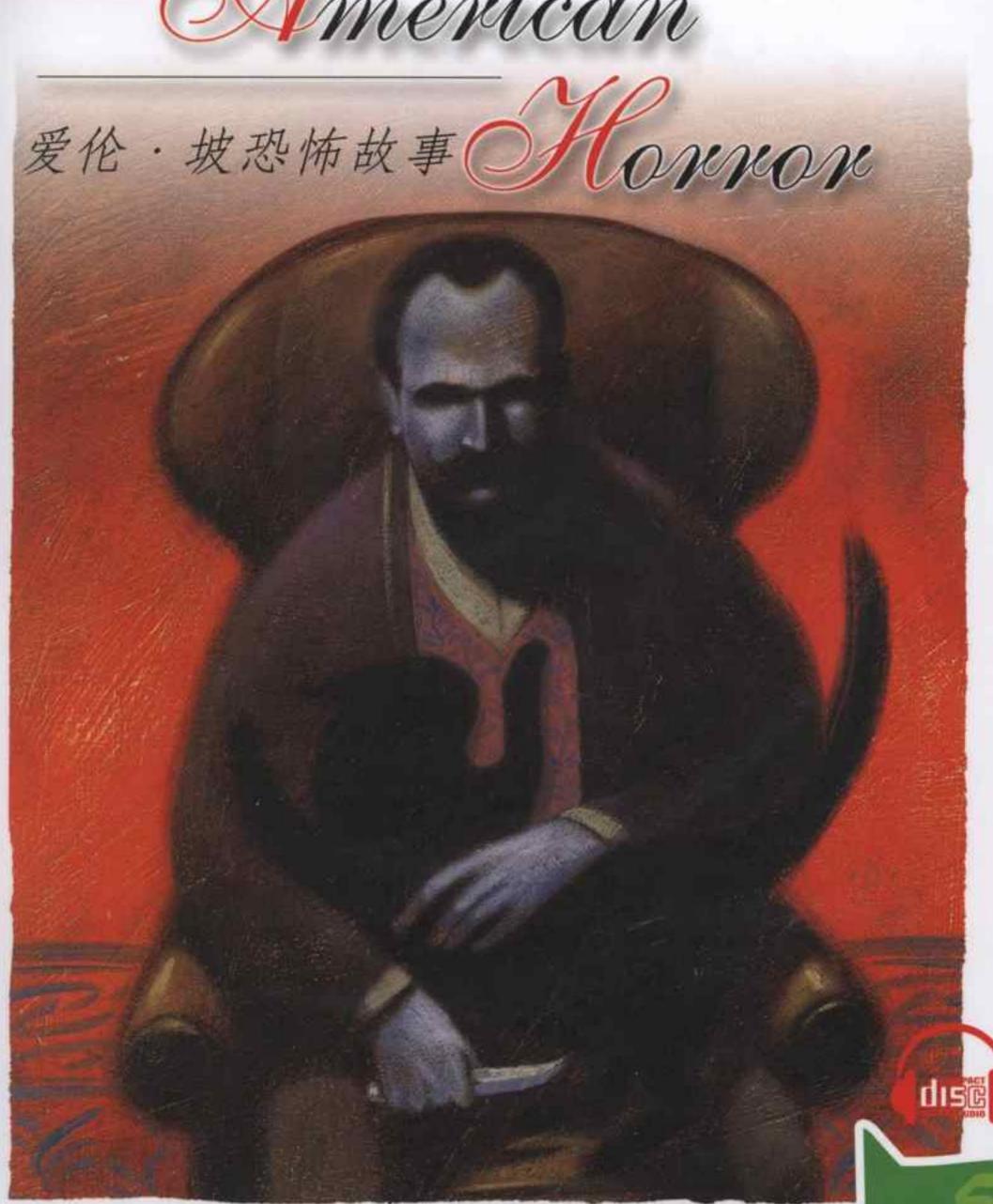
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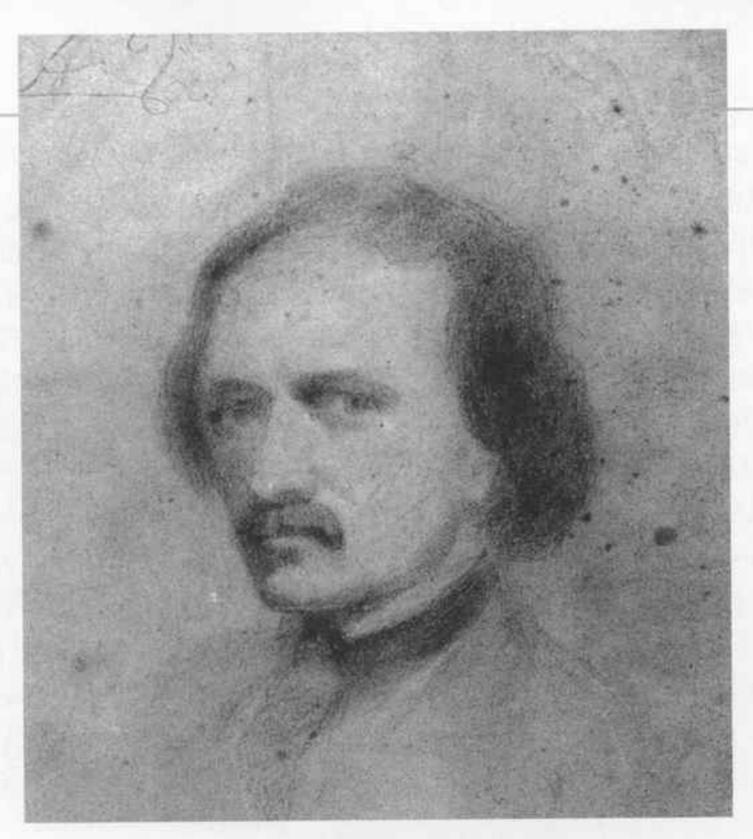
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Edgar Allan Poe (1845) self-portrait. ¹ Bloomington Indiana University, Lily Library.

Edgar's Life

"From childhood's hour I have not been As others were — I have not seen As others saw

And all I loved, I loved alone"
From Edgar's poem "Alone"

1. self-portrait: 自画像。

Edgar Allan Poe is famous for his tales of horror. He is also considered the inventor of the modern detective story, the modern short story itself and modernist poetry. In addition he was one of the earliest creators of science fiction. His stories were also the basis for that great popular art form, the horror film. More books have been written about Edgar Allan Poe than any other American author. In part, this is because of his great artistic influence, but also because his life was as mysterious and tragic as his stories and poems.

He was born on January 19, 1809 in Boston. His parents were both actors. His mother, who went to the United States in 1796 from England, was a very good actress. Magazines and newspapers wrote good things about her. At the age of 15 she already knew more than 70 different theatrical roles. Edgar's father, on the other hand, was a very bad actor and could not make enough money to support his family. In fact, when Edgar was only two years old his father left the family. Nobody knows where he went.

This is the beginning of Edgar's troubles. Soon after his father left, his mother became very ill with tuberculosis. Nobody helped her. She was only twenty-four years old and had three children. She died on December 8, 1811. Edgar was only two years old.

Fortunately, Mrs Frances Allan, the wife of John Allan, a businessman from Richmond, Virginia, heard about the Poe children. As an act of charity 1 she decided to bring Edgar to live in her house. She was impressed with his good looks. Mrs Allan's husband agreed to have Edgar live in their house, but he refused to officially adopt 2 him. Mr Allan did not want his heir 3 to be the son

^{1.} charity:善事。

^{2.} adopt: 收养。

^{3.} heir:继承人。

of actors. Acting at this time was considered an immoral ¹ profession. Edgar suffered because of this decision, and his relationship with Mr Allan was never good. In 1815 the Allans, together with Edgar, went to live in England for five years. When they returned to the United States in 1820 Edgar went to private schools in Richmond. In 1826 he went to the University of Virginia. He was a very good student, but Mr Allan did not send him enough money to live. In order to make money for school, Edgar gambled ². But he was not a good gambler and lost money. John Allan still refused to help him. Edgar had to get a job as a clerk.

In 1827 he published his first book of poems. In this same year he joined the United States Army. In 1829 he went to West Point, the American military academy. In this period, after the death of his wife, John Allan ended forever his relationship with Edgar. In 1832 Edgar went to Baltimore to live with his aunt and his 11-year-old cousin, Virginia Clemm. In 1833 Edgar won a literary 3 contest 4 for his short story



Virginia Clemm Poe (1843)
by Edgar Allan Poe.
Bloomington Indiana University, Lily Library.

1. immoral: 不道德的。

2. gambled:赌博。

3. literary:文学的。

4. contest:比赛。

"MS Found in a Bottle". This is the beginning of Edgar's professional career as a writer.

From 1835 to 1837 he worked as the editor of the literary magazine Southern Literary Messenger. He did an extremely good job: sales increased from 500 to 3,500 copies. As editor he explored new areas. He wrote reviews 1 for Latin grammars, dictionaries, other magazines, novels and poetry. He was a fair 2 but very severe critic 3. He did not care 4 if an author was famous or not. He wrote what he thought.

In 1836, while Edgar was working for the Southern Literary Messenger, he married his cousin Virginia Clemm. Like Edgar's mother, she had tuberculosis, and for the next ten years until her death she was constantly ill.

Even with Edgar's success as an editor he did not make enough money to support his family. He therefore moved to New York and then to Philadelphia in 1838 and then back to New York in 1844, always looking for better jobs.

In 1840 he published his greatest tales in a collection called *Tales of the Grotesque* ⁵ *and Arabesque*. In 1843 he wrote "The Gold Bug", a kind of treasure hunt story with hidden clues, which sold 300,000 copies. This story brought Poe fame, but not financial security. In fact he often worked 15 hours a day, and still he did not have enough money to feed his family.

In 1845 Edgar's most famous poem, "The Raven 6", was published.

- 1. reviews: 评论。
- 2. fair:公正的。
- 3. critic:批评家。
- 4. he did not care:他不在乎。
- 5. grotesque:怪诞的。
- 6. Raven:乌鸦。

He was finally successful. But in 1847 his wife died. This "intolerable 1 sorrow 2" caused Edgar to drink, and, it seems, he had a very low tolerance for alcohol. He returned to Richmond in 1849. Edgar's sadness for the death of his wife and his drinking made him ill. On October 3, 1849 Edgar was found unconscious in front of a voting station in Baltimore. He was taken to hospital, where he died four days later.

Edgar's misfortune ³ did not end with his death. The man who controlled his literary works, Rufus Griswold, was very jealous of Edgar's genius ⁴. He wrote the official obituary ⁵ of Edgar in which he spoke very badly of Edgar. Because of this obituary Edgar's reputation was destroyed for many years. In addition, shortly before his death Edgar had revised all his works, but Griswold only

published some of them, and often without Edgar's corrections.

Fortunately, though, the great French poet Charles Baudelaire spent 14 years translating Edgar's stories, which then became extremely important for French literature. Then when French literature became important for English literature, Edgar was finally considered as an important writer in England and America.



Rufus Griswold.

- intolerable:(让人)难以 承受的。
- 2. sorrow: 哀痛。

- 3. misfortune: 不幸。
- 4. genius:天才。
- 5. obituary: 讣闻。

Edgar's Horror

Edgar's horror stories, or "arabesques" as he called them, are particular. They are often full of precise, physical details and reasoning. He analyzes the mentality 1 of madmen with the care of a psychologist or of a detective. In "The Black Cat" and "The Tell-Tale Heart" the narrators of these stories analyze their own madness carefully and calmly. But still they can do nothing about it. They remain mad. They commit horrible crimes. This, perhaps, is the most frightening thing about these stories. Also, as Edgar wrote many times, his stories are not about the horrors that exist in the outside world, but the horrors that exist in our own minds. Another reason to be frightened!



Bela Lugosi in a scene of the 1934 film version of The Black Cat.

1. mentality:思想状态。

Edgar's Detective Stories

"Murders in the Rue Morgue" (1841) is considered the first detective story. Before this, there had been stories about murders, but before Poe the act of murder itself was the most important part of the story; after Poe, the most important part of the story was the collection of facts and the reasoning about these facts needed to solve the mystery.



A scene from the 1932 film version of Murders in the Rue Morgue, starring Bela Lugosi.

In addition, and just as important for the history of literature, Edgar created the first great character of detective stories, Monsieur C. Auguste Dupin. Dupin is the ancestor 1 of Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes, Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot and Erle Stanley Gardner's Perry Mason (see pages 72-76).

Dupin is also another one of Edgar's mad characters, but a "harmless 2 madman", who reads during the day and goes out only at night; and who, with imagination and reason, is able to solve the crimes committed 3 by others.

Some of Edgar's Most Famous Stories

The Tales of Ratiocination (detective stories)

"The Gold Bug" (1843)

"Murders in the Rue Morgue" (1841)

"The Mystery of Marie Roget" (1842-1843)

"The Purloined Letter" (1844)

Tales of the Grotesque

"Fall of the House of Usher" (1839)

"The Pit and the Pendulum" (1842)

"The Cask of Amontillado" (1846)

- 1. ancestor:祖宗。
- 2. harmless: 无恶意的。
- 3. committed: 犯(罪、错等)。

Go back to the text

Here is a summary of what you have just read. Circle the correct answers.

Edgar was born in Boston on January 19, * (1709 / 1809 / 1909). Both his parents were b (bankers / businessmen / actors). His father abandoned 1 the family when Edgar was two years old, and his mother died soon after.

After this Edgar went to live with the Allans. But Mr Allan never officially ² c (liked / admired / adopted) Edgar.

In 1815 the Allans, together with Edgar, went to live in d (France / Germany / England) for five years. In 1820 they returned to the United States. In 1826 Edgar attended the University of e (Pennsylvania / Massachusetts / Virginia). He was a good student but Mr Allan did not send him enough money, so Edgar had to f (rob banks / steal / gamble) to make money. Finally, in 1829, Mr Allan ended his relationship with Edgar.

In 1833 Edgar won a s (beauty / literary / boxing) contest. Three years later he was working as h (editor / writer / composer) for a literary magazine. He was very successful, but he still did not make enough money.

In 1836 he married his i (sister / cousin / friend) Virginia Clemm who was very ill. She died ten years later.

Edgar continued to be successful as an editor and to write many great stories and poems, but his financial problems continued until his death in i (1949 / 1849 / 1749).

Edgar became very famous and important in France because the poet k (Charles Baudelaire / Victor Hugo / Charles Rimbaud) translated all his great stories. Edgar is also famous for having invented 3 the first 1 (love / detective / horror) stories. Monsieur C. Auguste Dupin, the hero of these stories, is the literary ancestor of m (Rambo / Sherlock Holmes / David Copperfield).

- 1. abandoned:离弃。
- 2. officially:正式地。
- 3. invented:创作。

Horror sounds: an audio glossary

101	2	Read	the	definitions	below.	Then	listen	to	the	recording	and	match
		the de	efini	tions with	the sour	nds.						

- a. to whisper: to talk softly so that only the person you are talking to can hear you.
- b. to creak: the sharp sound a door with unoiled hinges makes when you open it.
- c. to cry out: to say something loudly, or make a loud sharp sound, because you are in pain or frightened.
- d. to cry: to produce tears (drops of water from your eyes) because you are sad or afraid.
- e. to groan: to make a low sound because you are in pain or afraid.
- f. to scream: to make a very loud sharp (acute) sound because you are in pain or frightened: N.B.: to scream is much louder than to cry out.
- g. to shout: to speak very loudly.

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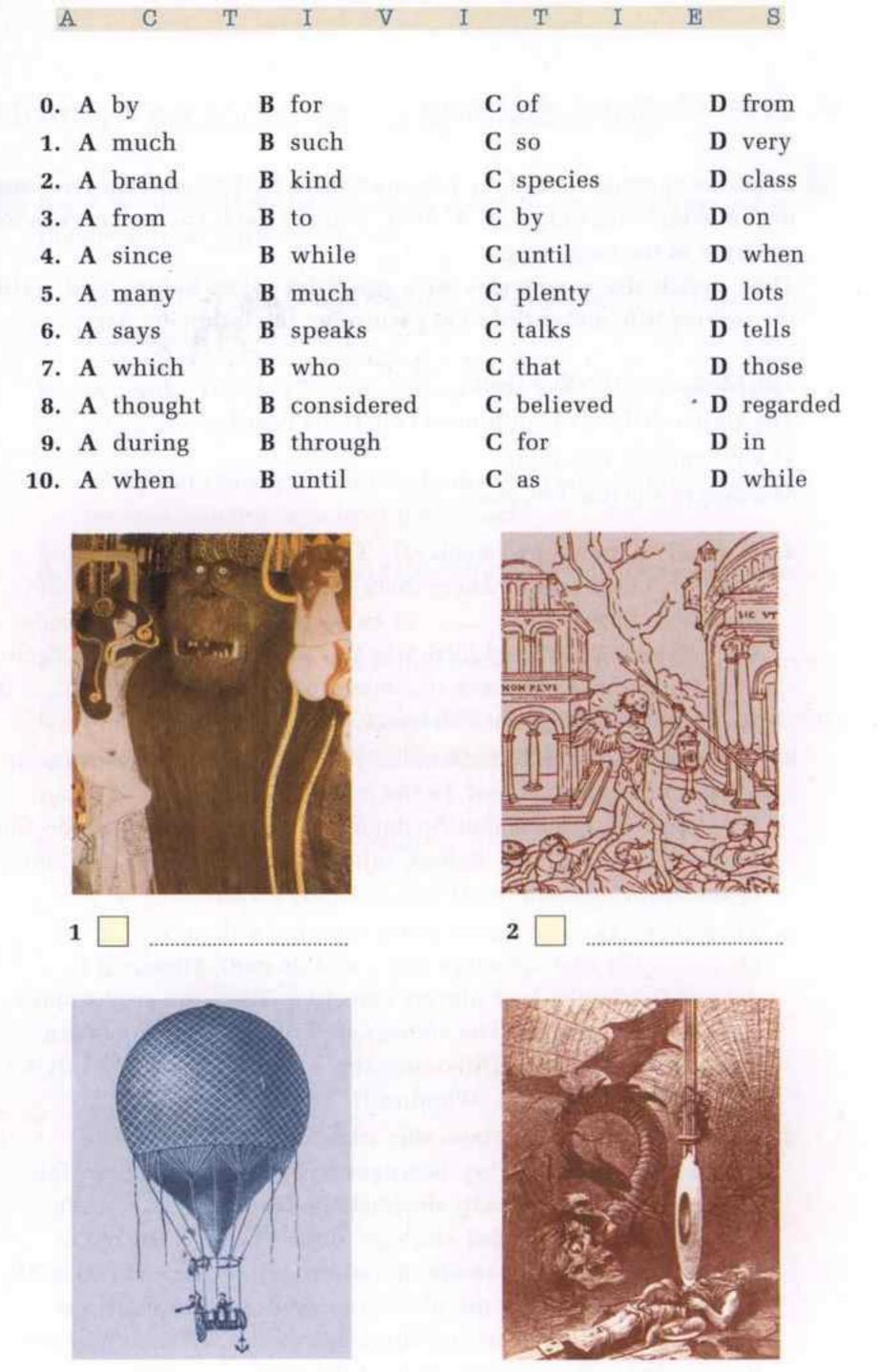
A Poe picture gallery

Read the summaries of four famous stories by Edgar Allan Poe, and decide which answer, A, B, C or D, best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning.

