The Room in the Tower and Other Ghost Stories

**Book key**

1. Open answers
2.  
   a. Ireland  
   b. India  
   c. England  
   d. Rudyard Kipling  
   e. E F Benson  
   f. Le Fanu
3. Open answer
4.  
   a. the writer’s sister  
   b. her parents  
   c. her sister and her sister’s husband  
   d. Lord Glenfallen  
   e. Fanny’s sister / the writer’s sister  
   f. Fanny / the writer  
   g. Fanny / the writer  
   h. Martha
5.  
   a. Because they wanted a son not a daughter.  
   b. She is happier and laughs again.  
   c. Because she does not love him.  
   d. It is a happy place.  
   e. Because it always means that something bad is going to happen to the Glenfallen family.
6. Open answers
7.  
   a. X – She can only go into the rooms at the front.  
   b. ✓  
   c. X – The woman hits Fanny.  
   d. X – He says they must go to Europe.  
   e. ✓  
   f. X – She is not looking at Fanny because she does not have eyes.  
   g. X – He speaks angrily to her.  
   h. ✓  
   i. X – She leaves the same day.
8. Open answers
9.  
   a. Open answer  
   b. Yes, there were.
10.  
   a. Imray  
   b. his friends  
   c. his boss  
   d. Strickland  
   e. Tietjens  
   f. the writer  
   g. Bahadur Khan  
   h. a face  
   i. Tietjens  
   j. the writer  
   k. the writer
11–12. Open answers
13.  
   a. easy  
   b. sees does not see  
   c. Strickland  
   d. and gets away but does not get away  
   e. The writer’s Strickland’s  
   f. All the servants Bahadur Khan  
   g. wife son  
   h. runs away dies
14.  
   a. fast  
   b. not clever enough  
   c. good at his job  
   d. happier at the end  
   e. Open answer
15. Open answers
16.  
   a. DS  
   b. D  
   c. DS  
   d. D  
   e. DS  
   f. D  
   g. D  
   h. S
17.  
   a. She is old and weak and has white hair.  
   b. She is dead.
18–19. Open answers
20.  
   a. No (when they wash off the blood, there are no cuts)  
   b. Yes (her eyes follow him)  
   c. Yes  
   d. No  
   e. Yes  
   f. Yes  
   g. No  
   h. Yes (he goes back to the village but not to the house)
21–29. Open answers

**Discussion activities key**

1. Open answers
2. Fanny and her father are at the front door of the house in Tyrone. They feel worried and perhaps afraid. It is about one o’clock in the morning.
3. Dialogue:  
   Mother: Do you know Lord Glengallen?  
   Fanny: Oh yes. He’s that ugly old man from Cahergallagh.
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Mother: He's not ugly and he's not old, Fanny. He's from a very rich and important family, too, and... he wants to marry you. He loves you.

Fanny: Loves me? Wants to marry me? But he's making a mistake, mother! I don't love him. I can't marry somebody I don't love.

Mother: Think about it, Fanny. He's a good man and he wants to marry you. You're a very lucky young woman.

4–6 Open answers

7 Possible answer:

Lord Glenfallen's new young wife came to live in the house. I showed her to her room and she saw the black coat. I knew something bad was going to happen. A few days later she came to me crying, because she had seen the woman in the black coat. She said the woman told her she was going to kill her if she didn't leave the house. I told her that it was the ghost of Lady Glenfallen. The next day the young lady left the house.

8–9 Open answers

10 Reading out loud from page 18. Work on pronunciation.

11–13 Open answers

14–15 Possible answer (from the point of view of the dog):

My master came to live in this house, but I knew there was something wrong. There was something above the ceiling. I didn't sleep in the house because I was afraid. I knew there was a ghost in the house. When my master found the dead body and his servant confessed to the murder, I was happy because the ghost disappeared.

16 Open answers

17 Possible answer:

Narrator: How many young men did she kill?
Old woman: Nobody knows, sir. It's a mystery.
Narrator: Why didn't the families of the young men come to look for them?
Old woman: Some people say they were all orphans.
Narrator: Why didn't you tell the police about it?
Old woman: I did tell them. But they didn't believe me.

18–21 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

1 a Her name is Fanny.
   b They don't play much because her sister is six years older than her.
   c Her sister leaves home because she gets married.

d She cries because her mother and father don't love her.

f She dies at the same time that Fanny and her father are outside the house waiting for her.

h She meets the man she is going to marry.

j Right

5 RENGAST strange
   ESELP sleep
   YAST stay
   PENPHEAD happened
   RENUDAGOS dangerous
   OBEAV above
   DELBMC climbed
   SONIE noise
   OBREK broke
   DOYB body
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6  a  Wrong. Strickland killed the snake by hitting it with his gun.
b  Wrong. Tietjens didn't like sleeping in the house because he knew Imray's body was above the ceiling.
c  Wrong. Imray was killed by Bahadur Khan.
d  Wrong. Only Bahadur Khan said that Imray suddenly went away to Europe.
e  Right
f  Right
g  Wrong. Bahadur Khan put his foot on the snake on purpose.

7  a  many
b  in front of
c  old school
d  tall
e  before
f  older
g  Mrs Stone
h  bad
i  cold

8  a  John Clinton is speaking to the narrator.
b  Mrs Stone and Mrs Clinton say this to the narrator.
c  The narrator says this to John Clinton.
d  The narrator says this to John Clinton.
e  Mrs Stone says this to the narrator.
f  The very old woman says this to the narrator.

9  a  5
b  2
c  7
d  8
e  1
f  4
g  3
h  6

10–11  Open answers

Progress test key
1  In the story *The Woman in the Black Coat* Fanny, a woman from a rich and important family, gets married to an older man. Fanny moves to live with her husband in Cahergillagh. They live in a beautiful house with many trees and flowers in the garden. Fanny meets Martha, a friendly old woman. Martha knows all about the house. When Fanny sees the black coat in her room, Martha tells her that she knows something bad is going to happen. At dinner Fanny doesn't tell her husband about the black coat. He tells her she must never go into the rooms at the back of the house. He looks unhappy.

About a month later Fanny meets the woman in the black coat for the first time. She is blind and about forty years old. The woman wants Fanny to leave the house.

2  a  married
b  met
c  dangerous
d  fear
e  knife
f  cried
g  blind

3  a  north
b  dead
c  liked
d  big
e  didn't think
f  night
g  Strickland

4  a  4
b  5
c  7
d  2
e  1
f  3
g  8
h  9
i  6
j  10

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

6  1 c
2  b
3  c
4  b