the book or in the answer key.

The door of the stranger's bedroom was _____, and Mr Hall went _____ and saw that the _____ door was not _____. He went back up to the _____ and looked inside. It was _____. He called his _____. As she came _____ of their room, somebody _____. They went into the bedroom.

She put her _____ in the bed. 'It's _____,' she said. 'And look! His _____ are still there, on that _____. There's his _____!'

Suddenly the _____ on the bed started to _____. Something took _____ of them in the _____, picked them up and threw them over the _____ of the _____. Then, suddenly, the stranger's _____ flew up, around in a _____, and into Mrs Hall's _____. Then a chair jumped _____, laughed (with a _____ very like the stranger's), and started to _____ her. She ran out of the _____, and her _____ followed her. The door closed _____ and they heard the _____ turn.

6 Listen to Chapter 4 (from 'Mr Thomas Marvel was not a man of fashion.' to 'After a very exciting morning ...'). Write the direct speech you hear under the reported speech below. Check your answers on pp.22–23 of the book or in the answer key.

1 A voice said that they weren't very beautiful boots, were they.

'They're not very beautiful boots, are they?'

2 Mr Marvel said he'd had better boots and he'd had worse.

3 The voice said they were terrible people around there.

4 Mr Marvel asked the voice where it was.

5 The voice told him not to be frightened.

6 The voice told Mr Marvel he wasn't mad and that the voice wasn't a dream.

7 The voice said it was simple, he was an Invisible Man.

8 Mr Marvel asked the Invisible Man if he had been eating bread and cheese.

9 The Invisible Man told him that you could sometimes see food for an hour or two after he ate.

10 Mr Marvel said he'd help him.

7 Listen to Chapter 5 (from 'Later that same evening ...' to 'The two men walked on into the night.'). Put the dialogue in the order in which you hear it. Check your answers on p.25 of the book or in the answer key.

a You'll have to help me. I've got no choice. You've got no choice. —

b If you try to run away again, I'll kill you. 1

c I can't help you anymore. I'm an old man. I'm ill. I can't walk far. —

d I didn't try to run away. I was lost. —

e And now. What am I to do now? They all know about me. It will be in the newspapers tomorrow. —

8 Listen to Chapter 5 again (from 'It's a nice day.' to 'It's a lie.'). Write Mr Marvel's responses to the old man. Check your answers on pp.25–26 of the book or in the answer key.

It's a nice day.

Yes, it is.

You've got some books, I see. Wonderful things, books. You can read some very strange things in books.

And in newspapers. You can read some wonderful things in newspapers, too. There's a strange story in this newspaper about an Invisible Man.

No, near here. In Iping. A lot of people have seen him. He hit a policeman and nearly killed him.

No, it doesn't.

Not true! Of course it's true. It's in the newspaper. It must be true.

Do you?

But what about the Invisible Man? What do you know about him?

- 9 Listen to Chapter 6 (from 'One evening ...' to 'The window broke with a loud noise.'). Write the verbs you hear in the correct form: past simple or past continuous. Check your answers on p.27 of the book or in the answer key.

- 1 One evening, Dr Kemp was working (work) at home in his study.
- 2 He _____ (can) see a long way from them.
- 3 Dr Kemp _____ (look) carefully into a microscope.
- 4 He _____ (write) a book about his research.
- 5 His research _____ (go) to be famous all over the world.
- 6 He _____ (stop) writing for a moment, and _____ (look) out of the window.
- 7 He _____ (turn) back to his work.
- 8 People in the street _____ (can) see the man more easily.
- 9 He _____ (run) as fast as possible.
- 10 A dog suddenly _____ (turn) and _____ (run) away from the road.
- 11 Something _____ (run) down the hill.
- 12 A taxi driver, a large American with a black beard, and a policeman _____ (be) inside.
- 13 He _____ (stand) up and _____ (look) out of the window.
- 14 The door _____ (fly) open and Mr Marvel _____ (run) in.
- 15 The policeman _____ (stand) up and _____ (lock) the doors.

10 Listen to Chapter 7 (from 'Dr Kemp was still writing ...' to 'Some shoes, too ...'). Match the beginnings (1–10) with the endings (a–j). Check your answers on pp.30–32 of the book or in the answer key.

