

The Treasure of Monte Cristo

The story step by step

- 1 Listen to Chapters 1 and 2 on the CD/download. Can you complete the information about the characters?

Name	Age	Appearance	Profession	Relationship with Edmond	Opinion of Edmond
M. Morrel					
Edmond					
Danglars					
Mercédès					
Caderousse					
Fernand					

Listen again if necessary.

- 2 As you listen to Chapters 3 and 4 on your CD/download, you will hear these numbers. What do they correspond to?

- 1 1st _____
- 2 20 _____
- 3 1.15 _____
- 4 2.30 _____
- 5 5 _____
- 6 24th _____
- 7 3 _____
- 8 27 _____
- 9 19 _____
- 10 13 _____

Listen again to check your answers.

3 Complete the following sentences with the correct prepositions, then listen to Chapter 5 to check your answers.

- a Dantès was taken ___ Villefort's office and locked ___ a small room. ___ ten o'clock that evening, four soldiers came ___ the room.
- b Then a soldier pushed his gun ___ the young man's back and they all got ___ the carriage.
- c The sailors picked ___ the oars and began to row the boat ___ of the harbour.
- d ___ the right he saw the black shape ___ the island ___ If.
- e The soldiers pulled Dantès ___ the boat, and held his arms ___ his back. Then they pushed him ___ the wet stone steps and ___ the gate ___ the prison.
- f He was ___ a courtyard which was surrounded ___ high walls.
- g ___ the rest ___ the night he did not sleep. He walked ___ and ___ the cell.
- h As Villefort travelled ___ Paris, he thought ___ Dantès. He had sent an honest man ___ the terrible Château d'If.

4 Read this summary of Chapter 6, *The King*, and try to guess where the names should go. Then listen to Chapter 6 and write the names in the correct places.

Blacas	Bonaparte	Bonaparte	Bonaparte	Dandré	Dandré	Elba
Elba	Languedoc	Louis XVIII	Marseille	Noirtier	Paris	Paris
the Duc de Blacas	Villefort	Villefort				

The King of France, _____, is listening to his adviser, _____, who wants him to send troops to places like _____ because he thinks that people who support _____ are plotting to kill the king. Then the Minister of Police, _____, arrives with news from _____ saying that Napoleon is going mad. The report is a few days old, so the King tells the Minister to go and find out if there is new information. _____ says that his information is from a man called _____ and the King tells him that this man's father is _____, a supporter of _____. _____ himself comes to speak to the King and tells him that Napoleon has left _____ and is returning to _____ soon. He says that he got his information from a man he arrested in _____. When _____ comes back, he has bad news. He tells the king that _____ has arrived in France. When the King asks if his enemy is travelling to _____, he does not receive a reply.

5 Listen to Chapters 7 and 8, and put these events in order.

- 1 Danglars changed profession. ___
- 2 Louis Dantès died. ___
- 3 Mercédès thought about killing herself. ___
- 4 M. Morrel stopped visiting Villefort. ___
- 5 M. Morrel visited Villefort. ___
- 6 Noirtier gave Villefort a message for the King. ___
- 7 Noirtier told Villefort about a man who had had an 'accident'. ___
- 8 Villefort burned his father's coat. ___
- 9 Villefort lied to M. Morrel and kept a letter. ___
- 10 Villefort got married and went to live in Toulouse. ___

- 8 Listen to Chapter 11. Can you put these objects in the order you hear them? Then write down how they are used in this chapter.

a blanket a knife a lamp some medicine a needle and thread
some rope a sack a stone

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

- 9 Which of these sentences are true and which are false? Listen to Chapter 12 on your CD/download. Can you correct the false ones?

- a Edmond cut his way out of the sack with difficulty.
- b After breathing, he went back under the water because he didn't want any sailors to see him.
- c Edmond was about fifteen metres from the shore.
- d Edmond swam for more than an hour.
- e A shark bit his knee just before he reached an island.
- f Edmond tried to help the fishermen in the sea but they all drowned.
- g The sailors saw Edmond because of something on his head.
- h The Captain who rescued Edmond was heavy with no hair.
- i Dantès didn't tell the sailors where he was from.
- j The Captain knew Dantès might be a prisoner who had escaped from the fortress.
- k Jacopo gave Edmond food, drink and clothes.
- l Edmond had been in prison for 33 years.

- 10 Write the correct name from the box next to each question. You may use each name more than once.

a jeweller Captain Baldi Edmond Dantès Edmond's enemies Faria
Jacopo Mercédès Spada

Who

- a suspected that Dantès was a customs officer, at first? _____
- b became Edmond's good friend? _____
- c paid Edmond well and asked no questions? _____
- d went to a barber in Leghorn, in Italy? _____
- e took Edmond to a smuggler's inn? _____
- f took a goat back to the boat to cook? _____
- g gave Edmond a pickaxe? _____

- h had pushed the rock into place? _____
- i had told Dantès about the mark of the Spadas? _____
- j gave Dantès twenty thousand francs and asked no questions? _____
- k had disappeared? _____
- l did *The Count of Monte Cristo* decide to find? _____

Listen to the last chapter and check your answers.