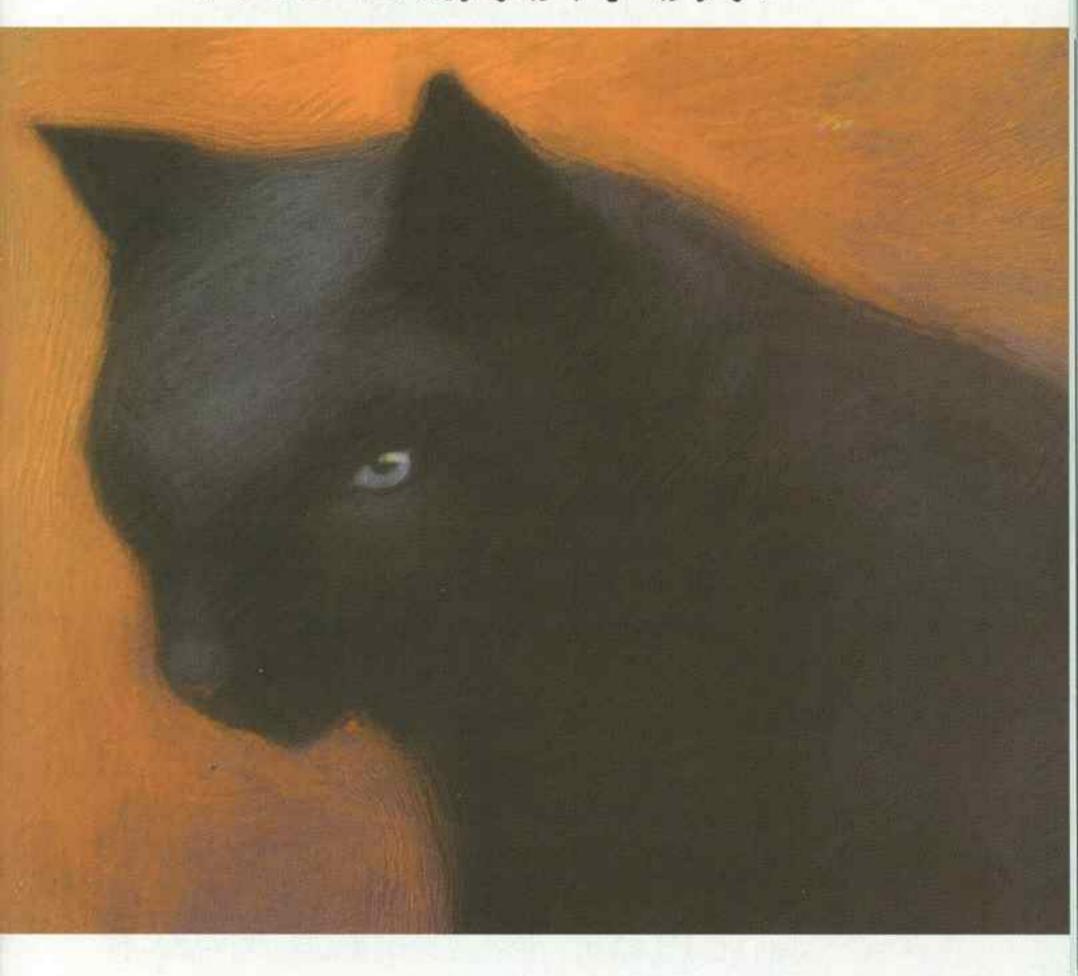
Then match the summaries with the titles given below, and write the correct title under the right picture on the following page.

The Masque of the Red Death
The Unparalleled Adventures of One Hans Pfaall
The Pit and the Pendulum
Murders in the Rue Morgue

- a. A man is sentenced to death (0) slow torture. He is tied down in a small room where there is a (1) deep hole and overhead there is a (2) of knife attached (3) a rope that is moving back and forth like the pendulum of a clock: Each time it goes back and forth it comes closer to the man (4) it is almost touching him. The terror, of course, is extreme!
- b. A young man from Rotterdam has (5) debts. He escapes in a horse of air. But where? To the moon of course! He (6) his story with exact scientific details, which in part inspired 1 the future father of science fiction, Jules Verne (Journey to the Center of the Earth, Around the World in Eighty Days).
- c. This story, (7) takes place in Paris, is often (8) the first detective story, and its hero, Monsieur C. August Dupin, the first literary detective. There are very strange murders in this story. The victims are killed by someone with superhuman strength. Different people hear the murderer talking in a "foreign" language. Whodunit?
- d. This is the story of a prince who tries to escape death. The prince's kingdom is being destroyed by the plague, that terrible disease which periodically decimated ² Europe (9) the Middle Ages. The symbol and sign of the Plague is the red of blood, and no one can escape it, but the prince tries. He takes all his ladies and knights into his castle where he has luxurious parties, (10) everyone outside is dying. Will death be an unexpected and unwanted guest at the prince's party?
- 1. inspired: 启发。



THE BLACK CAT



Before reading

			s with their definitions. h are generally kept as pets.
ı. [dog	2.	bat
3.	rabbit	4.	cheetah
5.	bird	6.	hedgehog
7.	fox	8.	goldfish
).	trout	10.	monkey
a. [A freshwat	er fish relate	d to salmon which is good to eat.
). T			er of the order of primates – the order
	=/-		beings, gorillas, lemurs and
	chimpanze	es. They gen	erally live in tropical countries and
50	eat fruits a	nd leaves.	
. [mal with wings that is active at night.
			when it is resting.
		The state of the state of	, originally from eastern Asia, which
-		owls and po	
. L	- In the subsection of the sub		with long ears, a short tail and long
	_	sed for jump	
	- Contraction of the Contract		with ears, a furry tail and
			this animal range considerably weigh as little as 4 kilos and the
			ch as 65 kilos. Its typical call is a bark.
Г			l with two legs, wings and feathers
	that lays eg		a with two logs, wings and loans
. [_		orous animal with pointed ears, a
-	_		ng muzzle. It has a reddish brown coa
			ceptional intelligence.
	_		animal with a yellowish-brown coat
		The state of the s	he fastest land animal in the world
	and can re	ach speeds u	p to 110 km/h.
. [A small an	imal with a p	pointed head and spines on its back.
	XA71	kad it rolls i	itself up into a ball to protect itself.

Before going on

- The spirit of the perverse ¹
 Do you ever do what *you know* you shouldn't do? Discuss with your friend(s) if you ever:
 - Say nasty 2 things to your friend or someone you love.
 - Don't tell the truth for no good reason at all.
 - · Don't do your homework when you have plenty of time.
 - Break something valuable.
 - Eat the last pastry, candy, cake, etc. when you know somebody else hasn't eaten yet.
 - Don't go to bed when you should, even if you are tired.
 - Drive your bike or motorcycle too fast.
 - · Others.

3	Listen	to	the	first	chapter	of	"The	Black	Cat"	and	decide	whether
	the statements are true (T) or false (F).											

		T	F
a.	The narrator is going to die tomorrow.		
b.	When the narrator was a child, he hated animals.		
c.	He had a large white cat.		
d.	His cat's name was Pluto.		
e.	He became a victim of alcohol.		
f.	He cut off his cat's head.		
g.	He was not sorry for what he had done to his cat.		
h.	He killed Pluto because he knew that his cat loved him.		

^{2.} nasty:卑鄙的。



Chapter One

do not think people will believe my story. But I am not mad, and I am not dreaming. Tomorrow I will die and I want to make a confession 1. The events which I am going to describe here have terrified 2 me, have tortured 3 me, have destroyed me. To me they seemed horrible and supernatural, but perhaps somebody who is calmer and more rational 4 will find a logical 5 explanation. This is my story.

I was a very kind and gentle child who loved animals. As I grew up this love for animals became greater. This is easy to understand: it is difficult to trust 6 people, but you can always trust a faithful dog.

1. confession: 承认自己的罪过。

2. terrified:惊吓。

3. tortured:折磨。

4. rational:理性的。

5. logical: 合逻辑的。

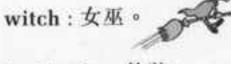
6. trust:信赖。

Chapter One

I married when I was young and my wife liked animals too. We had birds, gold-fish, a dog, rabbits, a small monkey, and a cat. This cat was quite large, beautiful, completely black and extremely intelligent. In fact, my wife sometimes said that our cat was probably a witch 1 in disguise 2. She was not really serious about this, and I mention it now only because by chance 3 I remember it. Pluto - this was the cat's name - was my favorite pet and playmate 4. He followed me everywhere.

Unfortunately, I became a victim of alcohol. I drank more and more. Of course, my personality changed. I became moody 5 and irritable with my wife and pets. At the beginning, though, I respected Pluto and never hurt him. But one night I returned home very intoxicated 6. I thought that Pluto was avoiding me. I held him violently and in his fright the cat bit my hand. I became furious. I was possessed by a demon 7. I caught the cat again. Then I took a pocket-knife from my pocket, opened it and cut out his eye! I blush 8, I burn while I now write these facts. The next day I felt horror for my action, but I continued to drink, and wine made me forget the horrible thing I had done.

1. witch: 女巫。



in disguise: 伪装。

by chance: 偶然。 3.

playmate: 玩伴。

moody:情绪化的。 5.

intoxicated: 酩酊大醉。

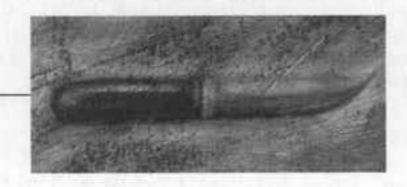
demon: 魔鬼。 7.

I blush: 我因羞愧而感到面红耳赤。

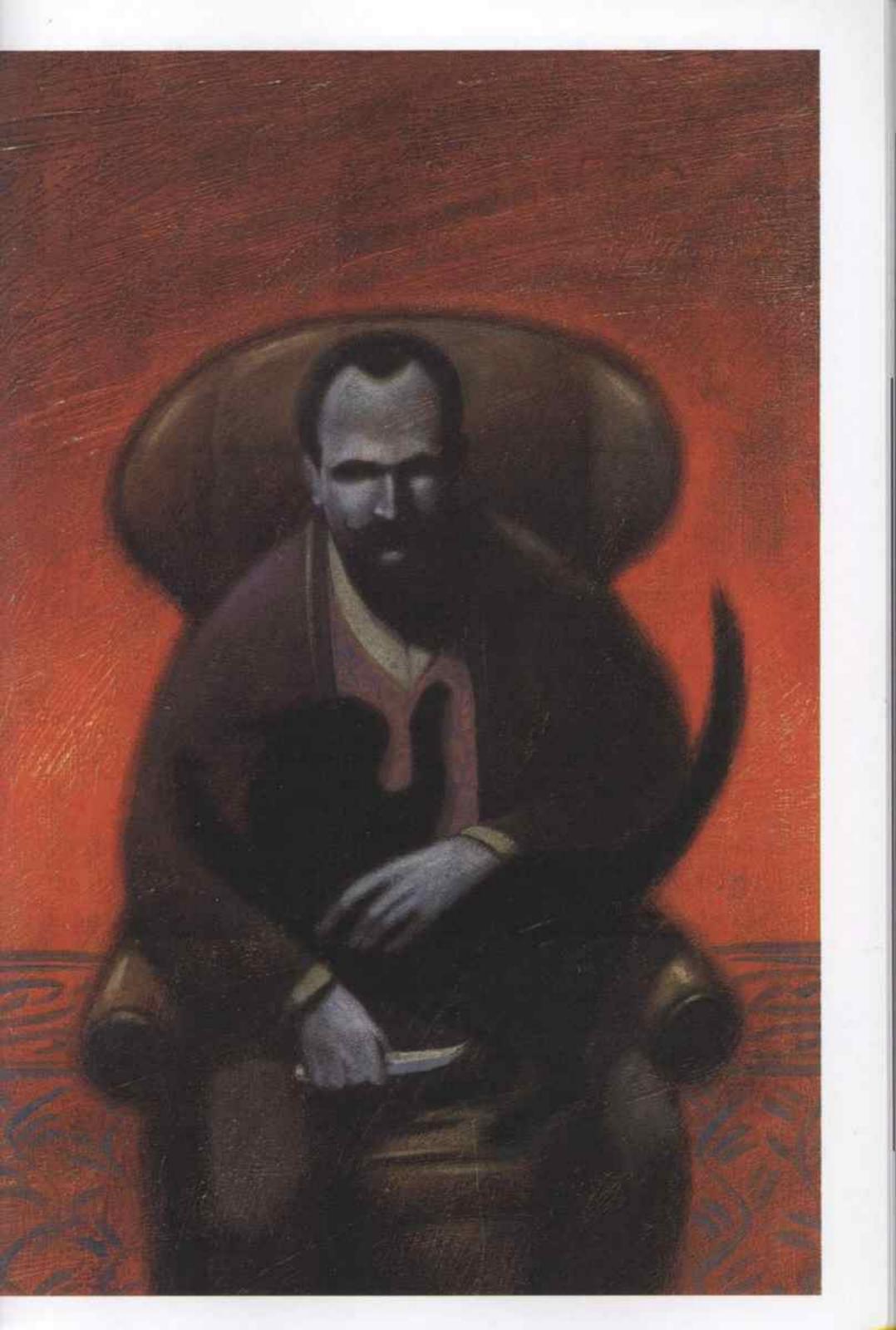
THE BLACK CAT

The cat got better. The empty eye socket ¹ was frightening, but the cat was no longer in pain ². He went about the house as usual, but, obviously ³, he ran away from me in terror. At first I was sorry about this, but soon it made me angry. And then came the spirit of PERVERSENESS. Philosophy does not talk about this spirit, but it is a fundamental part of the human heart. We have all done stupid or terrible things simply because we know that we should not do them. This, then, is PERVERSENESS.

This spirit of perverseness, I say, destroyed me because one day I decided to kill poor Pluto. With tears in my eyes and sadness in my heart I put a noose 4 around his neck and hanged him from a tree. I hanged Pluto only because I knew he loved me, only because he had never hurt me, only because I knew that God would never pardon 5 me for the crime.



- 1. socket:(眼)窝。
- 2. was no longer in pain: 不再感到痛楚。
- 3. obviously: 明显地。
- 4. noose : 绳套。 🗡
- 5. pardon:饶恕。



Go back to the text

Match the first part of the sentences in column A with the second part in column B.

A

- 1. His wife thought that Pluto was a witch
- 2. He loved animals more than people
- 3. The narrator became moody and irritable
- 4. Pluto ran away from him in terror
- 5. We all do stupid or terrible things
- 6. He killed Pluto

B

- a. because we know that we shouldn't do them.
- b. because it is easier to trust animals.
- c. because he had cut out his eye with a pocket-knife.
- d. because he knew that Pluto loved him.
- e. because he drank too much.
- f. because he was black and very intelligent.
- Below is a list of words you read in Chapter One. Put them in the correct column of the chart.

irritable drank ran away hurt logical bit liked calmer hanged witch terrified furious tortured terror married demon trust kind mad playmate intelligent destroy gentle dreaming noose understand personality frightening drink wine spirit die heart philosophy possessed horror angry

intoxicated	love	pain	kill

fright

3 Theme – Giving Advice and Opinions At what age can young people:

Drink alcohol
Go to a night club
Stay out until 2 am
Smoke cigarettes
Leave school and get a job
Drive a car

Imagine a younger brother/sister wants to do all the things mentioned at the age of 14, what would you advise him/her?

We have all done stupid things.

When we wish to talk about a period of time that began in the past and continues up to the present we use the Present Perfect.

Often the period of time we are referring to is a person's life, especially when we use the adverb "ever" in the question.

Look at the following examples:

- Have you ever done anything stupid?
- · Yes, I have done many stupid things.
- · Have they ever traveled by plane?
- · Yes, they have.

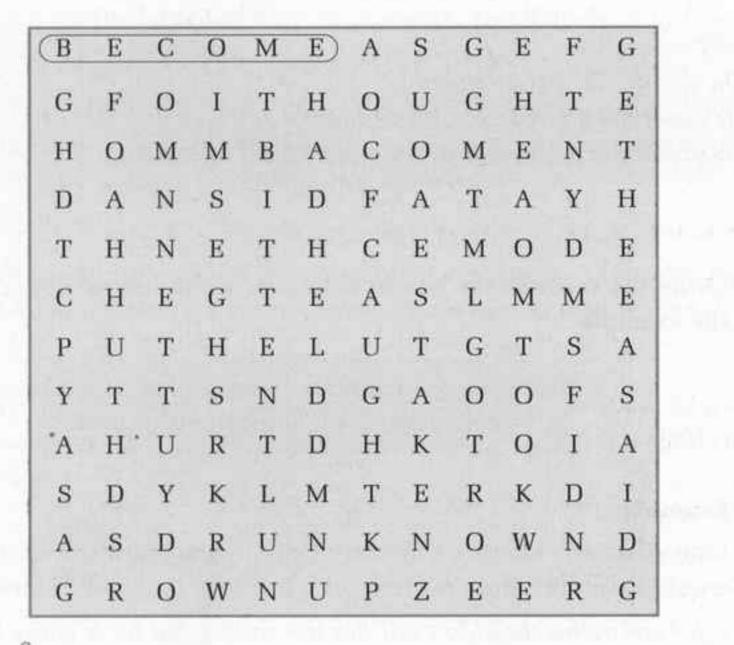
Now look at the following short dialogues and notice that the Past Simple is used when we begin to ask or talk about something specific in the past.

- Have you ever lost your wallet?
 Yes, I have.
- When did you lose your wallet?
 I lost it during my summer holiday last summer.
- Have you ever studied American literature?
 Yes, I have.
- When did you study it?
 I studied it when I was a high school student.
- Use the elements below to ask the narrator of the story questions, and then give his answers according to what you have read. You must decide if the verbs should be in the Present Perfect or the Past Simple tenses. If the question is in the Present Perfect use the adverb "ever".

a.	You: have/a dog?	Have you ever had a dog?
b.	Narrator	Yes, I have.
c.	enjoy/walking/a dog?	Did you enjoy walking it?
d.	Narrator	***************************************
e.	have/a cat?	
f.	Narrator	***************************************
g.	what/be/its name?	
h.	Narrator	
;	what/he like?	

j.	Narrator	***************************************
k.	you/be/violent?	***************************************
l.	Narrator	
m.	why/you/violent?	
n.	Narrator	***************************************
о.	you/do/something	
	you knew was wrong?	***************************************
p.	Narrator	***************************************
q.	what/you/do?	
r.	Narrator	
s.	why/you/do/it?	
t.	Narrator	***************************************

Find the 21 Past Participles in the verb square which are all in the previous chapter, circle them like the example.



Now complete each of the following sentences using the Past Simple of the appropriate irregular verb.

Example: He hurt Pluto for no good reason.

- a. The more I drank, the more I irritable and moody.
- b. My wife that Pluto was a witch in disguise.
- c. My wife and I lots of pets.
- d. When he was a boy he loved animals, but when he he loved them even more.
- e. The cat tried to escape, but he it.
- f. The dog looked friendly, but when I tried to caress it, it me.

Things we should not do.

Look at this:

You should help your friends.

= It would be a good idea if you helped your friends.

You shouldn't steal. = It is not a good idea to steal.

Using the verbs in the box to help you, write sentences according to the example.

turn on turn off steal eat tell blow over clean open drive

Example:

John's sister is reading a mystery story. If she knew the ending it would ruin ¹ the story for her. John has read the book before.

John knows he shouldn't tell her the ending but he is going to tell her anyway.

1. ruin: (此处指) 破坏 (阅读兴趣)。

a.	Edgar is riding down the highway in his new sports car. It is late at night and no one is around. Now he is going at 100 kilometres per hour, but his car can go much faster.
	Edgar
b.	My sister has spent an hour building a house of playing cards. Any movement of air, and it will fall over. Her little brother is watching her enviously.
	Her little brother
c.	My father worked until late last night. It is eleven in the morning now and I would like to hear some rock music on the radio.
	I
d.	Dominique is in the dark room developing some very important photographs. Charles is in front of the dark room door. If any light enters the room all the photos will be ruined.
	Charles
e.	I can see the box of money on the table, and nobody is in the room. The money was collected for the local hospital.
	I
f.	Thomas sees a piece of chocolate cake on the table. He knows that it is for his sister who loves chocolate cake.
	Thomas
g.	My hands are covered with chocolate and sugar. Juliette's new cashmere sweater is on the chair. I hate having sticky hands.
	I
h.	My sister has just seen a horror film and she is terrified. She is in her bedroom with the light on but the light switch is outside her room!
	I

Before you go on

(6) I	Listen to the beginning of Chapter Two, and complete the following sentences with a word or a short phrase.					
	1. The night of the crime there was					
	2. He, his wife and his servant just					
	3. The day after the fire he went to visit					
	4. The people looking at the wall said things like					
	5. On the wall he saw the figure of a					
	6. He thought that someone had thrown the cat into his bedroom window in order					
	7. The image of the cat was probably made by the					
	8. The black cat in the bar was almost identical to Pluto except that					

9. When he left the bar, the cat



Chapter Two



he night of this crime there was a fire in my house. My wife, my servant and I just managed to escape 1. My entire wealth 2 was destroyed in the fire and I lost all hope. I do not want to say that there is a connection between my crime and the fire. I only

want to record the facts of my story.

The day after the fire I went to visit the ruins ³ of my house. Only one wall remained, and around this wall was a group of people. They were saying things like "strange!", "singular!". I went closer and saw a strange bas-relief ⁴ on the wall, the figure of a gigantic ⁵ cat. The image was extremely accurate. There was a rope ⁶ about the animal's neck.

- just managed to escape: 仅仅得 以脱险。
- 2. wealth:财产。
- 3. ruins: 颓垣败瓦。

- 4. bas-relief: 浅浮雕。
- 5. gigantic:庞大的。
- 6. rope:粗绳。



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When I first saw the image of the cat I was terrified, but I thought about it and found a good explanation. I had hung the cat in the garden next to my house. When the fire began, this garden was filled up with people. Somebody probably threw the cat into my bedroom window in order to wake me. The other walls of the house fell in and pressed the body of the cat against this wall. The great heat of the fire and a chemical reaction then made the image.

