

Stanford House Classics - Beginners

THE VAMPIRE

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(Introduction)

This series of simplified Stanford House Classics readers has a vocabulary of approximately 500 head words.

They are suitable for students aged between 8 and 11. These books are particularly useful as support material for teachers of English as a second language, since they have been structured to encourage active reading: on the left-hand page there is the story, complete with explanatory notes in English, and on the right-hand page there are exercises which refer exclusively to the text opposite.

Some exercises review student's grammatical knowledge of the English language, others are just good fun. By the end of the book the student will know the story and should be able to recount it, too!

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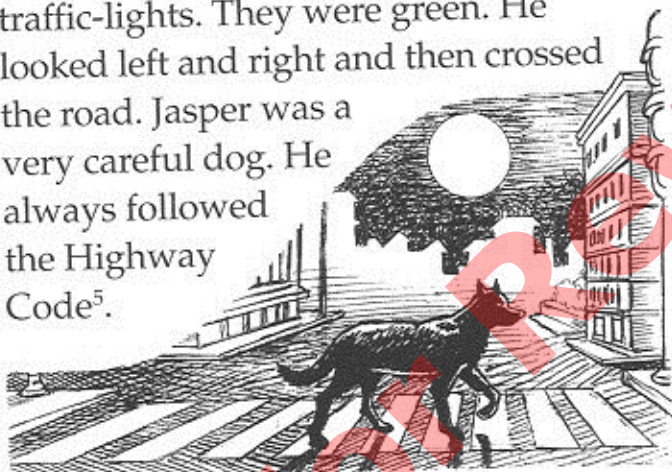
The people in London don't treat their dogs very well. Jasper, the vampire dog, is in the city for this reason. With the help of Zara, a small Pekinese dog, he teaches the people who don't look after their dogs, a lesson they will never forget. They learn what it's like to live a dog's life!



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It was a dark¹, winter's evening in London. A pale², full moon was shining³ in the sky. The streets were empty. Well... almost empty. Only Jasper, a black Belgian Sheepdog, walked along the pavement⁴. He stopped at a pedestrian crossing and looked at the traffic-lights. They were green. He looked left and right and then crossed the road. Jasper was a very careful dog. He always followed the Highway Code⁵.



1. **dark:** not light.
2. **pale:** not colourful.
3. **shining:** luminous.
4. **pavement:** where people walk in a street.
5. **Highway Code:** rules on how to behave on the streets.

ACTIVITY

 Can you guess what each symbol means?



"Hello, Jasper," said Mario from the Italian restaurant. "Are you hungry? Would you like some pasta or a nice slice¹ of pizza, this evening?" "Woof," answered Jasper. "Ah! You want pasta! Here you are. A nice plate of spaghetti with tomato and garlic² sauce." Jasper sniffed³ the spaghetti and then ran away barking⁴. "Don't you like my spaghetti?"

called Mario. Jasper liked pasta, but he didn't like the garlic sauce, because Jasper was a... vampire dog!!!



1. **slice:** piece.
2. **garlic:** a vegetable vampires don't like.
3. **sniffed:** we sniff or smell with our noses.
4. **barking:** people speak, dogs bark.

ACTIVITY

 **Complete the sentences with some or a/an.**

e.g. Would you like **some** pasta?

Would you like slice of pizza?

Would you like banana?

Would you cheese?

Would biscuit?

..... meat?

..... chips?

..... kiwi?

..... glass of water?

..... potatoes?

..... apple?

It was half-past nine in the evening, when Jasper arrived outside Mr Lewis' house. He knew that the man always took¹ his dog Zara for a walk at that time. "Come on, Zara," called Mr Lewis, coming out of the house. Zara was a tiny² Pekinese³. She had very short legs and couldn't walk very fast. "You're so slow and stupid," shouted Mr Lewis and pulled⁴ the lead⁵ angrily.



1. **took**: past tense of 'to take'.
2. **tiny**: very small.
3. **Pekinese**: a type of dog.
4. **pulled**: opposite of 'pushed'.
5. **lead**: a long piece of leather we attach to a dog's collar when we take it for a walk.

ACTIVITY

 **At what time do you do these things? Write sentences using the words below.**

get up → I get up at seven o'clock.

have breakfast

catch / bus

school start

have lunch

leave school

have dinner

do / homework

go / bed