

Stanford House Classics - Beginners

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When Mr Utterson tells his friend, Dr Jekyll, about the terrible monster he saw near his home, he doesn't realise that Jekyll is in fact the monster! Dr Jekyll is a well-liked man, but when his experiments begin to go wrong, his life becomes a terrible nightmare from which there seems to be no escape!



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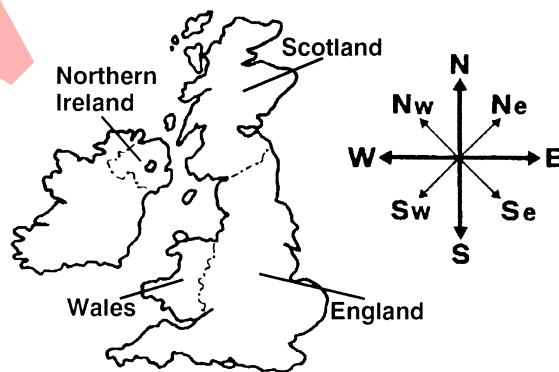
The year was 1850. It was raining and very dark¹, in the quiet London street. Mary Martin shivered². She was frightened. The young woman pulled the collar of her coat around her face. She was on her way home from her job as a maid³ in the house of a well-to-do⁴ West End family. Her footsteps echoed⁵ in the empty street. She looked over her shoulder⁶. Someone was following her!



1. **dark** is the opposite of 'light'.
2. **to shiver**: to tremble with cold or fear.
3. **maid**: servant.
4. **well-to-do**: rich.
5. **echoed**: resounded.
6. **shoulder**: the top of the arm that joins the body.

ACTIVITY

- Listen. What's the weather like?**
Complete the map with the weather symbols.



- Write sentences about the weather in spring, summer, autumn and winter.**

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Suddenly, a hunched¹ figure jumped at her from an alley². He had a hood³ on his head. Mary screamed. Just for an instant she saw the man's face illuminated by a street lamp. It was an evil face. Bulbous⁴ eyes looked at her from a white face covered with tufts⁵ of hair. It had a cruel mouth and black teeth. The man snarled⁶ and smashed a stick⁷ down on Mary's head.



1. **hunched:** not straight.
2. **alley:** small street.
3. **hood:** a hood covers your head, similar to a hat.
4. **bulbous:** in the form of bulbs; protruding.
5. **tufts:** small bunches.
6. **to snarl:** a dog snarls and shows its teeth when it's angry.
7. **stick:** a long piece of wood.

ACTIVITY

 **Listen. Complete the sentences with the words below.**

left – right – street lamp – coat – hood – jacket

There is a man on the of the picture. He is wearing a green

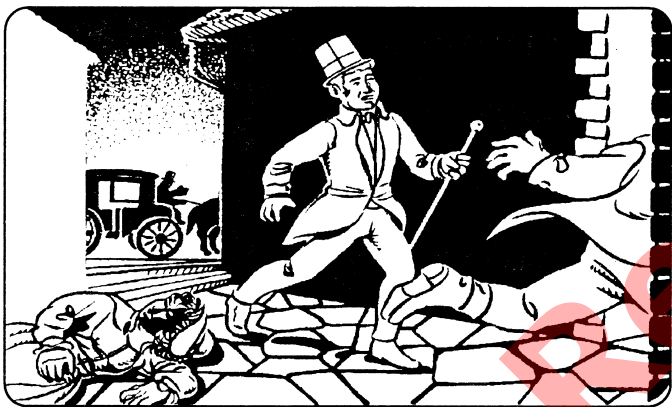
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There is a boy under the He's on the woman's left. He is wearing a brown

 **Now complete the picture.**



Mary crashed to the ground. She looked up and saw the frightening figure¹. The creature had the stick ready to strike² again. A Hansom cab³ stopped and a man ran towards them. He was a tall, well-dressed⁴ man. Mary's attacker saw the man, and darted⁵ back into the alley. A woman came out of a house. "Take care of⁶ the girl," shouted the man, and raced after the attacker.



1. **figure:** person.
2. **to strike:** to hit.
3. **Hansom cab:** a carriage pulled by a horse.
(A nineteenth century taxi.)
4. **well-dressed:** wearing expensive clothes.
5. **darted:** jumped.
6. **to take care of:** to look after.

ACTIVITY

 **Complete the sentences with these words from the text.**

*behind – into – on – after – up – towards –
got out of – over – took care*

- 1) The Hansom cab comes the horse.
- 2) She was her way home.
- 3) The lady is going the shop.
- 4) The man the cab.
- 5) The woman of the girl.
- 6) The dog is running the cat.
- 7) She looked her shoulder.
- 8) The attacker darted back the alley.
- 9) She looked and saw the man.

 **Listen and repeat the sentences.**