Although I had a logical explanation, that bas-relief made a great impression on my imagination. For months I could not escape the phantasm ¹ of the cat. I even tried to find another cat to substitute ² it. Then, one night in a bar, I saw a black object on top of some hogsheads ³ of rum. I looked closer. It was a large black cat. It was almost identical to Pluto except it had an indistinct ⁴ white area on its breast ⁵. I caressed ⁶ the cat and it immediately got up and purred ⁷. It was happy. This was the animal I was looking for. I asked the bartender ⁸ if I could buy it. He said that it was not his. I continued to caress the cat and when I left the bar, the cat followed me home.

My wife liked this cat very much. But I began to dislike it. I had thought that I would be happier with a new cat. Instead, the affection of the cat only disgusted me. And slowly this disgust became hatred. I avoided it because I felt some shame for killing Pluto and I did not want to hurt it too. In addition, this cat, just like Pluto, had only one eye.

- 1. phantasm:幻觉。
- 2. substitute:代替。
- 3. hogsheads: 大酒桶。
- 4. indistinct: 模糊不清的。
- 5. breast:胸部。

- 6. caressed:轻抚。
- 7. purred:(猫)发出低而连续的呜呜声。

EN

8. bartender:酒吧服务员。

Go back to the text

Read the summary of Chapter Two and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning.

He did not want to kill Pluto, but he killed him (0) ...A...., and the night after he killed Pluto his house (1) on fire. The fire destroyed his entire wealth and he lost all his hope. The (2) day there was a group of people around the ruins of his house, (3) were saying things (4) as "strange!" and "singular!". Only one wall of his house remained (5) on that wall was a strange image: a gigantic cat with a rope around its neck. (6) though, he had a logical explanation for this image, it (7) a great impression on him.

Still, he (8) on drinking and one night in a bar he saw a black object on (9) hogsheads of rum. (10) was a black cat. He asked the bartender if the cat was his, but it seemed the cat did not (11) to anyone. He caressed the cat and the cat followed him home. It was exactly like Pluto (12) it had a strange white area on its breast.

Soon, however, he began to hate it. At the same time, he began to avoid it because the white area turned into the image of the gallows.

0.	A	anyway	В	still	C	also	D	even
1.	A	took	В	made	C	caught	D	went
2.	A	after	В	then	C	next	D	near
3.	A	who	В	which	C	that	D	whose
4.	A	similar	В	like	C	such	D	almost
5.	A	but	В	although	C	and	D	or
6.	A	However	В	Also	C	If	D	Even
7.	A	did	В	made	C	forced	D	created
8.	A	continued	В	took	C	maintained	D	kept
9.	A	some	В	any	C	the	D	those
10.	A	That	В	This	C	He	D	It
11.	A	belong	В	own	C	possess	D	have
		though	В	but	C	except	D	even

However, the more I hated this cat, the more it followed me. It is difficult to explain how terrible this was. When I sat down it would jump on my legs and cover me with horrible caresses. When I got up to walk it was between my legs and I would almost fall. This made me so angry that I wanted to kill it, but I was stopped — not by the memory of my first crime — but by absolute 1 dread 2 of the beast.

This dread was not exactly a dread of physical evil, but I do not know how to define it. I am almost ashamed to admit — as I wait here in my prison cell — that my terror was caused by something incredibly 3 insubstantial 4. My wife had often talked

about the indistinct white patch 5 on the cat's breast, the only difference between him and Pluto. But this indistinct white patch gradually became distinct. I tried to ignore what I saw. I said to myself that it was just my imagination. But this distinct image was the real reason why I did not dare 6 hurt the beast. It was an image that I feared. It was the image of the GALLOWS 7! That terrible instrument of Horror and of Crime — of Agony 8 and of Death!



- 1. absolute:绝对的。
- 2. dread:恐惧。
- 3. incredibly: 难以置信地。
- 4. insubstantial:虚幻。
- 5. patch:块斑。

- 6. I did not dare: 我不敢。
- 7. gallows:绞刑架。
- 8. agony: 极大的痛苦。

2 Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

1.	VV	ny ao	bes the narrator mention the story of the life:
	A		Because he wants people to know that he has suffered greatly, and that his great suffering made him do horrible things.
	В		Because he sees the fire as a sign of divine ¹ punishment for his horrible crime.
	С		Because he was sure that the phantasm of Pluto caused the fire.
	D		Because he wants to tell his story honestly and correctly.
2.			narrator's opinion, how did the image of the cat with a round its neck appear on the wall?
	A		A wall of the house fell against the dead cat, which a neighbor had thrown into his bedroom, and the heat of the fire caused a chemical reaction that formed the image.
	В		A neighbor, who wanted to wake him up because of the fire, tried to throw the cat into his bedroom, but the cat hit a wall of the house. Then since the fire had made the wall soft, the cat left its image on the wall.
	С		During the fire a neighbor, who knew that he had killed the cat, made the bas-relief on the wall to frighten him.
	D		The phantasm of the black cat produced the image with magic in order to frighten him.
3.	W	hy d	id the narrator first begin to avoid the cat?
	A		Because the cat often tried to bite him.
	В		Because he hated it.
	C		Because he thought it was really the phantasm of Pluto.
	D		Because he did not want to kill it.

1. divine: 神灵的。

Although I had a logical explanation...

Example:

 That bas-relief made a great impression on my imagination, although I had a logical explanation.

or

- Although I had a logical explanation, that bas-relief made a great impression on my imagination.
- When I first saw the image of the cat I was terrified, but'I thought about it and found a good explanation.
- Fill in the blanks with either although or but according to the context.
 - a. I killed Pluto, I loved him very much.
 - b. I knew drinking was bad for me, I drank anyway.
 - c. Edgar Allan Poe wrote many popular stories and poems, he still died poor.
 - d. I have read this sentence many times, I still don't understand it.
 - e. I know that "The Black Cat" is only a story, it still frightens me.
 - f. He ate the last piece of cake, he knew that I wanted it.

Before reading

Be ar nı	elow a e not imber	are four paragraphs from the last chapter of the story. The in the right order. Listen to the recording once and the them in the right order. Then listen to the recording againgle the right word to fill in the blanks.
a.		One (morning / night / day) we had to go down into the cellar. The cat went between my legs. I almost fell. I (became / got / was) furious. I grabbed an axe and tried to (hit / kill / hurt) the animal, but my wife blocked my arm. This made me even more furious and I lifted the axe again and buried it in her (brain / head / heart). She fell dead immediately, without a groan.
b.		Oh how I suffered! You cannot imagine. I had (killed / hurt / destroyed) a brute beast, and now another brute beast was destroying me. Day or night I could not (sleep / work / rest). During the day the creature never left (me / us / her) alone, and at night I woke up hourly from terrible (images / dreams / nightmares) with that thing on my (stomach / face / legs). It was a living nightmare always there in my heart.
c.		I had murdered her. Now I had to eliminate the (corpse / body / cadaver). There were many possibilities. I could cut the body into little pieces and then burn them, or I could bury it.
d.		All my good thoughts had gone. (Evil / Dreadful / Hateful) thoughts filled my brain. I began to (dread / dislike / hate) all things and all mankind. My wife, I am sorry to say, suffered the most.

Now read the chapter and check your answers.



Chapter Three



h how I suffered! You cannot imagine. I had killed a brute 1 beast, and now another brute beast was destroying me. Day or night I could not rest. During the day the creature never left me alone, and at night I woke up hourly from terrible dreams with that thing on my face. It was a living nightmare 2 always there in my heart.

All my good thoughts had gone. Evil thoughts filled my brain. I began to hate all things and all mankind 3. My wife, I am sorry to say, suffered the most.

One day we had to go down into the cellar 4. The cat went between my legs. I almost fell. I became furious. I grabbed 5 an

brute: 凶残的。

nightmare: 恶梦。

mankind:人类。

cellar:地下室。

5. grabbed: 抓起。

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axe ¹ and tried to kill the animal, but my wife blocked my arm. This made me even more furious and I lifted the axe again and buried it ² in her brain. She fell dead immediately, without a groan.

I had murdered her. Now I had to eliminate ³ the body. There were many possibilities. I could cut the body into little pieces and then burn them, or I could bury it.

END

Finally, I decided to put it inside the wall of the cellar. There was a projection 4 in the wall. I pulled out the bricks 5 with a crowbar 6. I put the body in there and then I carefully put back the bricks. Nobody could see the difference. It was perfect.

Then I went to look for the cat to kill it too. But the beast had escaped. I did not see it that night. I was finally free of its torment ⁷ and that night I slept tranquilly ⁸, even if I had just killed my wife.

The second and the third day passed. The monster did not return. My happiness was supreme. The police came and searched the house, but, of course, they found nothing. I would be happy forever!

Then on the fourth day the police came again. They told me to come with them while they searched the house. They went down into the cellar again and found nothing. I was so happy that I wanted to say something. I wanted to show that I was really not guilty.

- 1. axe:斧头。
- 2. buried it: 砍进。
- 3. eliminate:除去。
- 4. projection:突出的部分。
- 5. bricks: 砖头。

- 6. crowbar : 撬棍。
- 7. torment:折磨。
- 8. tranquilly:平静地。

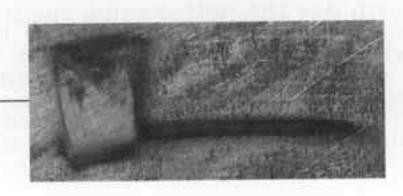
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"Gentlemen," I finally said, "I am glad that you have no more suspicions. Oh, by the bye 1, isn't this a well constructed house. (Now I can't really remember what I said.) In fact, I think it's an excellently well constructed house. These walls — are you going, gentlemen? — are really solid."

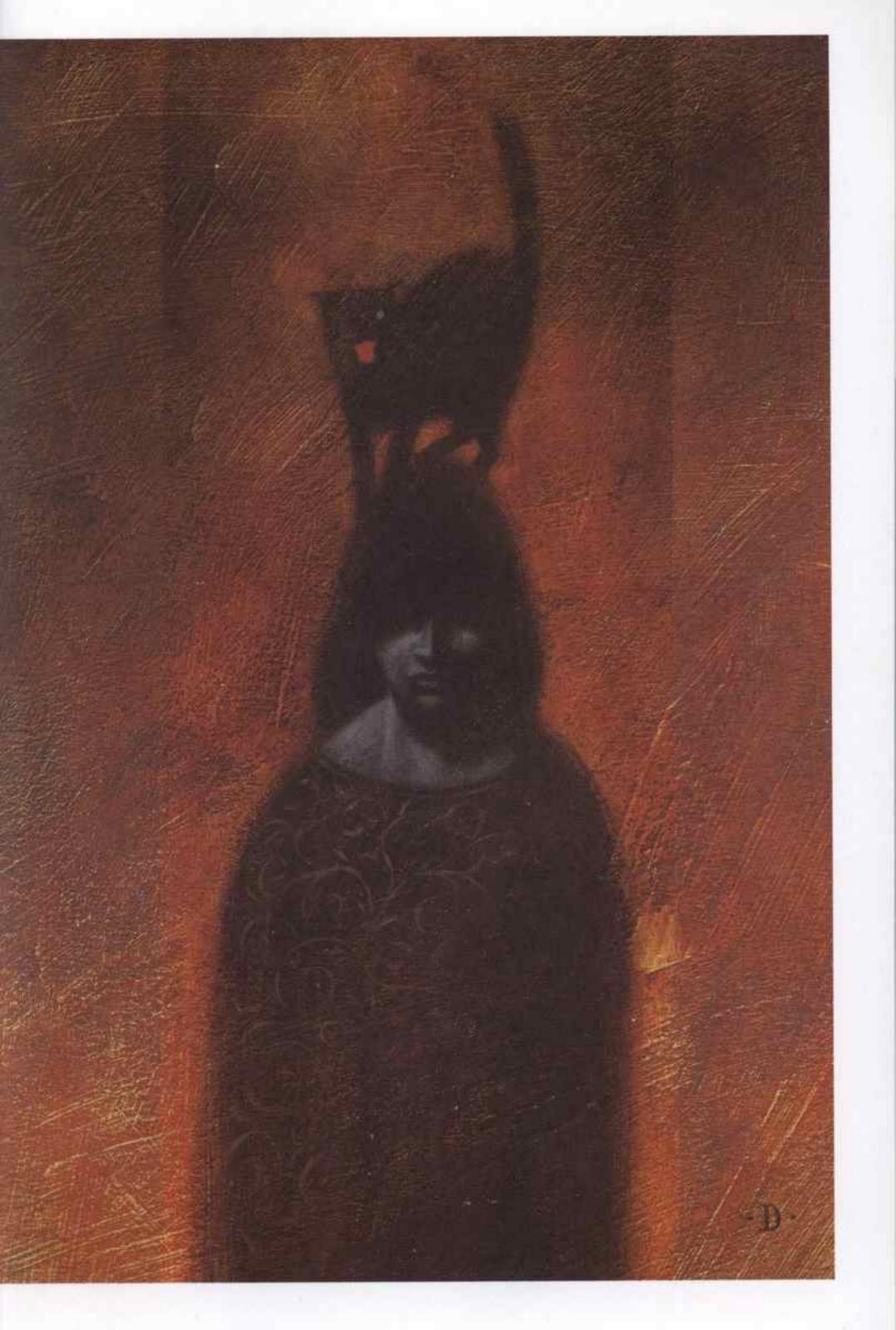
Then in that moment I hit the walls with my cane 2.

May God protect me! The noise of my cane was answered by a voice from the tomb! At first, the voice was difficult to hear. It was like a child crying. Then it became louder and louder. One long, loud, and continuous scream, completely inhuman that came directly from hell!

For a moment the police and I did not move. But then they easily opened the wall. There inside was the standing corpse ³, already greatly decayed ⁴ and covered with blood. On the corpse's head, with its red mouth open and one eye, was the beast, the beast that had made me murder my wife. And now that monster had given me to the hangman ⁵. I had walled the monster up within the tomb ⁶!



- 1. by the bye: 顺带一提。
- 2. cane: 手杖
- 3. corpse:尸体。
- 4. decayed: 腐烂。
- 5. hangman: 执行绞刑的人。
- 6. tomb:坟墓。



Go back to the text

1 Answer the following questions.

- a. Why did the narrator kill his wife?
- b. Where did he put the corpse?
- c. Why did the narrator tell the policemen that the house was well constructed?
- d. What did the narrator do to show the policemen that the walls of the house were solidly built?
- e. Why did the cat begin to scream?

They told me to come with them.

Look at this sentence

verb + object + infinitive

They wanted me to come with them.

Many verbs in English take this construction.

- · They ordered the soldiers to attack.
- · He told me to go home.
- I expect you to be here at nine. = I think you should be here at nine.
 = I think it is your responsibility to be here at nine.
- She reminded me to change the light bulb.
- The doctor advised me to stop smoking.
 - = The doctor said that it would be a good idea if I stopped smoking.
- My father taught me how to ride a bicycle.
- · The teacher lets them use a calculator.
 - = The teacher permits them to use a calculator.
- They begged us to help them. = They implored us to help them.
- I would like you to cook dinner.
- · Herbert showed me how to bake a carrot cake.
- They helped me to repair the car.

2	sin	questions 1-12, complete the second sentence so that it has a silar meaning to the first, using the word given. Do not change word given. You must use between two and five words,
	inc	luding the word given. Here is an example (0).
	0.	The policeman forced me to open the door.
		MADE
		The policeman <i>made me open</i> the door.
	1.	My teacher thinks it is my responsibility to learn all the irregular verbs. EXPECTS
		My teacher the irregular verbs.
	2.	"Clean all the bathrooms!" shouted the sergeant to his men.
		ORDERED
		The sergeant all the bathrooms.
	3.	Susan gave me directions to her house.
		HOW
		Susan to her house.
	4.	My mechanic says that it would be a good idea if I bought a new car. ADVISES
		My mechanic a new car.
	5.	My friends always permit me to stay in their apartment.
		LET
		My friends in their apartment.
	6.	That film caused me to cry.
		MÅDE
		That film cry.
	7.	"Don't forget to take your keys," she said to me.
		REMINDED
		She keys.

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8.	"Please lend me some money, Ahmed," said Harriet.
	BEGGED
	Harriet her some money.
9.	They gave me a hand cleaning up the house.
	HELPED
	They the house.
10.	"Bring me another glass of juice," said my friend.
	TOLD
	My friend another glass of juice.
11.	I learnt how to cook from my mother.
	TAUGHT
	My mother to cook.
12.	"Will you vote for me?" he said to them.
	WANTED
	He for him.

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- Theme Expressing possibility and uncertainty
 "...the beast, the beast that had made me murder my wife."

 Think about this statement with your friend(s). Answer the following questions:
 - a. Do you think it is possible for a ghost or spirit to make people do things they don't want to do? Why, why not?
 - b. If you saw a ghost, how could you be certain people believed your story?
 - c. How possible is it that you will see a ghost in your lifetime?
 - d. What happens to pets when they die in your country?

Here is a summary of "The Black Cat", but four paragraphs have been removed. Choose the most suitable paragraph from the list A-E. There is one paragraph which you do not have to use.

1

Unfortunately, he began to drink. Of course, drinking made him moody and irritable. One night he was possessed by a demon, as he said, and he grabbed Pluto and cut out one of its eyes. Another night he hung the cat from a tree in the garden.

2

Still, he did not stop drinking and one evening he saw another black cat that resembled ¹ Pluto. This cat followed him home. This cat never left him alone. He began to hate this cat too. It became a living nightmare for him, and he began to hate everything and everybody.

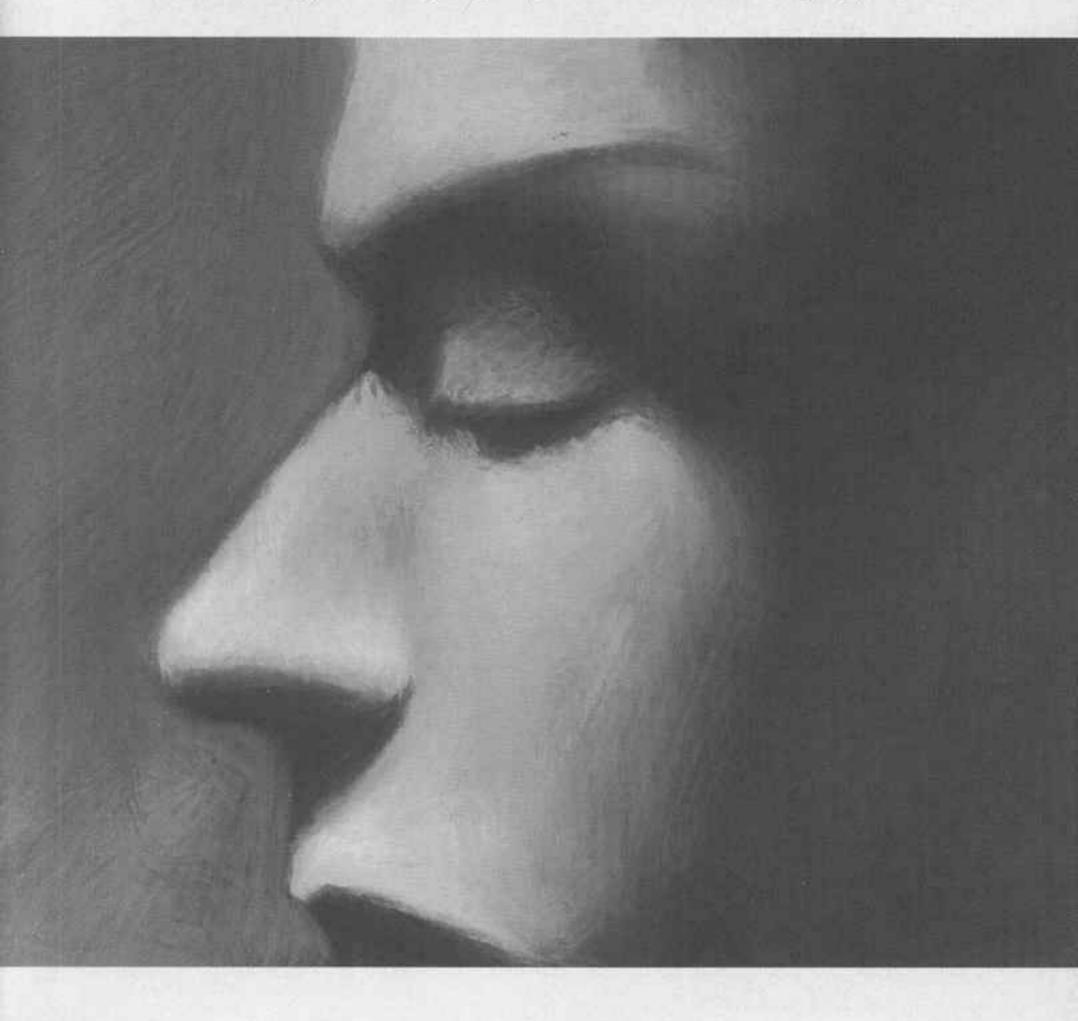
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He then walled up his wife in the cellar. That night he slept peacefully. He also felt better because he thought that the cat had run away forever. When the police came and searched his house they found nothing and left.

