

# The Long Tunnel

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## The story step by step

- 1 Listen to Chapter 1 on your CD/download. Now listen again from the beginning of the chapter until 'I'll see you there on Monday the fifth of August at half past one.' Are the statements below 'True' (T) or 'False' (F)?
- a At universities in England, June is the month of examinations. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b Paul, Sheila and Charles were first year students. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c The students were talking about their holidays. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d Paul is going to stay in his uncle's cottage in Scotland. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e There are lots of houses near the cottage. \_\_\_\_\_
  - f The train from London arrives at Llanvay Station at two o'clock. \_\_\_\_\_
  - g Paul draws a map for Sheila and Charles. \_\_\_\_\_
  - h Paul says that he will meet them at the cottage. \_\_\_\_\_

Listen again to check your answers, then listen to the whole of Chapter 1, pages 3–9.

- 2 Listen to Chapter 2 on the CD/download, and complete the sentences from the chapter, below, which summarise the action.

Sheila and Charles went into the \_\_\_\_\_ café.

Charles asked for two \_\_\_\_\_.

They sat at the table and \_\_\_\_\_ out of the window.

Some \_\_\_\_\_ were loading bags into the lorry.

'\_\_\_\_\_ in those bags?' Charles asked her.

'\_\_\_\_\_', said the girl.

Charles and Sheila \_\_\_\_\_ in the café. Paul did not come. They left the café and walked to a \_\_\_\_\_.

After an \_\_\_\_\_, they came to a \_\_\_\_\_.

They walked farther up the \_\_\_\_\_, dark lane.

She (Sheila) went up to the cottage and \_\_\_\_\_ loudly on the door.

They stood and \_\_\_\_\_.

The door \_\_\_\_\_ opened.

A \_\_\_\_\_ man with a \_\_\_\_\_ stood in the doorway.

You can check your answers by reading pages 10–15 of your Reader.

3 Listen again to Chapter 2 on your CD/download and read the sentences below. There is one mistake in each sentence. Write the correct word at the end of each one.

- a There was a young boy behind the counter. \_\_\_\_\_
- b A lot of students come to Llanvoy. \_\_\_\_\_
- c The money comes from London by lorry. \_\_\_\_\_
- d The government keeps old banknotes. \_\_\_\_\_
- e There was a wide lane into the woods. \_\_\_\_\_
- f 'I like this place,' said Charles. \_\_\_\_\_
- g Sheila looked at the cottage door. \_\_\_\_\_
- h A tall man with a moustache stood in the doorway. \_\_\_\_\_

4 Listen to Chapter 3 on your CD/download. Write down the first 10 regular verbs in the past simple tense that you hear. Only write down the positive forms, and only write each verb once. We have included the first letter for you.

- l looked \_\_\_\_\_ s \_\_\_\_\_
- a \_\_\_\_\_ s \_\_\_\_\_
- s \_\_\_\_\_ w \_\_\_\_\_
- m \_\_\_\_\_ w \_\_\_\_\_
- c \_\_\_\_\_ m \_\_\_\_\_

5 Listen to Chapter 4 on the CD/download, from the beginning until 'Sheila quickly took off the gag'. Match the adverbs below with the verbs they describe in the story.

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| 1 They waited              | a carefully |
| 2 The door opened          | b tightly   |
| 3 The young man is tied up | c slowly    |
| 4 The window opened        | d quietly   |
| 5 She opened the curtains  | e quickly   |

- 6 Listen to the rest of Chapter 4 on your CD/download. Look at the prepositions in the box below. Put the preposition you hear into the sentences below.

in behind over out of up into round

- a They're not \_\_\_\_\_ the cottage.
- b Sheila slowly untied the ropes \_\_\_\_\_ Paul.
- c They've found an old shaft \_\_\_\_\_ the cottage.
- d The men will escape \_\_\_\_\_ the shaft.
- e The men have taken bags \_\_\_\_\_ the cottage.
- f We can put heavy stones \_\_\_\_\_ the shaft.
- g They climbed \_\_\_\_\_ the window.

Listen again to check your answers, then read pages 23–25 of your Reader.

- 7 Listen to Chapter 5 on your CD/download. Read the list below, which describes the events in the chapter. As you listen to the chapter, number the events in the order you hear them. We have done the first one for you.

- Frank opened the lock on the door of the guard's van.
- The train stopped on a long bend in the tunnel.
- Sheila and Paul pulled the cover over the entrance.
- The men were trapped in the shaft.
- Frank threw down the bags of money.
- The train moved towards Llanvay Station.
- Frank and his men carried the bags of money to the bottom of the shaft.
- The signal changed from red to green.

Listen again as many times as you want, then read pages 26–29 of your Reader to check your answers.

8 Listen to Chapter 6 on your CD/download. Match the beginnings and endings of these sentences.

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| 1 A police car came to                 | a the radio.             |
| 2 They drove fast towards              | b Frank Steel.           |
| 3 The police arrested two men at home. | c the police sergeant's. |
| 4 Sheila, Charles and Paul stayed in   | d the top of the shaft.  |
| 5 Sheila turned on                     | e the railway line.      |
| 6 The man was last seen on             | f the telephone box.     |
| 7 The police have arrested             | g the cottage.           |

Read pages 30–31 of your Reader to check your answers.

9 Listen again to Chapters 1–6 on your CD/download. Look at the words in the box below. They are all places described in the story. Put them in the order in which you hear them.

cottage café old building examination hall railway tunnel  
telephone box railway station shaft police station

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