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CHAPTER 1

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A. Read the following sentences. In each box, write T if the sentence is True and F if it is False.

1 Lord Henry believes that Basil Hallward created better paintings in the past. ☐

2 Basil does not want to exhibit the portrait because it looks like him. ☐

3 Basil's acquaintance with Dorian Gray has helped him artistically. ☐

4 Basil thinks it is a good idea to introduce Dorian Gray to Lord Henry. ☐

5 Dorian is a very good looking man. ☐

6 Dorian would give anything to remain young for ever. ☐

7 Basil wants to destroy the painting because he doesn't like it. ☐

8 Basil would rather Lord Henry had not invited Dorian to the theatre that evening. ☐

B. Answer the following questions.

1 What does Basil mean when he says "I've put too much of myself in the portrait"?

_____

_____

2 Why doesn't Dorian want to pose for Basil today?

_____

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3 What does Lord Henry mean when he tells Dorian that time is his greatest enemy?

_____

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4 Why does Dorian become sad when he sees the portrait?

_____

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C. Find words in Chapter 1 which mean the same as:

1 picture of a person (page 4) _____
2 exceptionally (page 4) _____
3 let out a deep breath (page 4) _____
4 feelings (page 4) _____
5 expect with pleasure (page 7) _____
6 remove (page 7) _____
7 with lines on the face (page 8) _____
8 put forward an idea (page 8) _____
9 something that is true or correct (page 8) _____
10 say something important in public (page 8) _____
11 look for (page 9) _____

D. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

1 Suddenly, his voice became loud and his _____ aggressive and challenging. **EXPRESS**
2 Barbara is one of the most _____ people I have come across. **INFLUENCE**
3 If you follow my _____, you won't have any problem. **INSTRUCT**
4 When I saw the bill, I was _____. **HORRIFY**
5 Her first _____ performance was a disaster. **THEATRE**
6 John told Mary very _____ that he had quit his job. **BRIEF**

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E. Below is a page from Basil's diary. Expand the notes into sentences to find out what he is worried about.

Diary

1 I / not / want / exhibit / painting / anywhere

2 I / put / much / feeling / it

3 It / express / deep / emotions

4 I / not / want / other / people / find out / secret / behind / painting

5 I / owe / inspiration / creativity / Dorian Gray / pose / for / portrait

6 I / want / Lord Henry / stay away / him / because / I / be / afraid / he / be / bad / influence / him

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F. Before Reading Chapter 2, try to guess what will happen.

1 Will Dorian meet Lord Henry again soon? Where?

2 Will Dorian take Lord Henry's advice to go out and live? If so, how?

3 What will Dorian do with the portrait Basil has painted?



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A. Choose a, b or c to complete the following statements.

1 Lord Henry
a. usually returns home early.
b. did not get back home early that night.
c. returned home and found Dorian chatting with his wife.

2 Dorian tells Lord Henry that he is in love with
a. a girl he has known for a month.
b. a famous actress.
c. a young actress.

3 When Dorian talks to Lord Henry about his feelings for Sybil Vane, Lord Henry
a. feels annoyed.
b. thinks that Dorian is exaggerating.
c. congratulates him immediately.

4 The audience at the theatre where Sybil Vane was appearing
a. was very sophisticated.
b. was noisy.
c. had come for the actress.

5 Dorian likes actresses better than ordinary women because
a. they are rich.
b. they are more interesting.
c. they aren't jealous.

6 While Dorian is speaking about Sybil Vane, Lord Henry notices that
a. Dorian has changed as a person.
b. Dorian is very troubled.
c. the time has passed.

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B. Correct the mistakes in the following sentences.

1 Lord Henry advises Dorian to get married soon.

_____

_____

2 Dorian goes to the theatre every night because he likes the play.

_____

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3 Basil tells Dorian that he wants to meet Sybil.

_____

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4 Dorian will send a letter to Basil to arrange to go to the theatre.

_____

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5 Dorian sent Lord Henry a message informing him that he got married.

_____

_____

C. Choose a, b or c to complete the following sentences.

1 Sarah started looking _____ the papers as soon as she sat at her desk.
a. up b. through c. over

2 Bob and Martha carried _____ talking for several hours.
a. up b. out c. on

3 He tore his wife's photo into pieces and _____ them into the fire.
a. tossed b. lit c. placed

4 Tell me, how did you _____ manage to persuade your mother to sell the house?
a. completely b. slightly c. eventually

5 When I extended my hand to her, she _____.
a. joined b. interrupted c. blushed