4

- A After having committed this horrible crime, there was a fire in his house and all his wealth and possessions were destroyed. The next day he went to see the remains of his house. He saw that only one wall was standing, and around this wall there was a crowd of people. They were saying things like "strange!" and "singular!" He came closer and saw a large bas-relief of the cat on the wall!
- 1. resembled:相像。

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- B The police came several times but they could not find anything. He was very happy about this, but one day he hit the wall of the cellar with his cane and he heard an inhuman screaming which got louder and louder. The police ran to his house and ordered him to open the door.
- C One day, while he was going down into the cellar with his wife, this cat almost made him fall. He became furious and grabbed an axe. His wife blocked his arm. This made him even more furious, and he killed her instead.
- D They came back a second time. This time he felt very sure of himself because he was certain that the police would never find the corpse. He even hit the wall of the cellar with a cane. But when he did this, he heard an inhuman screaming. The police quickly opened the wall and found the wife's decayed corpse with the cat on her head.
- E This story is told by a man in prison. He tells us briefly the story of his life and why he is in prison. When he was a child he was very gentle and loved animals. Later when he got married this love continued and he and his wife had many pets: birds, goldfish, a dog, rabbits and a monkey. They also had a black cat whose name was Pluto. It was very intelligent and his wife sometimes said that it was a witch in disguise.

Before reading

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Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

My valet Pedro and I (0) were traveling through the Apennine
Mountains (1) Italy. I was badly hurt and
(2) a high fever. We finally saw a very strange
and gloomy castle that (3) been recently
abandoned. (4) was the kind of castle you can
read about (5) certain old novels about ghosts.
Pedro knew (6) I couldn't remain outside in my condition, (7) he decided to break into the castle
(8) he had broken in, he took me to a small room
in a turret of the castle. This room had many (9)
old paintings, tapestries and arms. There were also many spirited
modern paintings. I looked closely at (10) all.
They fascinated me greatly, perhaps (11) I was
delirious from the fever. I also found a book that told the story of
(12) of the paintings in the room.
Pedro lit the candles of a large candelabrum and I began to
contemplate each piece of art in this bizarre room. I lay in my bed
reading and looking at the paintings for a long time. Then,
(13) Pedro was asleep, I moved the candelabrum so I could read (14) easily.



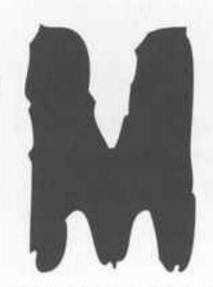
Now listen to the first part of the chapter and check your answers.

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Chapter One





y valet ² Pedro and I were traveling through the Apennine Mountains in Italy. I was badly hurt and had a high fever ³. We finally saw a very strange and gloomy ⁴ castle that had been recently abandoned. It was the kind of castle

that you can read about in certain old novels about ghosts. Pedro knew that I couldn't remain outside in my condition, so he decided to break into 5 the castle.

1. portrait: 肖像画。

2. valet: 仆人。

3. fever:发烧。

4. gloomy: 阴森的。

5. to break into: 闯入。

When he had broken in, he took me to a small room in a turret ¹ of the castle. This room had many very old paintings, tapestries ²

and arms ³. There were also many spirited ⁴ modern paintings. I looked closely at them all. They fascinated me greatly, perhaps because I was delirious ⁵ from the fever. I also found a book that told the story of each of the paintings in the room.

Pedro lit the candles of a large candelabrum and I began to contemplate 6 each piece of art in this bizarre 7 room. I lay in my bed reading and looking at the paintings for a long, long time. Then, since Pedro was asleep, I moved the candelabrum so I could read more easily.



END

The light of the candles made it easier to read, but it also illuminated ⁸ a strange little painting in a dark niche ⁹. It was the portrait of a lovely adolescent ¹⁰ girl. I do not know why, but I closed my eyes for a moment and thought about it.

Then I opened my eyes to look at it again. Then I wondered why I was so charmed by this painting. Its frame was oval and

- 1. turret: 塔楼。
- 2. tapestries:刺绣挂毡。
- 3. arms:兵器。
- 4. spirited:活泼生动的。
- 5. delirious:精神错乱。
- 6. contemplate: 沉思默想。
- 7. bizarre: 古怪的。
- 8. illuminated: 照亮。
- 9. niche: 壁龛 (用以放置塑像或装饰品)。
- 10. adolescent: 年青的。

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gold. The painting itself was done very well. It showed the head and shoulders of the girl. The girl herself was extremely beautiful.

The painting had even startled me ¹ because for a moment it looked like a living person. Still ² none of these things could explain the secret of its mysterious effect on me. Then I discovered the reason: the expression on her face was almost perfectly lifelike ³. And this lifelikeness had confused me, startled me and filled me with horror.

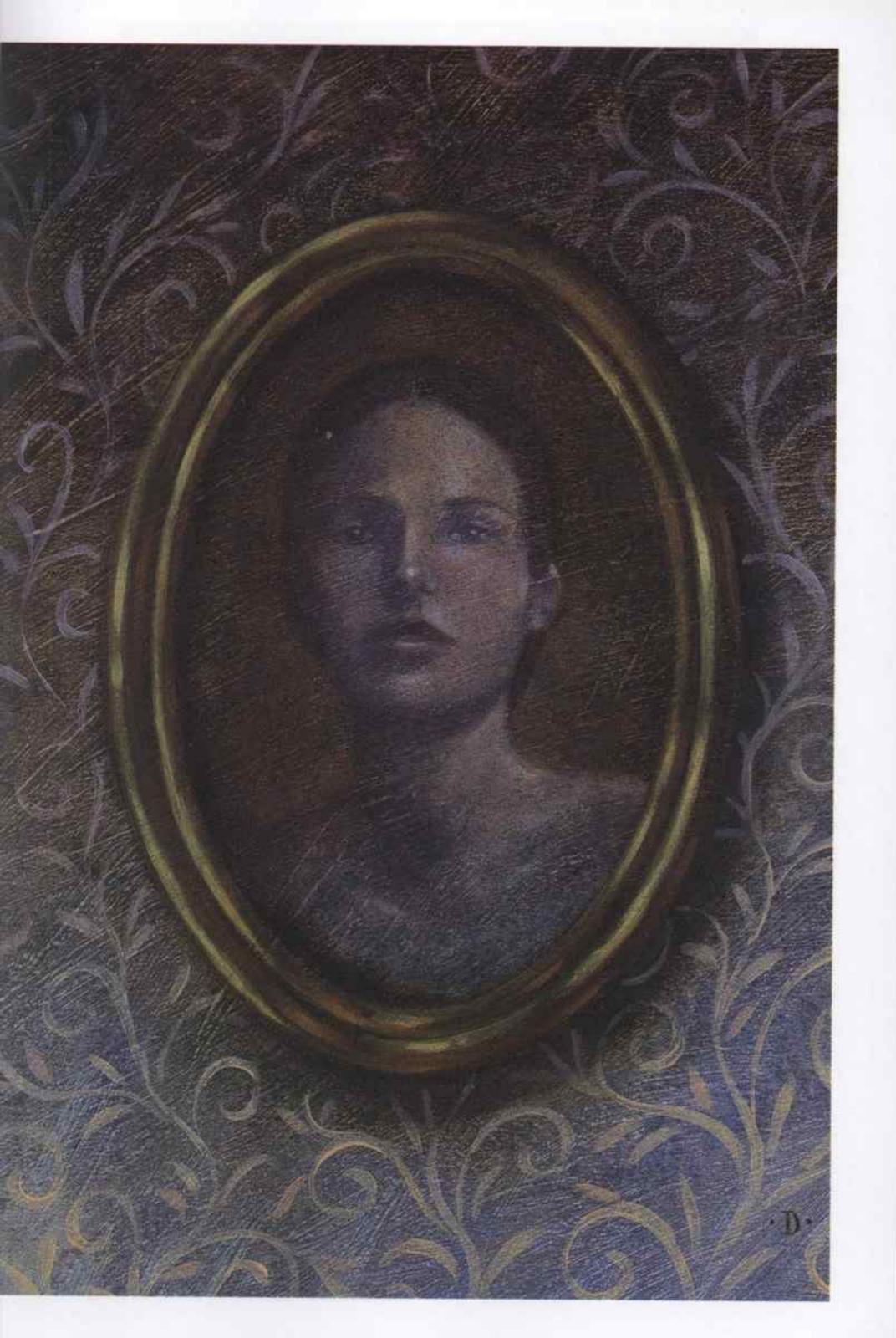
I immediately looked in the book for the story of this oval portrait, and read the following story.



1. startled me:使我大吃一惊。

2. still: 然而。

3. lifelike: 栩栩如生。



Go back to the text

CL	seems the wight energies A. P. Con D.
L Cr	noose the right answer A, B, C or D.
1.	What did the castle remind the narrator of?
	A Ancient warriors 1.
	Books about paintings.
	C Biographies of famous Renaissance artists.
	D Castles you read about in books about ghosts.
2.	Why might the narrator have paid so much attention to the art in
	the room?
	A Because all the paintings seemed so real.
	B Because there was nothing else to look at.
	C Because he was delirious from the fever.
	D Because Pedro fell asleep and left him alone.
3.	Why did the narrator move the candelabrum?
	A So that it would not burn the tapestries.
	B So he could see the small painting of the girl better.
	C So its light would not wake up Pedro.
	D So he could read better.
4.	What did the narrator do when he first saw the painting of the young girl?
	B He wondered why it charmed him so much.
	C He read the story of the painting in the book he had found
	D He wondered how the painter had made it so lifelike.
5.	What was the secret of the painting's effect on the narrator?
	A It was an incredibly well executed 2 work of art.
	B The beauty of the girl in the painting.
	C The lifelikeness of the design.
	D The lifelikeness of the expression of the girl.

1. warriors: 古代的战士。

2. executed:完成。

So and because

Look at the two sentences below:

Pedro knew I couldn't remain outside so he broke into the castle.

The paintings fascinated me because I was delirious.

Remember:

The conjunction so presents the consequence or result of a situation. The conjunction because presents the reason of a situation.

Complete the following sentences with the appropriate sentences in the box, using so or because.

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a.	He	had	a	high	fever	because	he	was	hurt.
		war are one					-		

b.	Pedro was very tired	

C.	He moved the lamp himself	

d.	He couldn't read	

e.	He read	the story	about	the girl	in the	portrait	

f.	He wanted to discover more about the girl in the portrait	

- 1. the portrait had startled and charmed him.
- 2. he lay down and went to sleep.
- 3. he moved the lamp.
- 4. he was hurt.
- 5. he read about her in the book.
- 6. his servant Pedro was asleep.

Before reading

Look at the picture of the girl on page 57, and at the picture of her husband, the artist, on page 65. Describe these two people to your friend(s), and then say what kind of relationship you think they have.

2	Hov	w do you think the story will end?
		The young wife will kill her husband because he only thinks about his art.
		The young wife will soon die, but she will die happily because she knows that her husband will always be able to see her face and think about her.
		The artist will fall in love with the portrait, his creation, and

then kill the real, living woman, his wife.

Artistic words

Others.

Look at the dictionary extracts below. Then answer the two questions and use these words to fill in the blanks in the picture on the opposite page.

brush /braʃ/ noun: an instrument made of a stick and rigid hairs of various kinds that is used for cleaning, painting, etc.: a hairbrush, a toothbrush, a paintbrush, etc.

canvas /kænvəs/ noun: 1 A strong, rigid kind of cloth 2 A piece of this cloth used for oil painting.

easel /i:zl/ noun: a wooden frame used for holding up a painting (often while it is being painted) or a blackboard. frame /freim/ noun: 1 The solid structure of a building, automobile, bicycle, piece of furniture etc. 2 The hard protecting edge of something such as a window or picture: a window frame, a picture frame.

paint /peint/ noun: a colored liquid substance you put on a surface to add color, decorate or protect. paint verb: 1 to put paint on a surface 2 to make a picture with paint.

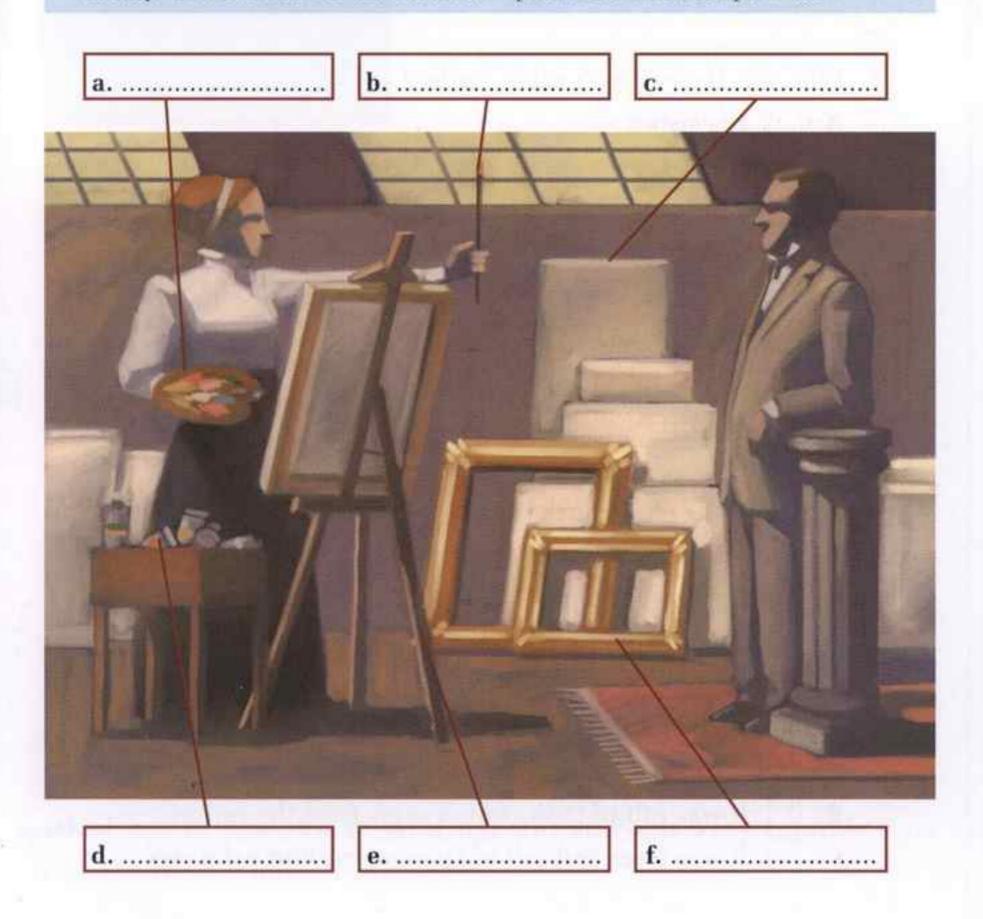
paints noun: a complete set of all different colors of paint in tubes, bottles, etc.

palette /pælət/ noun: a thin board usually with a hole for the thumb,

which the artist holds while painting and on which the artist mixes color.

portrait /po:trent/ noun: a painting, drawing or photograph of a person, often of the face.

pose /pəuz/ verb: to remain in a certain position, often so an artist can paint your picture or make a sculpture etc.



- g. What is the woman doing?
- h. What is the man doing?

1. What was the girl in the portrait like?	
A Very passionate and austere.	
B Very sad and beautiful.	
C Very joyous and beautiful.	
2. Who was the painter's other "wife"?	
A His sister.	
B His Art.	
C His castle.	
3. What was the only thing that the girl hated?	
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5. What was the room in the turret of the castle like?

It was cold and unhealthy.

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It was full of light, which came from the ceiling.

It was large and full of strange, spirited paintings.



THE STORY OF THE GIRL IN THE PORTRAIT

Chapter Two



he girl in the portrait was extremely beautiful and extremely joyous. But it was an evil hour when she married the painter. He was passionate ¹, austere ² and studious ³; and he already had a "wife": his Art.

The girl in the portrait was as happy as a fawn 4, and she loved and cherished 5 all things; she only hated the Art which was her rival. She was only afraid of the palette, easel and brushes that took her husband away.

It was therefore a terrible thing for her when her husband asked her to pose for a painting. But she was very humble 6 and obedient 7, and she agreed to pose.

1. passionate:热情。

2. austere: 严肃古板。

3. studious:用功的,勤学的。

4. as happy as a fawn:像小梅花鹿

那样活泼快乐。

5. cherished:珍爱。

6. humble:谦恭。

7. obedient: 順从的。

THE OVAL PORTRAIT

She posed for this portrait in a cold, unhealthy 1 room of a turret of the castle. The only light in the room came from a small window in the ceiling.

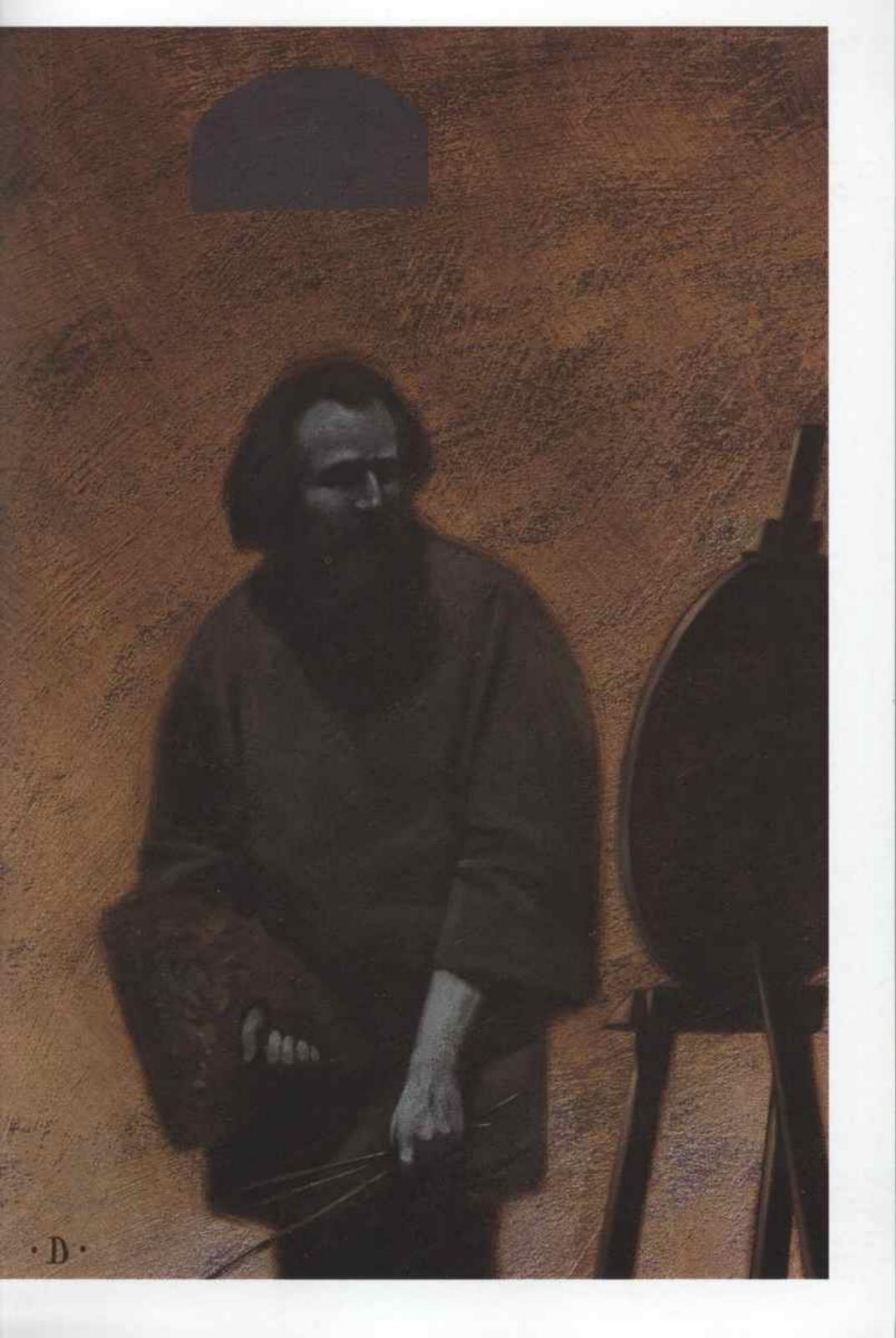
The artist worked with energy and only thought of his work. He became obsessed with ² capturing every shade ³ and color of life on his young wife's face.