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| <p>1 Dr Kemp was still writing in his study</p> <p>2 It was dark now</p> <p>3 He went to the south window</p> <p>4 About an hour later,</p> <p>5 He waited for her to come upstairs,</p> <p>6 He went to the door of his study</p> <p>7 He continued up the stairs</p> <p>8 Then, coming towards him across the room,</p> <p>9 It's easier for me than for some people</p> <p>10 Dr Kemp went to a cupboard</p> | | <p>a and looked out.</p> <p>b and opened it.</p> <p>c and took out some trousers and a shirt.</p> <p>d because my hair is white.</p> <p>e but there were lights in the street.</p> <p>f but she did not.</p> <p>g he heard the doorbell.</p> <p>h he saw a bandage.</p> <p>i to his bedroom.</p> <p>j when he heard the gun.</p> |
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11 Listen to Chapter 8 (from 'Are you all right?' to 'But when you put glass in water it is invisible.'). You will hear the words in the box below. Group the words according to the pronunciation of the letter 'a'. Check your answers in the answer key.

asked man arm about and are breakfast hands Marvel started again
back understand that glass

/æ/	/ɑ:/	/ə/
<i>man</i>	<i>asked</i>	<i>about</i>

12 Listen to Chapter 9 (from 'So that is how my new, invisible, life began ...' to 'Then I could be ready for my adventure.'). Circle the things the Invisible Man makes use of from the department store. Check your answers on pp.42–43 of the book or in the answer key.

sofas / trousers / shirt / skirt blanket / jacket coat / coal hat / hood cold food / cooked food
coffee / toffee chocolate / cutlet plastic hose / plastic nose bed / bread

13 Listen to Chapter 9 again (from 'Do you understand now, Kemp, the problems that I had?' to 'He decided to change the subject.'). Decide if these sentences are true (T) or false (F). Check your answers on pp.44–46 of the book or in the answer key.

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| 1 He had no clothes, and it was the middle of winter. | T |
| 2 He couldn't eat because the food he ate was visible for about an hour. | — |
| 3 When he walked in snow or rain people couldn't see him. | — |
| 4 It was easy to see him when he got dirty. | — |
| 5 He was able to enter the shop silently. | — |

- 6 The shopkeeper was angry when he saw nobody in the shop. —
- 7 The Invisible Man was hungry and wanted to eat. —
- 8 The man couldn't hear the Invisible Man in his house as he was old. —
- 9 The Invisible Man knocked the old man over the head. —
- 10 The Invisible Man was sorry for what he did. —
- 14** Listen to Chapter 10 (from 'And now,' asked Dr Kemp ...' to 'Yes, I understand ...'). Underline the sounds and words you hear stressed in these sentences. Check your answers in the answer key.
- 1 What are we going to do?
 - 2 Why did you come to Port Burdock?
 - 3 I wanted to find a ship and get out of the country.
 - 4 I planned to get to France, and then get on a train south.
 - 5 I wanted to find somewhere with better weather, where I didn't need clothes.
 - 6 Marvel's got them, or he's hidden them somewhere.
 - 7 So you need to get your diaries first.
 - 8 Do you know where he is?
 - 9 Yes, I do. He's in the town police station.
 - 10 He asked them to lock him up.
 - 11 It makes things a little difficult.
 - 12 Without them, I will be invisible forever.
- 15** Listen to Chapter 10 again (from 'You have told the police!' to 'What do we do now?'). Put the events in the order in which they happen. Check your answers on pp.50–51 of the book or in the answer key.
- a An invisible hand came through the door and caught Dr Kemp's neck. —
 - b Dr Kemp and the Invisible Man pushed and pulled at the door. —
 - c Dr Kemp came down the stairs with blood on his face, holding some clothes. 10
 - d Dr Kemp closed the door quickly, but the key fell out on to the floor. —
 - e Dr Kemp fell back onto the floor and a shirt flew down on top of him. —
 - f Dr Kemp opened the door and jumped outside. —
 - g Something hit and kicked Colonel Adye and he was thrown down the stairs. —
 - h The front door opened and closed. —
 - i The Invisible Man started to take off his clothes. 1
 - j Two policemen downstairs shouted. —

2 What must you do to get the man to tell you his story?

3 Where did he work before?

4 Who does he live with?

5 What do the people of Port Stowe think of him?

6 What does he do on Sunday mornings and after ten o'clock in the evening?

7 Does he understand all the information in the books?

8 Who is still looking for him and the diaries?
