

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

A Before Reading

1 Read the part of the story on the back cover of the book. What happened before this part of the story? Choose (a), (b) or (c).

(a) They were close to Henry Jekyll's house now. Utterson wanted to talk to the man again. The man started to run. Utterson ran too. He followed the man down the street and onto the bridge.

(b) Utterson came out from the entrance to the courtyard. He looked carefully at the man. He could see the man's face in the light of a street lamp. It was an ordinary face, but Utterson did not like it. He was sure that this was the man Enfield had seen.

(c) The sun was shining brightly when Utterson came out of his house that morning. A small man was walking down the street towards him.

'Hello. How are you?' said the small man. He smiled at Utterson.

2 Is this story going to be ...

a horror story?

a ghost story?

a romance?

a historical story?

a modern story?

a western?

Give one reason for each of your answers.

B While Reading

3 Read to the end of Chapter 3. Draw lines to join the descriptions to the people.



Jekyll



Hyde



Utterson



Lanyon

lives near Cavendish Square

lawyer

happy

handsome

rich

small

looked young

doctor

50 years old

thin, tall

lives near Oxford Street

scientist

evil

old

a wild animal

pale face

ordinary

intelligent

55 years old

lives in Cavendish Square

- 4 Read to the end of Chapter 6. Why are these things very important in the story?
 (a) a walking stick (b) the letter from Edward Hyde (c) Lanyon's private papers
- 5 Read to the end of Chapter 8. Read the last sentence again.
But where was Dr Jekyll himself? What do you think is the answer to this question?

C After Reading

- 6 Here is Dr Jekyll looking at Mr Hyde. Imagine that they can talk to each other. What does Jekyll say to Hyde? What does Hyde say to Jekyll? Write a paragraph for each man.



- 7 Here is a different ending to Chapter 8. Read it, then write a new ending to the story. You will need to write another chapter. (Remember – you now know all about Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.)

Utterson walked to the table and stopped. A man lay on the floor behind the table. He was a small man. The clothes he was wearing were too big for him. The man was still breathing. But there was a green bottle in his hand. The label on the bottle said, 'Poison'.

'This is Mr Edward Hyde,' said Utterson. 'He has tried to kill himself with poison. Poole, get a doctor and the police. This man killed Sir Danvers Carew. I think that Mr Hyde has also killed Dr Jekyll.'

Poole went to get the police. The small man opened his eyes and sat up. He looked at Utterson ...

- 8 An obituary is an article in a newspaper about someone who has died. The writer of an obituary must write about the life and work of the dead person. You are Utterson. Write the obituary of your friend, Dr Henry Jekyll.