Since the room where she was sitting was cold and damp 4, she got 5 more and more ill. Still, her husband did not notice. All he noticed was his painting. He was a wild and moody man, and he was often lost in his own private dream world. Everybody else saw that his wife was getting weaker and weaker. Still, she continued smiling and never complained because she saw that he took such great interest in this painting: he worked day and night to paint the woman who loved him and who was becoming more and more ill for this love.

Some of the people who saw him working said, "This painting is truly marvelous 6. It is proof of both his power as a painter and of his love for his wife."

When the painter was finishing the portrait, nobody was allowed in the turret because the painter had become so passionate about his work: he rarely took his eyes from the canvas to look at his wife's face.

- 1. unhealthy:不利健康的。
- 2. became obsessed with:对…入迷。
- 3. shade:(此处指)深浅色度。
- 4. damp:潮湿。
- 5. got: (此处意为) 变得…。
- 6. marvelous: 绝妙不凡。



THE OVAL PORTRAIT

In fact, he had become so obsessed with his work that he did not notice that as he put red and pink on the canvas 1, red and pink left his young wife's cheeks.

Finally he only needed to add a little bit of color for the mouth and a little bit of color for the eyes. The living color of his wife's face shone again for a moment and then went out 2 like a lamp.

The painter added the last brushstroke ³ and for one moment was entranced ⁴ in front of his painting. He then became pale and began to tremble. He then cried loudly, "This is indeed ⁵ Life itself!" Then he looked suddenly at his wife: — She was dead!



1. canvas:油画布。

2. went out:熄灭;收敛。

3. brushstroke: 笔触。

4. was entranced:陶醉于。

5. indeed:的确。

Go back to the text

Answer the following questions	1	Answer	the	following	questions
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a.	Why was the girl afraid of the artist's paintbrushes, paints, easels canvases and palettes?
b.	What was the artist like?
c.	What became the artist's obsession?
d.	Why did the girl become ill?
e.	What did everybody else see that the artist himself did not see?
f.	Why didn't the girl complain?
g.	What happened as the artist added the last brushstroke to the painting?
h.	Why did the painter become pale and tremble when he finished his painting?

2 Topic - Youth Culture

Bring a photo or picture of yourself with your friends or brothers and sisters. Talk about the picture and say:

- a. Who took it and where you were.
- b. What were you and the others wearing and how did you feel?
- c. How important are pictures and photos to you and young people in general?
- d. Do you like the idea of picture messaging? Why, why not?

He worked day and night to paint the woman who loved him.

Look at these sentences:

He painted the woman who loved him.

That is the book which tells the story of the painting.

These are the paintings that fascinated Edgar Allan Poe.

He is the man that told me about Italy.

That is the hotel where we stayed last summer.

They all contain defining relative clauses. A defining relative clause is essential to the sentence: without it the sentence is not complete.

Notice that we use:

- · who for people
- · which for animals and things
- · that for people, animals and things
- · where for places

In spoken English that is generally used instead of which.

Answer the questions about the story using a relative clause and the elements below. If a sentence can be made with both that and who, or that and which write two different sentences.

man/break into/castle

castle/Pedro and his master/spend the night

artist/paint/a strange portrait of his wife

board/painter/use to mix colors

book/tell the story/of the paintings

place/artist painted the strange portrait

girl/die slowly/in the turret

mountains/form/the backbone of central Italy

a man/often traveled in Italy

writer/write/"The Oval Portrait"

Example: What is that building?

It's the castle where Pedro and his master spent the night.

Example: Who was Edgar Allan Poe?

He was the writer who wrote "The Oval Portrait". He was the writer that wrote "The Oval Portrait".

- a. Who is that man with the beard?
- b. What did the narrator read?
- c. Who was Pedro?
- d. Who is that in the painting?
- e. What are the Apennines?
- f. What is a palette?
- g. Who is the narrator?
- h. What is that turret?
- Pretend you are the girl in the portrait. It is just a day or two before you die. Write a letter to your friend in which you tell her about your horrible situation.

Say:

- Whom you married.
- · What he is like.
- What your marriage is like.
- What he asked you to do.
- · How your husband acts now.
- Why you are afraid.

You can begin like this.

My dearest Constance, I don't know if you have heard of or not, but I married a short time	
ago. The man I married is a	H
	6.
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	8
Your loving friend,	
Phoebe	

Who said what?

- Below are what the characters in the story said, or what they must have said, but Edgar Allan Poe did not record for us.

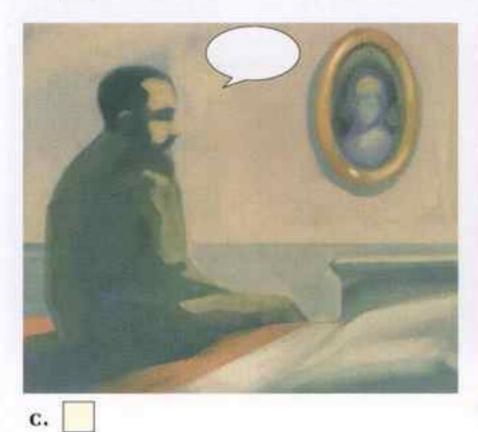
 Write what the characters said in the speech bubbles, and then number the pictures in the order they happened in the story.
 - 1. Yes, if that is what you really want.
 - 2. Why am I so fascinated by that portrait?
 - 3. Because my husband is always away painting.
 - 4. I must paint your portrait. Will you pose for me?
 - This is indeed Life itself!
 - 6. Why are you so sad?
 - 7. It is proof of both his power as a painter and of his love for his wife.
 - I am going to break into the castle because if you spend the night outside, you will die.





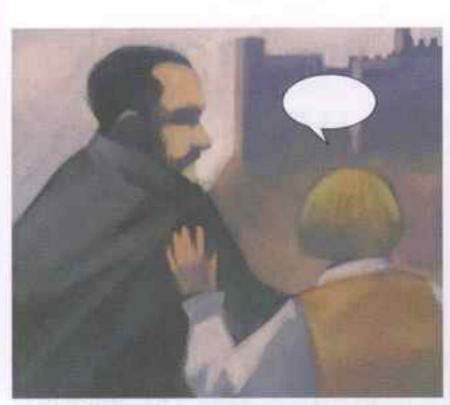


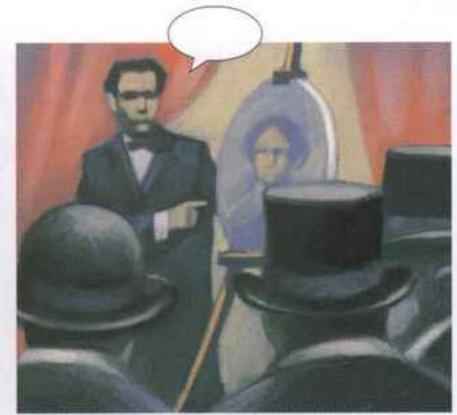
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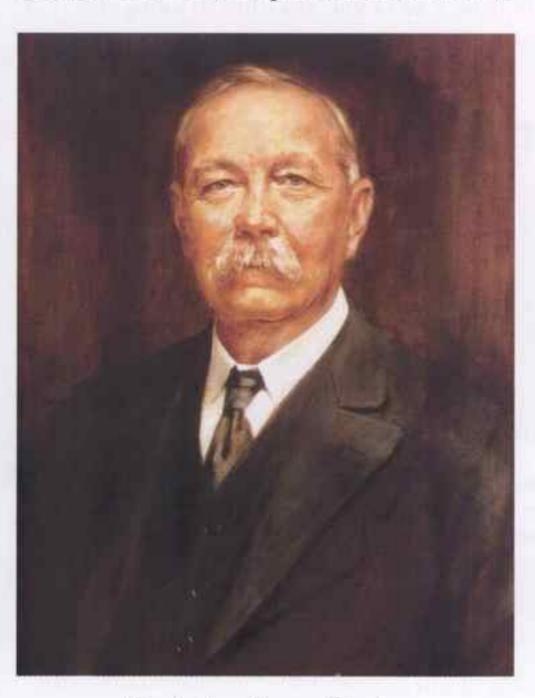
What's your opinion?

- 6 Which of the following sentences do you think best sums up the story?
 - Art is a jealous mistress.
 - Love hurts.
 - Each man kills the thing he loves.
 - Love is blind.
 - Artists love only their art.
 - Love'is all.
 - It is better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all.
 - Art is eternal, but love is not.

Compare your answers with your friend(s) and justify your choice.

A Short History of the "Whodunit"

The detective story, also called a "whodunit" (which is a contraction of "Who has done it?" i.e. Who has done this crime?) is one of the most popular forms in all types of literature and is still very popular today. Its inventor was Edgar Allan Poe (see page 16), who also created the first important fictional detective, C. Auguste Dupin.



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
The National Portrait Gallery, London.

eccentric:性情乖僻的。
 distinctive:突出的。

The eccentric ¹ Dupin was then the inspiration for perhaps the most famous and eccentric literary detective, and perhaps also literary character of any kind, in the world, Sherlock Holmes.

Sherlock Holmes, the creation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930), first appeared in a story called A Study in Scarlet (1887). Sherlock Holmes was a very distinctive 2 character: he wore a strange looking

hat called a deerstalker and a cape 1; he also smoked a pipe and played the violin. Like Dupin he lived a solitary 2 life and only came in contact with the outside world when he had to solve a crime.

One of the next great descendants of Poe's C. Auguste Dupin was Hercule Poirot, the creation of Dame Agatha Christie (1890-1976), who is perhaps the most popular whodunit writer in the world. The dapper 3 Hercule Poirot is also an eccentric. He is famous for his elegant looks, his slicked-down hair 4 and thin moustache 5 and for using "little gray cells" (brain cells) to solve crimes.



Dame Agatha Christie.

Of course there are many, many other famous literary detectives in what is known as the British School of detective writing. Still, most of these detectives had something in common: most of them were amateur 6 detectives and they solved crimes for the intellectual 7

- 1. cape:短斗篷。
- 2. solitary: 孤独的。
- 3. dapper: (通常指矮小的人) 整洁漂亮的。
- 4. slicked-down hair:整洁油亮的发型。
- 5. moustache: (蓄在上唇的) 胡须。
- 6. amateur:业余爱好者。
- 7. intellectual:智力上的。

challenge 1; in addition these detective stories were generally about the rich upper classes 2 of society and told in a refined kind of English.

In the 1920s in the United States a new kind of fictional detective was born: he was a professional detective, or private-eye, and the crimes he solved were committed in the dirty world of the big American city. These private-eyes did not speak a refined, upper-class English but a tough English full of street slang 3. One of the most famous is Philip Marlowe, the creation of Raymond Chandler (1888-1959). Philip Marlowe is an honest, tough 4 man with no illusions living in a totally dishonest and corrupt world. He is famous for his unshaven 5 face, the ever-present Camel cigarette in his mouth and his trench coat.

Another famous American fictional detective-lawyer was Perry Mason, created by Erle Stanley Gardner (1889-1970), who was himself a trial lawyer for more than 20 years. Perry Mason is perhaps the most famous lawyer in the world. He is a clean-looking professional man wearing a shirt and tie, who does his job well and always tries to help people.

But detective stories never stay the same. For example, detective stories based on real police procedures have become very popular and even science fiction (a genre ⁶ Edgar Allan Poe also helped create) has been mixed with detective fiction. Monsieur Dupin's descendants will surely arrive into the 21st century.

1. challenge:挑战,考验。

2. upper classes:上流社会阶层。

3. slang:俚语。

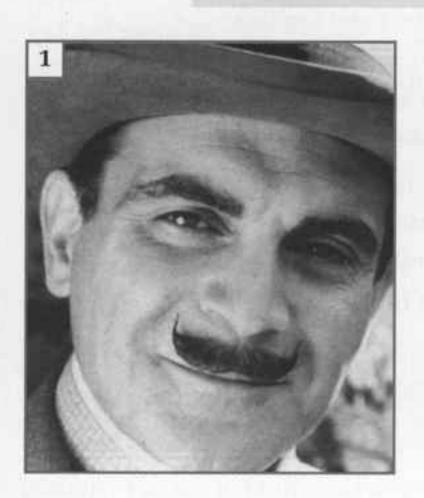
4. tough: (此处指) 结实的。 5. unshaven: 留有胡须的。

6. genre:文体。

		T F
a.	Edgar Allan Poe created Sherlock Holmes.	
b.	Sherlock Holmes is perhaps the most famous literary creation in the world.	
c.	The detectives in many of the classic British detective stories were not professionals.	
d.	The English in the classic British detective stories is much more formal and contains less slang than the classic American private-eye stories.	
e.	Perry Mason created the great fictional lawyer Erle Stanley Gardner.	
f.	Detective stories keep changing all the time and they are still very popular.	
	pic – Youth Culture scuss a news story about a crime that has been comm ung person recently with your friend(s). Talk abo	
yo	swer the following questions:	
yo	What was the crime and how do you think such a cri should be punished?	ime
yo an	What was the crime and how do you think such a crishould be punished?	

Match the names of the famous literary detectives below with their pictures. Use the text to help you.

Philip Marlowe Perry Mason Hercule Poirot Sherlock Holmes









THE TELL-TALE HEART



1. tell-tale: (原指) 搬弄是非的, (此处指) 泄密的。

Before reading

Parts of the human body: inside

Look at the dictionary extracts below. Then label the parts of the human body indicated in the drawing.

blood /blad/ noun : the red fluid consisting of plasma, blood cells and platelets that is pumped by the heart and carries oxygen and nutrients to all parts of the body.

bone /bəon/ noun: bones are the hard parts inside the body that protect organs and which form the skeleton.

brain /brein/ noun: the organ within the cranium ¹ that controls thoughts, feelings and voluntary movements.

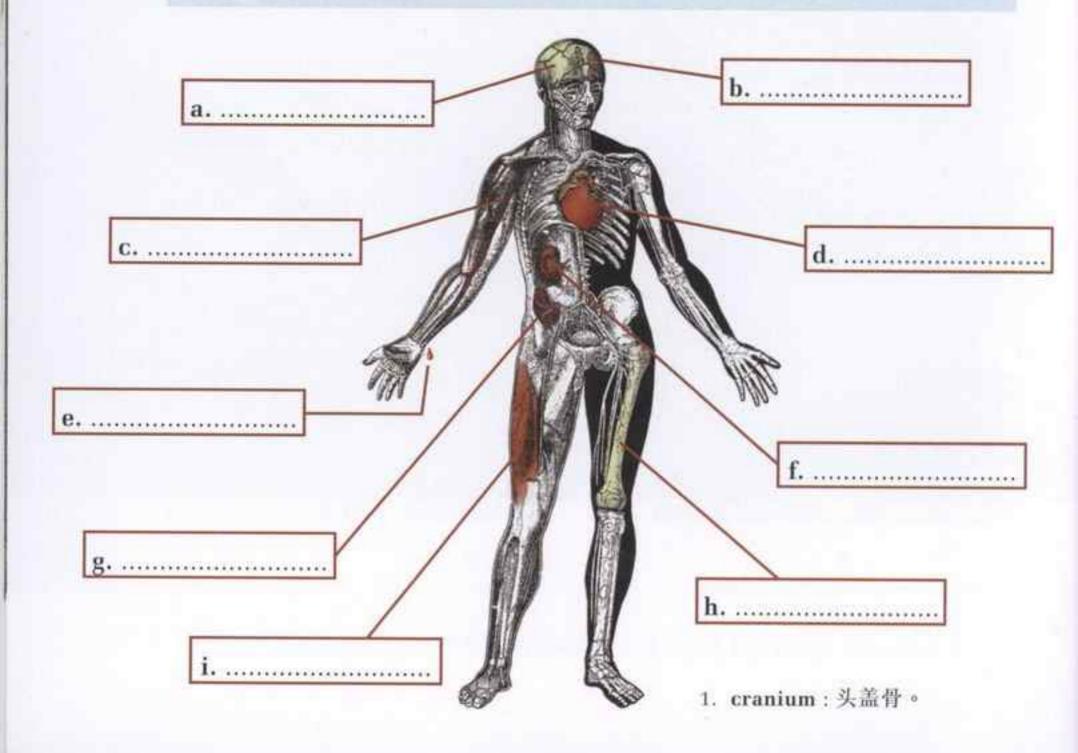
heart /ha:t/ noun: 1 the muscular organ that pumps blood 2 the center of a person's emotions (especially love) 3 the center (or most important part) of something large. The heart of the problem; the heart of the city. kidney /kidni/ noun, kidneys (plural): The kidneys are a pair of organs in the abdominal cavity that maintain water balance, filter blood of metabolic wastes for excretion.

liver /livə/ noun : large organ in the abdomen which purifies the blood and produces bile.

muscle /masl/ noun : a flexible tissue which can contract and relax in order to produce movement.

skull /skal/ noun: the cranium.

vein /vein/ noun : thin tube through which your blood flows towards your heart.



A C T I V I I I D
The story you are going to read is about a murder. The murderer will be caught because of a tell-tale heart. Look at the note about tell-tale on page 77 and then look at the different meanings of heart on page 78.
a. Which definition of heart do you think is best for the title of this story?
b. After you have read the story, see if your answer is the same.

Look at the picture on page 83.
What is unusual about this old man?
What do you think of his eye?
I find it frightening.
It bothers me and makes me angry.
I find it disgusting.

It doesn't affect me at all; after all it is just a physical defect 1.

1. defect:缺陷。

Others.

o I	1000	sten to the first chapter of "The Tell-Tale Heart" and choose the st answer A, B or C.
	1.	The narrator was, and is, very
		A angry.
		B nervous.
		C worried.
	2.	How did the narrator feel about the old man?
		A He loved him.
		B He hated him.
		C He was afraid of him.
	3.	What did the old man's eye look like?
		A It looked like a cat's eye.
		B It looked like a dog's eye.
		C It looked like a vulture's eye.
	4.	What did the narrator do every night around midnight?
		A He opened the door of the old man's room and then, very, very slowly, he put his head in.
		B He walked around the city, thinking up ways to kill the old man.
		C He cleaned the house.
	5.	What bothered the narrator?
		A The old man.
		B The old man's evil eye.
		C The old man's way of talking.
		Ty Carlo



Chapter One

RUE! — nervous — very, very terribly nervous I was and I am. But why will you say that I am mad? The disease made my senses extremely acute 1. It did not destroy them. My sense of hearing was very good. I heard all things in heaven 2 and on earth. I also heard things in hell 3. Why, then, am I mad? Listen how healthily I can tell my story.

I cannot say how I first got the idea; but once I had it, this idea never left my brain day or night. There was no reason for this idea. There was no passion. I loved the old man. He had never done anything wrong to me. I did not want his gold. I think it was his eye! Yes, it was this! One of them looked like a vulture's 4

1. acute: 敏锐的。

2. heaven:天堂。

3. hell:地狱。

4. vulture:(吃腐肉的)兀應。

THE TELL-TALE HEART

eye — a pale blue eye, with a film ¹ over it. When this eye looked at me, my blood became cold. And so, gradually — very gradually — I decided to kill the old man, and eliminate that eye forever.

