

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

The Escape and Other Stories by W. Somerset Maugham

A Before Reading

- 1 Read the back cover of the book. How many people's names can you find?
- 2 Look at the pictures. Which story do you think will be the most interesting?

B After Reading Each Story

THE ESCAPE

- 3 Maugham meets Roger Charing after Ruth has married another man. Write their conversation.

LOUISE

- 4 '*You are cruel and selfish,*' says Maugham to Louise. Are Maugham's words true? Find two things Louise says that are cruel and selfish.



THE ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER

- 5 (a) George is the Ant and Tom is the Grasshopper. Maugham is pleased that the Grasshopper has won. What do you think? Are you pleased that the Grasshopper has won? Give reasons for your answer.
or (b) Write a short story in which the Ant wins.

THE FALL OF EDWARD BARNARD

- 6 '*Edward has failed,*' says Isobel. Is this true? Complete these sentences.
(a) 'I think Edward has failed,' said Bateman Hunter, 'because...'
(b) 'I don't think I've failed,' said Edward Barnard, 'because...'

C After Reading All the Stories

7 Maugham likes some people in his stories and dislikes other people. Show which people he likes and which people he dislikes.

Likes		Dislikes
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8 Match the names and the stories and the things people say.

