

GRADED READERS

THE CANTERVILLE GHOST

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Activity Book
LEVEL 3

A. Answer the following questions.

1 Where was Mr Otis from?

Mr Otis was from America.

2 Why did the Duchess of Bolton have a fit?

Because she felt two skeleton hands on her shoulders as she was dressing.

3 What did Mr Otis decide to buy?

Mr Otis decided to buy Canterville Chase, the furniture and the ghost.

4 How long had the ghost been in Canterville Chase?

The ghost had been in Canterville Chase since 1584.

5 How many people were in the Otis family?

There were six people in the Otis family.

B. Match the two halves of the following sentences.

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| 1 Mr Otis | a was terrified by the ghost. | 1 e |
| 2 Lord Canterville | b wanted to get married. | 2 d |
| 3 The Duchess of Bolton | c liked horse riding. | 3 b |
| 4 Washington | d was selling a house. | 4 f |
| 5 Virginia | e did not believe in ghosts. | 5 c |
| 6 The Duke of Cheshire | f was the oldest child in the family. | 6 a |

C. Read the conversation between Lord Canterville and Mr Otis in Chapter 1. Decide whether they are serious or ironic when they say each of the following sentences. Write S for Serious or I for Ironic.

1 "I must tell you that other people in the family have also seen or heard the ghost."

S

2 "Perhaps he is a little cleverer than the bright young men from America."

I

3 "He usually appears before the death of a member of the family."

S

4 "So does the family doctor."

I

5 "If you don't mind having a ghost for company, I will sell you the house with pleasure."

I

D. Label the pictures.



skeleton



shoulder



library



twins



servants

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

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| 1 silly | <u>foolish</u> |
| 2 awful | <u>terrible</u> |
| 3 unusual | <u>strange</u> |
| 4 not young, but not old either | <u>middle-aged</u> |
| 5 at once | <u>immediately</u> |

F. Use the notes below to write a summary of Chapter 1.

- Mr Otis/want/buy/Lord Canterville/house
Mr Otis wanted to buy Lord Canterville's house.
- everybody/think/there/be/ghost/in/house
Everybody thought that there was a ghost in the house.
- it/make/strange noises/terrify/lots/people
It made strange noises and (had) terrified lots of people.
- Lord Canterville/tell/Mr Otis/about/ghost
Lord Canterville told Mr Otis about the ghost.
- Mr Otis/not believe/ghosts/decide/buy/house
Mr Otis didn't believe in ghosts and he decided to buy the house.
- Mr Otis/have/beautiful wife/four children
Mr Otis had a beautiful wife and four children.

G. In Chapter 2 the Otis family go to Canterville Chase. Guess what will happen.

- How will they get there?

- What will the weather be like?

- Who will be waiting for them?

- How will they feel?