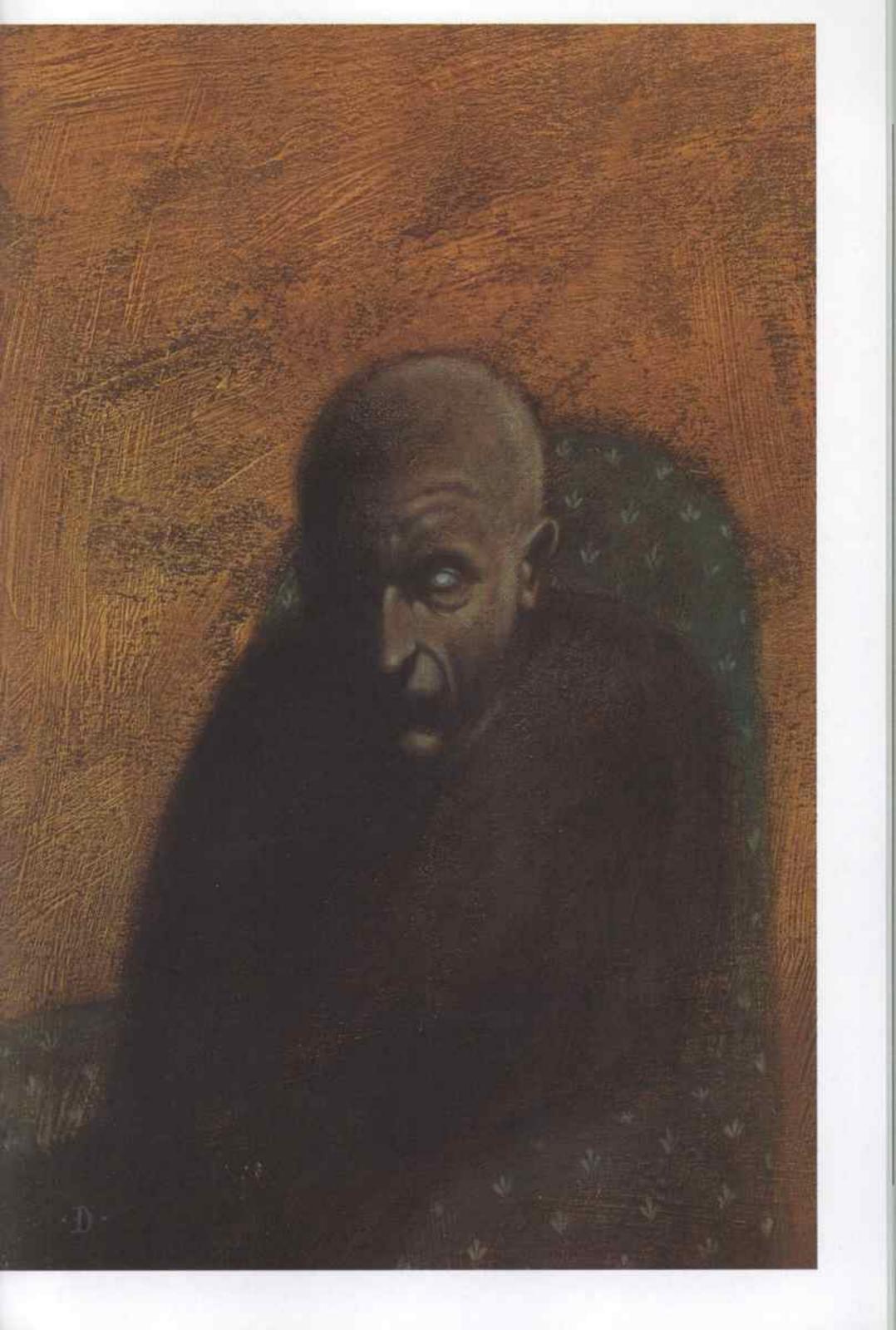
- Well, now you think I am mad. But madmen don't know anything. You should have seen me. I did everything so carefully, so intelligently. I was never kinder to the old man than during the
- whole week before I killed him. And every night, about midnight, I opened his door slowly, very, very slowly. I opened just enough for my head. Then I put in a lantern 2 all closed, closed so that no light came out, and then I put in my head. It was really fantastic how I did this. You would have laughed to see how slowly and intelligently I put my head in his room so that I would not wake him. It took me a whole hour to put my head into his room. Could
- (5) a madman be so careful? When my head was in his room, I opened the lantern and its light fell on his vulture eye.
- 6 I did this same thing for seven nights, but each night his eye was closed, so I could not do my work. The old man did not bother 3 me. His Evil Eye bothered me.



1. film:薄膜。

2. lantern:提灯。

3. bother: 扰乱。



Go back to the text

1	Ch	oose th	e correct answer A, B, C or D.
	1.	Why co	ould the narrator hear things in hell?
		A 🗌	Because he was mad.
		В	Because he was not afraid to listen.
		С	Because his hearing was much better than other people's.
		D	Because he was very nervous.
	2.	What h	nappened to the narrator when he saw the old man's eve?
		A	His blood became cold.
		В	He started to desire the old man's money.
		С	He realized how much he loved the old man.
		D	He realized how much he hated the old man.
	3.	Why d	id the narrator decide to kill the old man?
		A 🗌	Because he wanted his gold.
		В	Because he did not want to see the vulture eye anymore.
		C \square	Because he hated the old man.
		D	Because he was afraid that the old man wanted to kill him.
	4.		ling to the narrator, what do his careful preparations to kill l man show?
		A 🗌	That he was not mad.
		В	That murder is not easy.
		C 🗌	That the old man was very dangerous.
		D 🔲	That the vulture eye was quite horrible.
	5.	Why c	ouldn't the narrator "do his work" the first seven nights?
		A [Because the old man did not fall asleep.
		В	Because it took him too long to enter the old man's room.
		с 🗌	Because he could not see the vulture eye well enough with the lantern.
		D 🔲	Because the vulture eye was always closed.
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How long did it take you?

Look at these questions and answers:

- Q How long does it take you to walk to school?
- A It takes me 45 minutes to walk to school.
- Q How long did it take them to get to New York?
- A It took them two hours to get to New York.

It + to take + object (noun or pronoun) + time
(to do something or go somewhere).

Notice that you use how long as the question words.

Now, look at the chart and write questions and answers for each person on the chart.

Example: How long did it take him to tell his story? It took him an hour to tell his story.

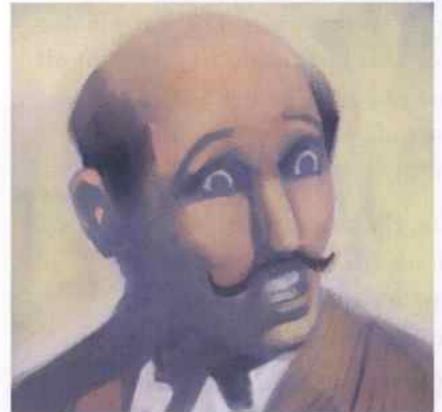
	Person	Action	Length of Time
a.	He	put his head into the room	one hour
b.	They	find the tomb	an hour and a half
c.	The police	arrive at the scene of the crime	three hours
d.	John	drive to work	30 minutes
e.	She	get to Atlanta	eight hours

a.	?
ь.	?
c.	?
d.	?
e.	?

Chasse the most switchle heading from the list A.H. for each part
3 Choose the most suitable heading from the list A-H for each part (1-6) of Chapter 1. There is one extra heading which you do not
need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0).
need to use. There is an example at the beginning (e)
A A Horrible Defect
B A Useless Week of Waiting
C Slowly and Surely
D A Very, Very Difficult Decision
E An Innocent Victim
F There it is!
G Beyond Human Perception 1
H Gentle Preparations for Death
My senses were extremely acute.
In English the verbs generally used with the five senses are the
following:
To sound for the sense of hearing - That music sounds horrible.
To feel for the sense of touch - That sweater feels soft.
To taste for the sense of taste - This wine tastes sweet.
To look for the sense of sight - He looks tired.
To smell for the sense of smell - Those flowers smell wonderful.
4 Look at the sentences below, and then complete them using the
pictures opposite.
a. He/frightened
b. This beer/good
c. That song/great
d. This tombstone/wet
e. This cheese/disgusting
1. perception: 感知力。



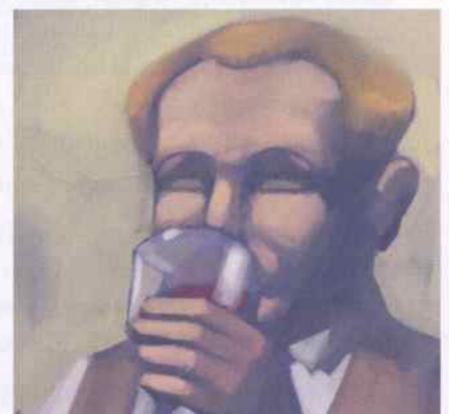
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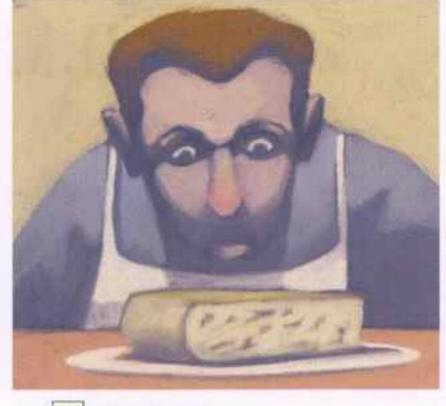






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5.

Read the story below and fill in the gaps with one of the five verbs from page 86.

Herbert had prepared everything with great care. His guests would be arriving in about half an hour. He walked into the dining room. Everything (1) beautiful. The colorful decorations were perfect. He put his hand on the tablecloth; it (2) smooth and soft. Then, he tried one of the appetizers 1. It (3) delicious. Just then, though, some smoke started coming out of the kitchen. The smoke (4) terrible, like burnt plastic. Herbert ran into the kitchen, and opened the oven. He had forgotten to take the plastic wrapper off the chicken! Then he heard something strange under the table: it (5) as if an animal was chewing on something. It was an animal. It was his dog, and it was eating the birthday cake. This birthday party was not off to a good start!

Just then the phone rang.

"Hello," Herbert managed to say.

"What's wrong, Herbert?" said Julie, Herbert's girlfriend. "You (6) upset."

"Well," replied Herbert, "everything's wrong. I had planned everything for your party this evening, and nothing is going right."

"This evening? My party is tomorrow evening, not this evening," replied Julie.

^{1.} appetizers:正餐前的开胃小吃。

Before reading

(8) 1	Below story.	carefully! are the first four paragraphs from the second chapter of the They are not in the right order. Listen to the recording once ien number them in the right order. Then listen to the ing again and circle the right word to fill in the blank.
	a. [The (eightieth / eighteenth / eighth) night I was more careful than usual when I opened the door. A (clock's / watch's / man's) minute hand moves more quickly than my hand moved. That night I was stronger and more intelligent than I had ever been. I laughed quietly and (possibly / maybe / perhaps) the old man heard me because he moved.
	b	I had my head in and was (going / about / starting) to open the lantern when the man jumped up and shouted, "(Who's / What's / Is anybody) there?"
	с. [You probably (imagine / think / fancy) that I pulled my head back — but no. His room was (completely / entirely / wholly) dark and I knew that he could not see me. I kept pushing my head in.
	d. [Every morning I walked (contentedly / happily / smilingly) into his room. I asked him if he had slept well. I talked to him like a friend. So you can see that he had to be a very (intelligent / clever / wise) man to suspect that every night, just at twelve, I looked at him while he (dreamed / rested / slept).

Now read the chapter and check your answers.

Read the passage below carefully.

Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct, put a tick (\checkmark). If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word.

There are two examples at the beginning (0 and 00).

0.	I did not move and said nothing. For	
00.	a two whole hour I did not move a muscle and	.two
1.	I did not hear him lie down again. He was listening.	
2.	Then I have heard him groan, and I knew it was the groan	************
3.	of mortal terror. It was not much a groan of sadness or pain	*********
4.	— oh no! — it comes from a horrible feeling at	
5.	the bottom of your soul. I should knew that feeling well.	
6.	I had that same feeling every night around midnight	
7.	when I wasn't looked at the old man sleeping.	*********
8.	I felt sorry for him, but I had to very laugh too.	
9.	His fear was growing all bigger. He tried to convince himself	
10.	that the noise came from his imagination. He said to himself,	
11.	"It is just the wind — it is only a mouse running across the floor."	
12.	Yes, he tried to comfort himself, but he found it all in vain.	**********
13.	All in vain, because Death's shadow already covered to the old man.	
14.	And it was Death's invisible shadow that has made him	
15.	feel the presence of my head in the room.	



Chapter Two



very morning I walked happily into his room. I asked him if he had slept well. I talked to him like a friend. So you can see that he had to be a very wise 1 man to suspect that every night, just at twelve, I looked at him while he slept.

The eighth night I was more careful than usual when I opened the door. A watch's minute hand 2 moves more quickly than my hand moved. That night I was stronger and more intelligent than I had ever been. I laughed quietly and perhaps the old man heard me because he moved.

You probably think that I pulled my head back — but no. His room was completely dark and I knew that he could not see me. I kept pushing my head in.

1. wise: 聪慧的。

2. minute hand:分针。

THE TELL-TALE HEART

I had my head in and was about to open the lantern when the man jumped up and shouted, "Who's there?"

END

I did not move and said nothing. For a whole hour I did not move a muscle and I did not hear him lie down again. He was listening.

Then I heard him groan, and I knew it was the groan of mortal ¹ terror. It was not a groan of sadness or pain — oh no! — it comes from a horrible feeling at the bottom of your soul ². I knew that feeling well. I had that same feeling every night around midnight when I looked at the old man sleeping. I felt sorry for him, but I had to laugh too.

His fear was growing bigger. He tried to convince himself that the noise came from his imagination. He said to himself, "It is just the wind — it is only a mouse running across the floor." Yes, he tried to comfort himself, but he found it all in vain 3. All in vain, because Death's shadow already covered the old man. And it was Death's invisible shadow that made him feel

the presence of my head in the room.

After I had waited for a long time, I decided to open the lantern a little tiny bit. So, I opened it — you cannot imagine how carefully — until a single ray of light, like the thread 4 of a spider 5, shot 6 out from the lantern and onto the vulture eye.

1. mortal:致命的。

2. soul: 灵魂。

3. in vain:徒劳。

4. thread: 细丝。

5. spider:蜘蛛。

6. shot: (shoot, shot, shot) 发射。

His eye was open — wide, wide open — and I became furious as I looked at it. I saw it perfectly, all pale blue and with the disgusting film over it that made my bones cold; but I could see nothing else of the old man's face or body. I had, by instinct ¹, directed the light right on that horrible spot.

Now I could hear a low sound like the sound of a watch enveloped ² in cotton. I told you before I was not mad, but my senses were very acute. I knew *that* sound well too. It was the beating of the old man's heart. It made me more furious just like the beating of a drum ³ that stimulates ⁴ a soldier's courage.

But I did not move. I hardly breathed 5. I held the

light on the eye. And the beating of the heart increased. It became quicker and quicker, and louder and louder. The old man's terror must have been extreme. It grew louder, I say, louder every moment! — do you understand? I told you I am nervous and I really am. That night that strange noise made me do something terrible.



1. instinct:本能。

2. enveloped:被包裹。

3. drum: 鼓。



4. stimulates:激励。

5. I hardly breathed: 我屏息静气。

THE TELL-TALE HEART

The beating grew louder, louder! I thought his heart would explode 1. Then I thought, "Maybe the neighbors 2 will hear it!" It

was the old man's moment. With a shout, I opened up the lantern completely and jumped into the room. He screamed once — once only. In an instant I pulled him to the floor and pulled the heavy bed over him. I then smiled happily because I had done so much.

But, for many minutes, the heart continued to beat under the mattress ³. This, however, did not bother me: the noise could not be heard through the wall.

Finally, it stopped. The old man was dead. I removed the bed and examined the body. Yes, he was stone, stone dead ⁴. I placed my hand on his heart and held it there many minutes. There was no more beating. He was stone dead. His eye would trouble me ⁵ no more.



1. explode:爆炸。

2. neighbors: 邻居。

3. mattress:床垫。

4. stone dead : 完全死亡。

5. trouble me: 给我带来麻烦。

Go back to the text

1 Answer the following questions.

- a. Why did the narrator talk to the old man like a friend?
- b. How many nights did the narrator watch the old man before the night he killed him?
- c. What did the narrator see when he opened the lantern?
- d. What sounded like a watch wrapped in cotton?
- e. What did the beating of the old man's heart make the narrator do?
- f. Why did the narrator think that the neighbors would hear the beating of the old man's heart?
- g. How did he kill the old man?

The old man's terror must have been extreme.

Look at the following situation:

I walked past John's house last night and the light was on and I could hear music. John must have been home.

subject + must + have + past participle

John must have been home.

We use this structure to draw conclusions about things that happened in the past. Draw conclusions about the sentences below. Use the phrases in the box to help you. The first one has been done for you.

read it be a detective be tired know him not see it break down go away be asleep be hungry drive quickly be scared

- The old man screamed.
 He must have been scared.
- b. I started to tell her about the story "The Tell-Tale Heart", but she already knew how it ended.

- c. It normally takes her three hours to drive to Baltimore but yesterday it took her only two and a half hours.
- d. I rang his doorbell but nobody answered the door.
- e. A strange man came and started asking questions about the murder.
- f. The children each ate two hamburgers and three portions of french-fries.
- g. My father tripped on my brother's bicycle.
- h. Edgar fell asleep at eight o'clock last night.
- i. The dog did not bark when George came up to the house.
- j. Allen drove to New York but he had to take a bus home again.
- k. I didn't hear you open the door last night.

I hardly breathed.

Look at these two sentences. Notice the position and the meaning of the adverbs hard and hardly.

I worked hard = I worked with a lot of effort, force, I worked a lot.

I hardly worked = I worked very little, I scarcely worked.

Read the following sentences and then place hard or hardly in the correct position with regard to the verb in italics.

EX	ampie: He naray siepi. The sola was very uncomforta	Die.
a.	I yesterday because I was very tired.	(worked)
b.	I yesterday and finished all my work.	(worked)
с.	I	(breathed)
d.	I I did not want him to hear me.	(breathed)

A	C	T	1	V	I	Т	I	E	S
•	Shetimid pers		all 6	evening	g. She	is a ver	у	(ta	lked)
	We alway home we				d when	we ge	t	(pl	ay)
fo	re rea	din	g						

Bef

- Look at the picture on page 101.
 - Why do you think the crazy narrator has his hands over his ears?
 - What do you think the police are thinking?
- Read the beginning of Chapter Three and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

If you still think (0) that I am mad, listen (1) carefully I hid the body. The night was ending and I worked carefully and quietly. First, I cut (2) the head and the arms and the legs.

I then removed some of the boards from the floor and placed the pieces of his body underneath. Then I put (3) the boards (4) carefully that no human eye - not even his - could have noticed (5) wrong. There was (6) blood to clean - none at all - because I had been very careful. A tub had caught (7) the blood ha! ha! ha!

(8) I finished my work it was four o'clock and

(9) was still dark. As the bell of the clock rang four times, someone knocked (10) the door. I went to open it without any fear (11) worry. I had nothing to be afraid (12)

Then listen to the recording to check your answers.



Chapter Three



f you still think that I am mad, listen how carefully I hid the body ¹. The night was ending and I worked carefully and quietly. First, I cut off the head and the arms and the legs.

I then removed some of the boards ² from the floor and placed the pieces of his body underneath. Then I put back the boards so carefully that no human eye — not even his — could have noticed anything wrong. There was no blood to clean — none at all — because I had been very careful. A tub ³ had caught all the blood — ha! ha! ha!

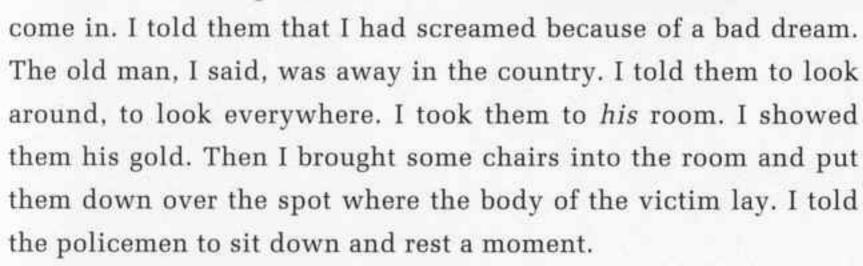
When I finished my work it was four o'clock and it was still

- 1. hid the body: (hide, hid, hidden) 把尸体藏起来。
- 2. boards:木板。
- 3. tub: 大盆。

dark. As the bell of the clock rang four times, someone knocked at the door. I went to open it without any fear or worry. I had nothing to be afraid of.

Three men came in. They introduced themselves.
They were policemen.
A neighbor had heard somebody scream and had thought something terrible had happened, so they called the police.

I smiled, — what did I have to fear? I told the policemen to



The policemen were satisfied. I had convinced ¹ them. They sat and I talked happily. But, in a few moments, I felt myself getting pale and I wanted them to go. My head ached ² and I heard a ringing in my ears. But they continued to talk. The ringing became more distinct ³: I talked more and more to try to eliminate the feeling. Then I discovered that the noise was not in my ears.

1. convinced:说服。

2. ached:(此处指)疼痛。

3. distinct: 明显。

THE TELL-TALE HEART

I became very pale and I talked louder and louder. But the sound increased — and what could I do? It was a low sound — very much like a watch enveloped in cotton. I could hardly breathe, but the policemen could not hear the sound. I talked more quickly. I talked more loudly, but the noise increased. I stood up and began to argue about stupid things. I shouted, I moved my arms about. Why didn't those policemen leave? I walked around the room quickly — but the noise still increased. Oh God! What could I do? I screamed, I shouted! I pulled the chair over the place where the noise came from, but the noise was still louder, louder — louder! And still the men talked happily and smiled.

Didn't they hear? Oh God! No, no! They heard! — they suspected! — they knew! — they were making fun of 1 my horror! This I thought and this I think. But anything was better than this agony, than their making fun of me! I could not bear 2 their hypocritical 3 smiles any more. I felt that I must scream or die! — and now again! — Listen! Louder! Louder! Louder! Louder! —

"Villains 4!" I screamed, "do not pretend 5 any more! I admit what I did! — Pull up the boards! — Here! Here! It is the beating of his hideous 6 heart!"

