The Picture of Dorian Gray

The story step by step

1 Who do you think these men are? What can you remember about them (if you have read the book)? Fill in the chart below.



Now listen to Chapters 1–3 and write down all the information you can about them.

Full name	Age	Profession	Character	Other information

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2 Listen to Chapter 2. There are many examples of the words below. Complete each sentence with one of these words and then listen to check your answers.

will will not/won't must must not/mustn't

- 1 He _____ believe me.
- 2 I _____ go if you want me to go. Or I _____ stay if you want me to stay.
- 3 You ______listen to Harry, Dorian.
- 4 You ______ live your own life. You ______ do everything that you want to do.
- 5 Why _____ I get sunburnt?
- 6 You _____ get sunburnt, because you _____ take care of your beauty.
- 7 One day you _____ be old.
- 8 And it _____ be too late to do anything interesting and exciting.
- 9 You ______ enjoy life while you are young and beautiful.
- 10 You _____worry about what other people think.
- 3 Match the phrases in A with the correct adverb in B. Then listen to Chapter 3 to check your answers.

	Α	В
1	Basil is painting	angrily
2	The curtains moved	quickly
3	Dorian stood in front of his picture	quietly
4	Basil spoke to Harry	very well
5	The three friends drank their tea	silently
6	'I would like to go to the theatre with you', said Dorian	gently

4 Can you match the names and the information? Complete each sentence 1–8 with a name from the box.

Dorian GrayDorian GrayHarry, Lord WottonBasil HallwardSibyl VaneMrs VaneJames VaneMr Isaacs

- 1 _____ didn't want his friend to marry an actress.
- 2 _____ called Dorian by a different name.
- 3 _____ received a telegram.
- 4 _____ met three people outside the theatre.
- 5 _____ was given some money to buy clothes.
- 6 _____ had never been in love.
- 7 _____ tells Harry he is cruel.
- 8 _____ says that Sibyl is boring.

Now listen to Chapters 4, 5 and 6 on the CD/download and check your answers.

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5 Listen to Chapter 7 on the CD/download. How many mentions of the word 'wish' do you hear? Write the sentences. Is 'wish' a noun or a verb in each sentence?

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Listen again to check your answers.

6 Listen to Chapter 8 on the CD/download. Can you put the adjectives for describing people into the following categories?

Positive adjectives	Negative adjectives

Listen again to check, then find the adjectives in Chapter 8 if you want to.

7 Read these sentences. Listen to Chapters 9–11 and decide if they are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Basil was shocked when he saw Dorian after Sibyl's death. \Box
- 2 Dorian thought Sibyl's death was a boring, ordinary accident.
- 3 Basil wanted to show the painting in a London art gallery. \Box
- 4 When Basil left, Dorian read a newspaper and went to the opera with Harry. \Box
- 5 In Part Two of the book, Dorian is eighteen years older than in Part One. 🗌
- 6 Dorian often looked at the portrait, then looked in a mirror and felt happy. \Box
- 7 Dorian wore expensive jewellery.
- 8 Dorian had done many evil things but he wasn't worried if people knew. \Box
- 9 Basil visited Dorian before he went on holiday to France. \Box
- 10 Dorian tells Basil that it's boring to hear terrible things about other people but interesting to hear terrible things about himself.
- 11 Dorian has already killed a young soldier. \Box
- 12 Basil pulled the cloth off the portrait and saw the cruel face. \Box
- 13 Basil had not forgotten Dorian's wish.
- 14 Dorian killed Basil because he saw the painting. \Box
- 15 Dorian found Alan Campbell's address at about a quarter past two in the morning. \Box

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8 What are the missing words? Try to guess them.

- a He wrote two letters. He put one letter in his _____
- b Poor Basil, he thought. What a horrible _____ to die!
- c Alan Campbell was a very clever _____.
- d 'Alan,' he said, _____ hands, 'it is kind of you to come.'
- e 'Alan,' he said, 'it was _____. I _____ this man and you are going to help me.'
- f Soon Dorian's servant brought the _____ from Alan's house.
- g And then he saw _____ on the hands in the picture!
- h Harry was surprised. 'My dear boy, I don't _____ what you did,' he said.
- i At midnight, Dorian went out and found a _____. He told the _____ driver where he wanted to go.
- j Sibyl Vane killed herself and now I'm _____ to kill you.
- k The woman gave a horrible _____. 'Twenty! Him? Prince Charming?
- I 'I swear I'm not _____' the woman replied.

Now listen to Chapters 12 and 13 to check your ideas.

9 What things do these sentences refer to? Listen to Chapters 14 and 15 to find out/check.

- 1 Dorian offers to get some for Lady Monmouth's dress.
- 2 Lady Monmouth and Harry heard it.
- 3 When Dorian opened his eyes, it was shaking.
- 4 Dorian saw a white face looking at him through it.
- 5 Dorian walked through these with Harry and Lady Monmouth.
- 6 A servant went to pack them.
- 7 At the farm, the dead man's face was covered by one.
- 8 Dorian went to one in a small village and met a pretty girl there.
- 9 Dorian went up to the attic because he wanted to see if this was changing.
- 10 It had killed Basil and it was going to kill the painting.
- 11 The servants recognised the dead man in the attic because of these.

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