1. making fun of: 取笑。

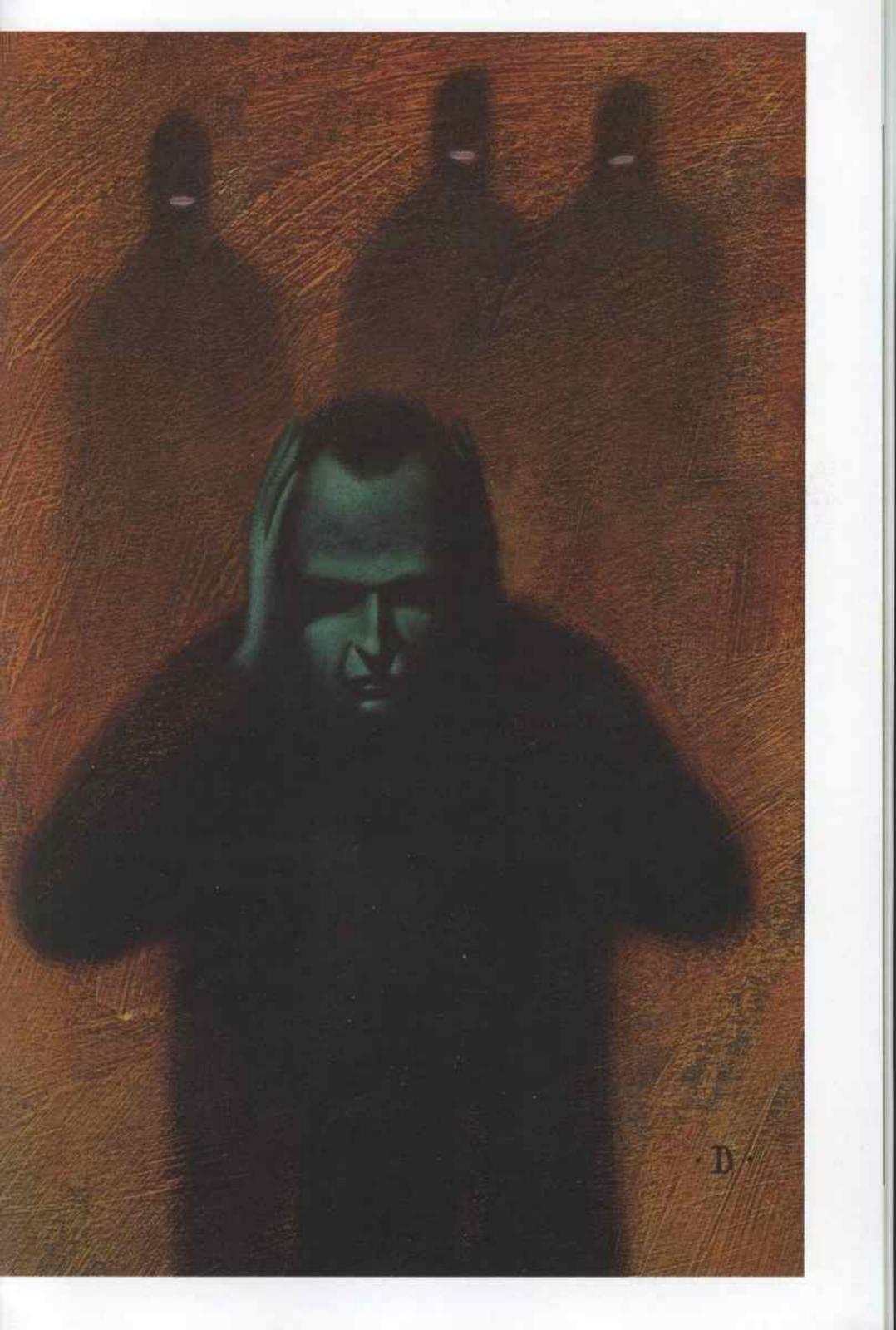
2. I could not bear: 我不能忍受。

3. hypocritical:虚伪的。

4. villains:坏蛋。

5. do not pretend:别再假装(听不到他的心跳声)。

6. hideous:可怕的。



Go back to the text

1	Answer	the followin	g questions.		

a.	Where did the crazy narrator hide the body?
b.	When did he finish hiding it?
c.	Who knocked at the door then?
d.	Why wasn't he afraid?
e.	Why had the police come to the house?
f.	How did the crazy narrator convince them that nothing was wrong?
g.	What did the crazy narrator begin to hear?
h.	What did he do to hide the noise?
i.	How did the policemen discover the body?

A mad point of view

The sentences in column A are the narrator's explanations for what happens in the story. Match these sentences with the explanations in column B, which are more probable and, perhaps, more logical.

A

- The narrator did not become mad: he had a disease that made him hear better than most people.
- It was very intelligent how the narrator planned and executed the murder of the old man.
- 3. The old man's vulture eye was a kind of evil spirit that was always looking at the narrator.
- 4. The real, physical beating heart of the old man was the tell-tale.
- The police smiled at the narrator because they wanted to make fun of him.
- 6. The noise of the beating heart became louder and louder.

B

- a. The narrator only thought he heard a beating heart.
- b. The police smiled uncomfortably at the narrator because they were shocked by his strange actions.
- c. The narrator's consciousness (or perhaps the spirit of the perverse) made him show the police where the body was hidden but not the sound of a beating heart.
- d. The old man's vulture eye was a normal physical defect.
- e. There was no reason to put his head so slowly into the old man's room for seven nights.
- f. A disease made the narrator mad.

Summary

Below is a summary of "The Tell-Tale Heart". Five paragraphs have been removed. Choose the best paragraph from the list A-F for each part 1-4. There is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use. The first one has been done for you.

This is the story of a man who is totally mad. He says that he isn't but we are quite certain that he is. He tells the story of why and how he killed an old man.

0 D

This eye bothered him so much that he decided to kill the old man and to eliminate the eye forever. Each night for seven nights he opened the door of the old man's room and put his head in very slowly, but the eye was always closed.

1

Then the crazy narrator says that he heard a sound like a watch enveloped in cotton. This was the old man's heart. This sound grew so loud that the narrator was afraid that the neighbors would hear it.

2

He then cut up the old man's body and hid it under the boards of the floor. He was certain that no one would ever find it.

3

Then he asked them to sit on some chairs which were directly over the cut-up parts of the old man's body. At first the narrator felt good, but then he became pale and his head ached.

4

He thought they were making fun of his horror. Finally he could not stand it any more and he told them to pull up the boards to see the hideous beating heart.

- A On the eighth night, he made some noise and the old man woke up and said, "Who's there?" After a few minutes the old man screamed because he was afraid.
- B For seven days he heard the sound of the old man's heart. It was so horrible for him that he finally decided to kill the old man, and that is what he did on the eighth night.
- C At four o'clock someone knocked at the door. It was the police. A neighbor had heard someone scream. He told them that he had had a bad dream and that the old man was in the country. He also showed them the old man's gold.
- D He is not sure how he first got this idea: he loved the old man and he did not want his gold. In any case, the old man had a strange pale blue eye with a film over it. It looked like the eye of a vulture.
- E Then he started to hear the beating of the old man's heart. It got louder and louder. He was sure that they could hear it too, but they just smiled at him.
- Finally he jumped into the room, and pulled a bed over the old man. After some time the noise stopped. He examined the body and the old man was stone dead.

Two Kings of Hollywood Horror Roger Corman and Vincent Price

Edgar Allan Poe has had an important influence on Hollywood. The ideas from his stories have been used in many films, in particular in the films of Roger Corman (1926-). Roger is one of the most successful independent directors 1 in film history. He is particularly famous for the low cost of his films and the very short time he took in making them (sometimes less than two weeks). He



Vincent Price in a scene of The Fly (1958).

kept the costs low by using unknown actors and often reusing the sets 2 of other films. Roger also added humor 3 to standard Hollywood genres like the horror movie.

Finally Roger is famous for helping many young people begin their careers in films. Some of the most famous examples are the directors Francis Ford Coppola, Peter Bogdanovich, Martin Scorsese, and the actors Jack Nicholson, Robert De Niro and Charles Bronson.

1. directors:导演。

2. sets:拍摄场景。

3. humor: 幽默色彩。

However, the actor most closely associated with Roger's Poe films is Vincent Price (1911-1993). The two of them made four films based on Poe stories: *The Pit and the Pendulum* (1961), *Tales of Terror* (1962), *The Raven* (1963), *Masque of the Red Death* (1964). They are now considered classics.

Vincent was a very cultured ¹ and sophisticated ² actor, but he is most famous for his horror movies, such as the four Poe movies mentioned above, as well as *House of Wax* (1953), *The Fly* (1958), *The Abominable Dr. Phibes* (1971), *Theatre of Blood* (1973). Vincent acted until the end of his life, and his last important role was as the kind, old creator of Edward in the film *Edward Scissorhands* (1990). Vincent had a good sense of humor as can be heard in his rap narration of Michael Jackson's video and song "Thriller".



Vincent Price in a scene of Masque of the Red Death (1964).

1. cultured:文化修养高的。

2. sophisticated:成熟老练的。

	ny whether the following sentences are true (T) or false (F) and
th	en correct the false ones.
	T F
a.	Roger Corman's films took a long time to make and they were always very expensive.
b.	Martin Scorsese is a famous actor.
C.	Charles Bronson is a famous director.
d.	Vincent Price acted in the movie Edward Scissorhands when he was a very young man.
e.	Roger Corman did a rap song with Michael Jackson.
f.	The Poe movies that Roger and Vincent made are still considered great movies today.
IN.	TERNET PROJECT
	ne of the principal search engines to find out about Edgar Allan different houses. See if you can find out the following:
• Who	ere they are located.
• Whi	ich of his famous stories he wrote in them.
• Wha	at they are used for today.
• Who	en and how to visit them.
A Myst	terious Death
are ma	day nobody knows exactly how Edgar Allan Poe died. In fact, there ny theories and legends which surround his death. Use the Internet three of them and say:
• Whi	ch one you think is the most plausible 1.

Which one you think is the most intriguing 2.

Which one you think is the most absurd 3.

1. plausible:似合理的。

2. intriguing:迷离古怪而引起人们好奇的。

3. absurd:不合理的。

EXIT TEST

"1	ne Blac	k Cat . Choose the best answer A, B, C or D.
1.	As a ch	ild, the narrator particularly liked
	A	taking long walks in the countryside.
	В	hurting black cats.
	C	animals.
	D	fishing.
2.	The nai	rrator's wife said that Pluto was a witch in disguise because
	A	it had only one eye.
	В	it had a white spot that looked like a gallows.
	С	it was black, large and very intelligent.
	D	it followed them everywhere.
3.	The na	rrator's personality changed because
	A 🗌	he began to drink.
	В	he was bitten by his cat.
	C	his house and all his wealth were destroyed in a fire.
	D _	he became terrified of ending up on the gallows for his crime.
4.	Pervers	seness is when
	A	you do something evil.
	В	you hurt someone you love.
	C	you do something only because you know you shouldn't do it.
	D	you do something only because you know you should do it.
5.	The na	rrator tells about the fire that destroyed his house because
	A	he wants to record the facts of his story and nothing more.
	В	he saw it as divine punishment for having killed Pluto.
	C	he wants people to know about it and feel sorry for him.
	D	he sees it as proof of his idea of "perverseness".
6.	At firs	t the narrator did not hurt his second black cat because
	A 🗌	it looked so much like Pluto.
	В	he was too ashamed.
	C	it was so affectionate.
	D	it had a spot that looked like the gallows.

	7.	rrator felt happy and peaceful after he had killed his wife	
		becaus	
		A	she would no longer protect the black cat.
		B	the black cat ran away and he did not see it anymore.
		С	he liked being perverse.
		D	he could now live alone with the black cat.
	8.	How d wife?	id the police finally discover the corpse of the narrator's
		A 🗌	The cat began crying behind the wall.
		В	The cat walked over to the place where his wife was hidden and began to cry.
		C \square	They saw the blood on the ground near the wall.
		D 🗌	The narrator pointed to the place where she was hidden with the cane.
2	"Т	he Ova	Portrait". Choose the best answer A, B, C or D.
	1.	Pedro	took the narrator into the abandoned castle because
		A 🗌	the narrator had been hurt and had a fever.
		В	he knew that the narrator was interested in art.
		C	he knew that the narrator was interested in ghosts.
		D 🗌	they were both tired and wished to sleep indoors.
	2.	The na	rrator was moved by the portrait because
		A 🗍	it was so well done that the girl looked real.
		В	the expression on the girl's face looked so real.
		с 🗌	it was hidden in a niche and could only be seen with the light of the candelabrum.
		D	the girl in the picture had died for love.
	3.	While	painting his wife, the painter became obsessed with
		A 🗌	capturing every color of life on her face.
		В	her great beauty.
		c \Box	the strange expression on her face.
		D 🗌	the fact that she was becoming more and more ill.

4.	People who saw the artist working thought that the painting showed			
	A	how cruel the painter was.		
		how much he loved his wife and how great a painter he was.		
		an incredible lifelikeness.		
		that he only cared about his art.		
		that he only cured about his art.		
5.	The arti	st trembled when he finished the painting because		
	A [his wife died in that same moment.		
	В	it was the best painting he had ever done.		
		it seemed to be life itself.		
	D	it was even more beautiful than his wife.		
"Т	he Tell-	Tale Heart". Choose the best answer A, B, C or D.		
1.	The nar	rator says that the disease		
	A _	made him kill the old man.		
	В	made his sense of hearing extremely good.		
	C \square	made him want to have the old man's gold.		
	D _	made him love the old man.		
2.		ing to the narrator, the careful and intelligent way in ne prepared to kill the old man shows that		
	A	he wasn't mad.		
	В	he was very nervous.		
	С	he was mad.		
	D	he should not have been arrested by the police.		
3.	The nai	rator decided it was the moment to kill the old man		
	because			
	A	the light of the lantern fell on the vulture eye.		
	В	the beating of the old man's heart was making him nervous.		
	C \square	he was afraid that the neighbors would hear the old man		
		scream.		
	D _	he was afraid that the neighbors would hear the beating of		
		the old man's heart.		

4.	The narrator was not afraid when the policemen arrived at his		
	hou	ise because	
	A	he had hid the cut-up body so well.	
	В	nobody had seen him kill the old man.	
	C	the old man's heart had stopped beating.	
	D	the old man's gold was still in the house.	
5.		they knew that he had killed the old man	
	A B	they knew that he had killed the old man.	
		they were making fun of him because he was so terrified.	
	C	they did not think that he killed the old man.	
	D	they were making fun of him because he had had a bad	
		dream.	

The Police Report

Pretend that you are one of the policeman who visited the house of the narrator of "The Tell-Tale Heart". Write a report on what happened. Include the following information:

- · Why you went to his house.
- · How he acted at first.
- How he began to act.
- · What your feelings were.
- · How you discovered the cut-up body.

5 The Logic of Horror

Edgar Allan Poe was greatly interested in logic: he wrote about thinking machines, secret codes and scientific detection. So, it is no coincidence that his tales of horror do not depend on supernatural phenomena such as ghosts and demons, but on the bizarre logic that dominates sick minds; this is in the end much more frightening than any monster or ghost: after all, we cannot escape our own minds!

- a. How is the narrator of "The Black Cat" logical?
- b. How is the narrator of "The Tell-Tale Heart" logical?

6 The Spirit of Perverseness

- a. What is the spirit of perverseness?
- b. How is this spirit a key "character" in both "The Black Cat" and "The Tell-Tale Heart"?

7 Two Parallel Tales

How are "The Black Cat" and "The Tell-Tale Heart" similar?

8 The Lifelikeness of her Expression

In "The Oval Portrait", the narrator tells us that a painting woke him from his stupor. However, it was not the lifelikeness of the painting in general, but the lifelikeness of the expression which moved him.

- a. What do you think the expression of the girl communicated to the narrator?
- b. What do the narrator and the girl in the painting have in common?

9 Sight and Sound

- a. How is sound important in "The Black Cat"? In "The Tell-Tale Heart"?
- b. How is sight important in "The Black Cat"? In "The Oval Portrait"? In "The Tell-Tale Heart"?

10 Obsessed

As we noted above, the characters of Poe's tales of horror are not possessed by supernatural beings. But they are possessed by obsessions! What are the obsessions of the:

- · Narrator of "The Black Cat"?
- Narrator of "The Tell-Tale Heart"?
- · The painter in "The Oval Portrait"?

11	Of	which of the people A-D are the following true?			
	A	The narrator of "The Black Cat".			
	В	The narrator of "The Oval Portrait".			
	C	The painter in "The Oval Portrait".			
	D	The narrator of "The Tell-Tale Heart".			
	0	He was obsessed with capturing life.			
	1	He was a victim of alcohol.			
	2	He loved animals as a child.			
	3	He planned what he thought was the perfect murder.			
	4	His obsession made him let his wife die.			
	5	He killed his wife out of pure anger.			
	6	He killed because he knew that God would not forgive him.			
	7	He could not see what was happening in front of him.			
	8	He was the victim of his hate for a physical defect.			
	9	He told his tale the day before his death.			
	10	He was charmed by the face of a dying girl.			
3	11	He lost all his possessions in a fire.			
	12	He did not steal his victim's gold.			
	13	He put his hand on a beating heart.			
	14	He married when he was a young man.			

First, he was obsessed with the sight of his victim and

then he was obsessed by the sound of his victim.

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12 Answer the following questions:

"The Black Cat"

- 1. What is going to happen to the narrator the following day?
- 2. What was the narrator's favorite playmate when he was an adult?
- 3. What did the narrator see on the one wall remaining of his house after the fire?
- 4. What was the image that the narrator saw on the breast of the second black cat?
- 5. Why did the narrator kill his wife?
- 6. Why was the narrator so happy after he had killed his wife?

"The Oval Portrait"

- 1. Where does "The Oval Portrait" take place?
- 2. What was the book which the narrator found in the turret of the castle about?
- 3. Who was the artist's other "wife"?
- 4. What was the room like where the girl posed?
- 5. What happened in the very moment when the painter added the last touch to his painting?

"The Tell-Tale Heart"

- 1. Why did the narrator want to kill the old man?
- 2. Why didn't the narrator kill the old man the first seven nights he shone the lantern on the old man?
- 3. What was the sound like "a watch enveloped in cotton" that the narrator heard?
- 4. How did the narrator hide the old man's body?
- 5. Why did the police come to the narrator's house?
- 6. Why did the narrator begin to talk loudly when the police were in the house?

13 Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F), and then correct the false ones. "The Black Cat" T F 1. The narrator was a violent child. 2. The narrator became moody because he began to see supernatural creatures. 3. The narrator killed Pluto because he thought that Pluto was evil. 4. The cat that the narrator found in a bar was black and had one eye just like Pluto. 5. The narrator walled up the body of his wife in the cellar. 6. The narrator opened up the wall because he could no longer bear the sound of the crying cat. "The Oval Portrait" 1. The narrator entered the castle because he was looking for interesting paintings. 2. The narrator was startled by the lifelikeness of the expression of the girl in the painting. 3. The girl in the portrait was extremely severe and sad. The painter desired to put all his love for his wife in his painting. 5. The painter did not notice that his wife became more and more ill. "The Tell-Tale Heart" 1. The narrator realizes that he is mad. The narrator was very kind to the old man the week before he killed him. 3. The narrator became furious when he saw the old man's vulture eye on the eighth night. The narrator killed the old man by suffocating 1 him. 5. The policemen sat on chairs that were over the place where the old man's body was hidden. 6. The narrator thought the police were making fun of him and his terror.

KEY TO THE ACTIVITIES

Page 17 - exercise 1

a 1809 b actors c adopted
d England e Virginia f gamble
g literary h editor i cousin j 1849
k Charles Baudelaire l detective
m Sherlock Holmes

Page 18 - exercise 2

1 d. 2 g. 3 a. 4 e. 5 b. 6 f. 7 c.

Page 19 - exercise 3

1D 2B 3B 4C 5A 6D 7A 8B 9A 10D

- 1. c. "Murders in the Rue Morgue"
- 2. d. "The Masque of the Red Death"
- 3. b. "The Unparalleled Adventures of One Hans Pfaall"
- 4. a. "The Pit and the Pendulum"

The Black Cat

Page 22 - exercise 1

a. 9 **b.** 10 **c.** 2 **d.** 8 **e.** 3 **f.** 1

g. 5 h. 7 i. 4 j. 6

The animals generally kept as pets are: gold-fish, dogs, birds, rabbits and sometimes monkeys.

AND EXIT TEST

Page 23 - exercise 2

Open answers.

Page 23 – exercise 3

a. T b. F c. F d. T e. T f. F g. F h. T

Page 28 - exercise 1

1. f 2. b 3. e 4. c 5. a 6. d

Page 28 - exercise 2

N.B.: Some words may be placed in more than one column.

intoxicated	love	pain	kill
drank drink wine spirit	liked playmate trust kind married gentle heart	hurt tortured bit	hanged destroy noose die

supernatural	rational	moody	fright
witch demon dreaming spirit possessed horror mad	logical calmer intelligent understand philosophy	angry	ran away terrified terror frightening

Page 29 - exercise 3

Open answers.

Page 30 - exercise 4

- a. Have you ever had a dog?
- b. Yes, I have.
- c. Did you enjoy walking it?
- d. Yes, I did.
- e. Have you ever had a cat?
- f. Yes, I have.
- g. What was its name?
- h. Its name was Pluto.
- i. What was it like?
- j. It was very affectionate.
- k. Have you ever been violent?
- I. Yes, I have.
- m. Why were you violent?
- n. Because I drank too much.
- o. Have you ever done something you knew was wrong?
- p. Yes, I have.
- q. What did you do?
- r. I hanged Pluto.
- s. Why did you do it?
- t. Because I knew Pluto loved me and that God would never pardon me for my crime.

Page 31 - exercise 5



Page 32 - exercise 6

- a. became b. said/thought c. had
- d. grew up e. caught f. bit

Page 32 - exercise 7

- a. Edgar knows he shouldn't drive fast but he's going to do it anyway.
- b. Her little brother knows he shouldn't blow on the house of cards but he's going to do it anyway.
- c. I know I shouldn't play loud music but I'm going to do it anyway.
- d. Charles knows he shouldn't open the door but he's going to do it anyway.
- e. I know I shouldn't take the money but I'm going to do it anyway.

- f. Thomas knows he shouldn't eat the cake but he's going to eat it anyway.
- g. I know I shouldn't clean my hands on her sweater but I'm going to do it anyway.
- h. I know I shouldn't turn off the light but I'm going to do it anyway.

Page 34 - exercise 1

- 1. a fire in his house.
- 2. managed to escape.
- 3. the ruins.
- 4. "Strange!" "Singular!"
- 5. gigantic cat.
- 6. to wake him.
- heat of the fire which caused a chemical reaction.
- an indistinct white area on its breast.
- 9. followed him home.

Page 38 - exercise 1

- 1. C 2. C 3. A 4. C 5. C 6. D 7. B
- 8. D 9. A 10. D 11. A 12. C

Page 39 - exercise 2

1. D 2. A 3. D

Page 40 - exercise 3

- a. although b. but c. but
- d. Although e. but f. although

Page 41 - exercise 1

- **a.** 3
- b. 1
- c. 4
- d. 2
- a. day became kill brain
- b. killed rest me dreams face

- c. body
- d. Evil hate

Page 46 - exercise 1

- a. Because she tried to stop him from killing the cat.
- b. He put it inside a projection in the wall.
- c. Because he was happy and wanted to show them that he really wasn't guilty. Perhaps, we could say that it was the Spirit of the Perverse that made him point out the walls.
- d. He hit the walls with his cane.
- e. Because he had hit the wall with the cane.

Page 47 - exercise 2

- 1. expects me to learn all
- 2. ordered his men to clean
- 3. told me how to get
- 4. advises me to buy
- 5. always let me stay
- 6. made me
- 7. reminded me to take my
- 8. begged Ahmed to lend
- 9. helped me to clean up
- 10. told me to bring him
- 11. taught me how
- 12. wanted them to vote

Page 48 – exercise 3

Open answers.

Page 49 - exercise 4

1E 2A 3C 4D

The Oval Portrait

Page 52 – exercise 1

Open answers.

Page 52 – exercise 2

head	cheeks lips chin	
trunk	navel	
legs	thigh calf knee shin	
feet	sole heel	
hands	fingers thumb palm	
arms	elbow forearm	
between arms/trunk	shoulder	
between foot/leg	ankle	
between head/trunk	neck	
between hand/arm	wrist	

Page 53 - exercise 3

1 in 2 had 3 had 4 It 5 in 6 that
7 so 8 When / After 9 very 10 them
11 because 12 each 13 since
14 more

Page 58 - exercise 1

1. D 2. C 3. D 4. A 5. D

Page 59 – exercise 2

- so he lay down and went to sleep.
- because his servant Pedro was asleep.
- so he moved the lamp.
- because the portrait had startled and charmed him.
- f. so he read about her in the book.

Page 60 - exercises 1, 2

Open answers.

Page 60 - exercise 3

a. palette
b. brush
c. canvas
d. paints
e. easel
f. frame
g. The
woman is painting the man's portrait.
h. The man is posing for his portrait.

Page 62 - exercise 4

1. C 2. B 3. C 4. B 5. A

Page 67 – exercise 1

- a. Because they took her husband away from her.
- b. He was passionate, austere and studious.
- c. Capturing every shade and color of life on his young wife's face.
- d. Because the room where she posed was damp and cold.
- e. That his wife was becoming increasingly weaker.
- f. Because she saw that he took such great interest in the painting.
- g. His wife died.
- h. Because he believed that his painting was Life itself.

Page 67 – exercise 2

Open answers.

Page 68 - exercise 3

- a. He is the artist who painted a strange portrait of his wife.
- b. He read a book that (which) told the story of the paintings.
- c. He is the man who broke into the castle.
- It's the girl who died slowly in the turret.
- e. They are the mountains that form the backbone of central Italy.
- f. It's a board that (which) painters use to mix colors.

- g. He's a man who often traveled in Italy.
- h. It's the place where the artist painted the strange portrait.

Page 69 - exercise 4

Open answers.

Page 70 - exercise 5

- a. 3. Woman in blue dress asks the artist's wife in red, "Why are you so sad?" The artist's wife responds, "Because my husband is always away painting."
- b. 4. Artist says, "I must paint your portrait. Will you pose for me?" His wife responds, "Yes, if that is what you really want."
- c. 2. Why am I so fascinated by that portrait?
- d. 6. This is indeed Life itself!
- e. 1. I am going to break into the castle because if you spend the night outside, you will die.
- f. 5. It is proof of both his power as a painter and of his love for his wife.

Page 71 – exercise 6

Open answers.

Page 75 – exercise 1

- a. F Edgar Allan Poe created C. Auguste Dupin. Sherlock Holmes was created by Conan Doyle.
- b. T
- c. T
- d. T
- e. F Erle Stanley Gardner created the great fictional lawyer Perry Mason.
- f. T

Page 75 - exercise 2

Open answers.

Page 76 - exercise 3

- 1 Hercule Poirot
- 2 Philip Marlowe
- 3 Sherlock Holmes
- 4 Perry Mason

The Tell-Tale Heart

Page 78 - exercise 1

- a. skull b. brain c. vein d. heart
- e. blood f. kidney g. liver h. bone
- i. muscle

Page 79 - exercises 2, 3

Open answers.

Page 80 - exercise 4

1. B 2. A 3. C 4. A 5. B

Page 84 - exercise 1

1. A 2. D 3. B 4. A 5. D

Page 85 - exercise 2

- a. How long did it take him to put his head into the room? It took him one hour.
- b. How long did it take them to find the tomb?

It took them an hour and a half.

- c. How long did it take the police to arrive at the scene of the crime? It took them three hours.
- d. How long did (does) it take John to drive to work? It took (takes) him 30 minutes.
- e. How long did it take her to get to Atlanta? It took her eight hours.

Page 86 - exercise 3

A 2 B 6 C 4 D Extra heading E 1 F 5 G 0 H 3

Page 86 - exercise 4

a. 2 b. 3 c. 1 d. 4 e. 5

a. He looks frightened.

b. This beer tastes good.

c. That song sounds great.

This tombstone feels wet.

e. This cheese smells disgusting.

Page 88 - exercise 5

1 looked 2 felt 3 tasted 4 smelt 5 sounded 6 sound

Page 89 - exercise 1

a. 2

b. 4

c. 3

d. 1

a. eighth, watch's, perhaps

b. about, Who's

c. think, completely

d. happily, wise, slept

Page 90 - exercise 2

1. 2. have 3. much 4. V

5. should 6. 7. wasn't 8. very

9. all 10. V 11. V 12. V 13. to

14. has 15. V

Page 95 - exercise 1

a. So that the old man would not guess his intentions.

b. Seven.

c. The vulture eye.

d. The beating of the old man's heart.

e. It made him furious.

f. Because it grew louder and louder.

g. He suffocated him with the mattress.

Page 95 - exercise 2

b. She must have read it. c. She must have driven quickly. d. He must have gone away. e. He must have been a detective. f. They must have been hungry. g. He must not have seen it.
h. He must have been tired. i. It must have known him. j. His car must have broken down. k. I must have been asleep.

Page 96 - exercise 3

a. hardly worked b. worked hard

c. was breathing hard/breathed hard.

d. hardly breathed. e. hardly talked

f. play hard

Page 97 - exercise 1

Open answers.

Page 97 - exercise 2

1 how 2 off 3 back 4 so

5 anything 6 no 7 all 8 When

9 it 10 at 11 or 12 of

Page 102 - exercise 1

a. He hid it under the floor boards.

b. At four o'clock in the morning.

c. The police.

d. Because he had hidden the body so well, and because there were none of the usual signs of a crime, i.e. the old man's gold was still there.

 Because a neighbor had heard a scream.

f. He took the police to the old man's room and showed them his gold.

g. He heard a ringing in his ears, and then a sound like a watch enveloped in cotton.

h. He started to talk loudly.

 The narrator himself told them where it was. Page 103 - exercise 2

1. f. 2. e. 3. d. 4. c. 5. b. 6. a.

Page 104 – exercise 3

1 A 2 F 3 C 4 E

Page 108 - exercise 1

- a. F His films were not expensive and they were made in a short time.
- **b.** F He is a film director.
- c. F He is a famous actor.
- d. F He was a very old man when he acted in this film.
- e. F Vincent Price did a rap song with Michael Jackson.
- f. T

Page 108 - Internet Project

Useful sites for research

http://www.poemuseum.org

Edgar Allan Poe Museum, Richmond, Virginia.

http://www.nps.gov/edal

Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. http://www.eapoe.org

The Edgar Allan Poe Society of Baltimore.

(Click on 'General Topics about Poe' for information on his death.)

Poe lived in and wrote:

- Boston
- Virginia: Tamerlane and Other
 Poems, Al Aaraaf, Tamerlane and
 Minor Poems
- Baltimore: Poems by Edgar Allan
 Poe, Tales of the Folio Club
- Philadelphia: Tales of the Grotesque and Arabesque
- Virginia

Different death theories: Beating –
Epilepsy – Dipsomania – Heart –
Toxic Disorder – Hypoglycemia –
Diabetes – Alcohol Dehydrogenase –
Porphryia – Delerium Tremens –
Rabies – Heart – Murder – Epilepsy –
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

KEY TO THE EXIT TEST

- 1. C, 2. C, 3. A, 4. C, 5. A, 6. D, 7. B, 8. A
- 2 1. A, 2. B, 3. A, 4. B, 5. C
- 3 1. B, 2. A, 3. D, 4. A, 5. B
- 4 Two other police officers and myself were called to 101 Maple Lane because a neighbor had heard a horrible scream. We knocked at the door and a young man opened. He acted quite normally, and explained to us that he had had a terrible nightmare. This he said was the reason for the scream. He also told us calmly about the owner of the house, whom he said was in the country. Everything seemed in order and we were about to leave. Then the young man asked us to sit and rest for a moment. We began talking and then he began to get slightly upset. At first he only smiled nervously and we smiled back nervously. Then he began to talk rapidly and loudly. Of course, we began to suspect something, but we did nothing. Still, his nervousness increased and finally he shouted out that we must pull up the floor boards (At this point I believe he said something about a "hideous heart"). We then pulled up the boards and found the body of an old man, which the young man had cut up into numerous pieces.
- a. He tells us his story calmly. He explains the reason for each of his actions: he was a gentle boy so he loved animals; he began to drink and his mood changed; he killed Pluto because he was dominated by the Spirit of the Perverse; there

- was an image on the wall of the house because of a chemical reaction; and his fear of the second cat was due to its strange resemblance to Pluto and a spot on its breast resembling the gallows.
- b. This narrator begins his story by explaining why he was capable of hearing so well. He said he had a disease which made his hearing more acute. This is why he could hear the old man's heart, both when he was about to kill him and when the heart "was beating" under the floor.

 Second, he analyzes logically his reason for killing the old man: it was not for money and it was not because he hated him. It was because he could not stand his horrible eye.
- a. This is the spirit that makes you do things which you know are wrong because you know they are wrong.
 - b. The narrator of "The Black Cat" kills Pluto under the influence of this "character", and then this "character" causes him to hit the wall with his cane.
 In "The Tell-Tale Heart", this spirit (or a very similar one!) causes the narrator to kill an old man whom he loved just because the old man has a horrible eye like a vulture. Then, the narrator, for no particular reason, has the policemen sat down over the cutup body.
- 7 In both tales the narrators do horrible actions because of some physical

problems: one drinks too much and the other has had some terrible disease. And yet both narrators explain their crimes as if some horrible outside agent had caused them to kill: the spirit of the perverse, for the first, and excited senses for the second.

Both narrators explain carefully their actions, and neither one really accepts any supernatural explanation for his actions or the things that happen. The first narrator mentions in passing that his wife thought that Pluto was a witch in disguise and that there was the image of a cat on the wall.

The second narrator never even bothers to think about how the heart of a dead man could continue beating: for him his over acute sense of hearing explains everything.

- a. Perhaps a sense of fear and desperation.
 - b. They were both in the same room and they were both "captured" by art.

Also, they were both ill and suffering. Perhaps the narrator saw his own fear of death in the young girl's face.

a. In "The Black Cat", the narrator and the police hear the screaming of the cat and so the wife's corpse is discovered.
In "The Tell-Tale Heart" the

In "The Tell-Tale Heart", the narrator is excited to murder because he hears the beating heart, and then he reveals the cut-up body of the murdered man because he "hears" the beating heart.

- b. In "The Black Cat", the narrator sees the image of the hanged cat, and, more important, he thinks he can see the gallows in the spot on the cat, or in other words, he can see his own horrible fate. In "The Oval Portrait", the narrator is wakened from his stupor by the sight of the portrait. Then, of course, the painter looks at his wife and sees every detail of her face, without, though, "seeing" that she is dying. In "The Tell-Tale Heart", the narrator kills the old man because he cannot stand the sight of the old man's eye.
- The narrator of "The Black Cat" is obsessed by the black cats. He never says that he believes the two cats are evil, but both of them cause him to do evil things: the first one, Pluto, because it is so good and loves him; and the second one because its white spot seems to him to predict his own death by hanging.

The narrator of "The Tell-Tale Heart" is obsessed by his own senses, and by the horrible blue eye.

The painter in "The Oval Portrait" is obsessed with "capturing" life in a painting.

11 1. A, 2. A, 3. D, 4. C, 5. A, 6. A, 7. C, 8. D, 9. A, 10. B, 11. A, 12. D, 13. D, 14. A, 15. D

12 "The Black Cat"

- 1. He is going to die.
- 2. A black cat named Pluto.
- 3. A bas-relief of a giant cat.
- 4. The gallows.
- Because she tried to stop him from killing the cat.
- Because the black cat had run away.

"The Oval Portrait"

- In the Apennine Mountains in Italy.
- It told the story of each of the paintings in the room.
- 3. His art.
- It was cold, damp and unhealthy.
- 5. His wife died.

"The Tell-Tale Heart"

- Because the old man's vulture eye disturbed him.
- Because the old man had his eyes closed, and it was the vulture eye that made the narrator want to kill him.
- The beating of the old man's heart.
- He cut it up and then hid it under the floor boards.
- Because the neighbors had heard somebody scream.
- Because he started hearing a ringing sound.

13 "The Black Cat"

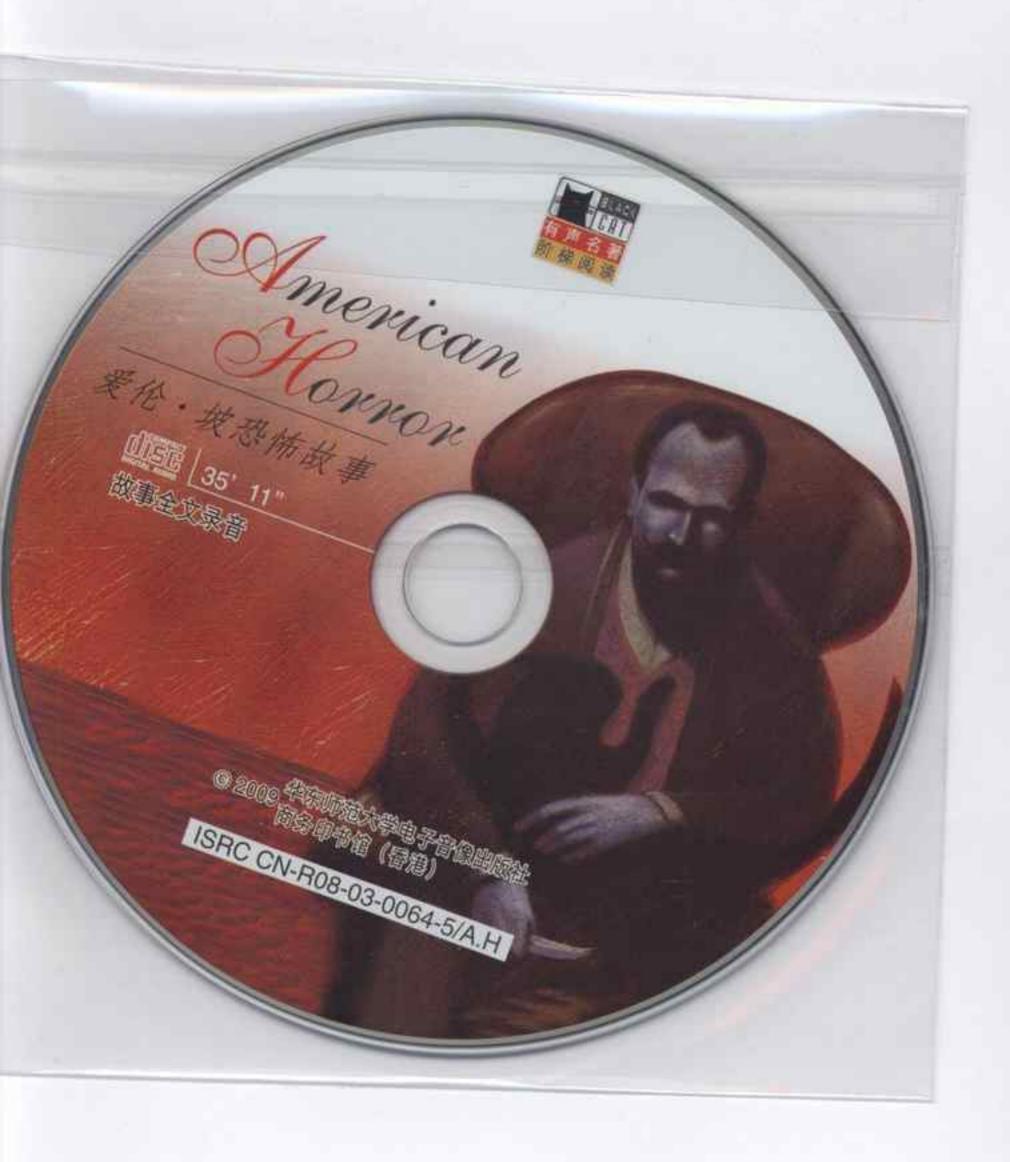
- F He was a very gentle child who loved animals.
- F He became moody because he started drinking excessively.
- 3. F He killed him because he knew that Pluto had never hurt him, that Pluto loved him and that God would never forgive him for his crime.
- 4. T
- 5. T
- F The police opened the wall when they heard the cat making its inhuman scream.

"The Oval Portrait"

- F He entered the castle because he was ill and needed a place to rest.
- 2. T
- 3. F She was extremely joyous.
- F He wanted to capture every shade of life in her face.
- 5. T

"The Tell-Tale Heart"

- F He only believes that his senses are more acute than most people.
- 2. T
- 3. T
- 4. T
- 5. T
- 6. T



Level 5

A Christmas Carol 小气财神

The Tragedy of Dr Faustus 浮士德的悲剧

Washington Square 华盛顿广场

A Midsummer Night's Dream 仲夏夜之梦

American Horror 爱伦·坡恐怖故事

Much Ado About Nothing 无事生非

The Canterbury Tales 坎特伯雷故事

Dracula

吸血伯爵 The Last of the Mohicans

最后的莫希干人

The Big Mistake and Other Stories 当代悬疑故事



用心器处析图的

书中收录了三则恐怖故事。一只仿佛转世的黑猫在弥留之际,向警察揭露了令人毛骨悚然的罪案!一幅肖像为何栩栩如生?只因为疯狂的画家夺走了他妻子的性命!死者"跳动的心脏"泄露了凶手的真面目。

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