The Woman in the Black Coat, pages 1–13
Pages 1–4
While reading
1 Answer these questions.
   a What is the name of the girl in the story? .................................................................
   b Why doesn’t she play much with her sister? .................................................................
   c Why does her sister leave home? ....................................................................................
   d Why does the girl cry when her sister leaves? .................................................................
   e Why does her sister decide to come home? .................................................................
   f What is strange about her sister’s death? ......................................................................
   g Why do the girl and mother go to Dublin? .................................................................
   h How does the girl’s life change in Dublin? .................................................................

Pages 4–9
While reading
2 Finish these sentences.
   a Fanny likes her husband’s house because .....................................................................
   b When she sees her room, she feels cold with fear because .........................................
   c When Fanny tells Martha about the black coat, Martha is frightened because ..........
   d Fanny feels Lord Glenfallen is different at Cahergillagh because ..............................
   e Fanny cries out for help because ..................................................................................
   f Lord Glenfallen’s face is ‘white with fear’ because ..................................................

Pages 9–13
While reading
3 These sentences are wrong. Make them right.
   a Lord Glenfallen wants to stay in Cahergillagh. ..............................................................
   b Fanny sees the blind woman during the day. ...............................................................
After dinner, Strickland saw a brown snake in the corner. He tried to catch the snake but it disappeared up the ceiling. Strickland got up after it and looked through the small door in the ceiling. Suddenly there was a loud sound and something heavy through the ceiling and landed on the table. It was Imray’s dead body.

Pages 24–28
While reading
6 Are these sentences right or wrong? If they are wrong, make them right.
   a Strickland killed the snake by shooting it with his gun.
   b Tietjens didn’t like sleeping in the house because it was cold.
   c Imray died of an illness.
   d All the servants said that Imray suddenly went away to Europe.
   e Bahadur Khan thinks that Imray was a bad man.
   f Bahadur Khan killed Imray.
   g Bahadur Khan put his foot on the snake by mistake.

The Room in the Tower, pages 28–35
Pages 28–29
While reading
7 Choose the right words to finish these sentences.
   a The narrator had the same dream three / many times.
   b The dream happens in front of / behind a big red house.
   c Jack Stone was from the narrator’s old school / home town.
   d The building in the corner of the garden was very tall / wide.
   e The narrator wakes up from the dream after / before he enters the room.
   f The people in the dream started to get younger / older.
   g When the dream starts again after stopping for six months, Mrs Stone / Jack Stone is dead.
   h The words on the stone were: ‘Remember the sad / bad and dangerous Julia Stone’.
   i When the narrator woke up, he was hot / cold and scared.

Pages 29–35
While reading
8 Who is speaking? Who are they talking to?
   a ‘We can drive down together on Sunday afternoon.’
   b ‘Jack is going to show you to your room now.’
   c ‘I don’t like this picture.’
   d ‘Oh look, there’s blood on my hand.’
   e ‘So, you are here in the tower after so many years.’
   f ‘But people say she comes to visit young men in their dreams.’

9 What happens first? Put the sentences into the correct order.
   a Mrs Stone put her hand on the narrator’s neck.
   b The narrator saw the picture of Mrs Stone.
   c John Clinton saw Mrs Stone.
   d The narrator left the house in Sussex.
   e The narrator and John Clinton drove to Sussex.
   f The narrator saw Mrs Stone.
   g The narrator and John Clinton went into the garden to smoke.
   h The narrator hit Mrs Stone in the face.

After reading
10 Write a letter.

You are Strickland. Write a letter to Imray’s mother telling her exactly what happened to her son.

11 Work with another student.
   Student A: Find a picture in the book and talk about what is in the picture. Do not show the picture to your friend.
   Student B: Do not look at the picture. Try to say what happens before and after the picture. Then find the picture.
1 Ten things are wrong. Find them and make them right.
In the story *The Woman in the Black Coat* Fanny, a woman from a rich and important family, gets married to a younger man. Fanny moves to live with her husband in Dublin. They live in a beautiful house with many trees and bushes in the garden. Fanny meets Martha, an unfriendly old woman. Martha knows all about the house. When Fanny sees the black coat in her room, Martha tells her that she knows something good is going to happen. At dinner Fanny tells her husband about the black coat. He tells her she must never go into the rooms at the front of the house. He looks unhappy.
About a year later Fanny meets the woman in the black coat for the first time. She is blind and about fifty years old. The woman wants Fanny to stay in the house.

2 Look at this list of words:
blind cried dangerous fear knife married met
Complete the sentences with the right word.
**a** Fanny and Lord Glenfallen got ........... the next spring.
**b** Fanny ........... Martha at the house in Cahergillagh.
**c** Her husband told her never to go into the rooms at the back of the house because they were ........... .
**d** When Lord Glenfallen came out of the room, his face was white with ........... .
**e** The woman in the black coat wanted to kill Fanny with a ........... .
**f** When the woman in black hit Fanny, Fanny ........... out for help.
**g** The woman’s face and eyes were white – she was ........... .

3 Complete these sentences with the correct words in italics.
**a** Imray lived in a little town in the south / north of India.
**b** Imray’s boss told his mother that Imray was dead / ill.
**c** Strickland didn’t like / liked guns.
**d** Strickland had a very small / big dog called Tietjens.
**e** The narrator thought / didn’t think that Strickland was a strange man.
**f** Tietjens was unhappy in the house during the day / night.
**g** The narrator / Strickland killed the poisonous snake.

4 Put these sentences in order.
**a** Strickland comes to live in the house. .....  
**b** The narrator goes to stay in Strickland’s house. .....  
**c** The narrator decides to go to a hotel. .....  
**d** Bahadur Khan’s son dies. .....  
**e** Imray comes to live in the house. .....  
**f** Bahadur Khan kills Imray. .....  
**g** Strickland finds Imray’s body. .....  
**h** Strickland kills the snake. .....  
**i** A mysterious visitor comes to the house. .....  
**j** Bahadur Khan steps on the snake. .....  

5 Match A and B.

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<td>1 The narrator was about sixteen when.</td>
<td>a into the garden to have some tea.</td>
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<td>2 In the dream a man told him to go.</td>
<td>b for about six months.</td>
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<td>3 There were six people in the garden.</td>
<td>c he first had the dream.</td>
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<td>4 The narrator stopped having the dream.</td>
<td>d during the journey to Sussex.</td>
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<td>5 The narrator went to stay in Sussex with a friend.</td>
<td>e sitting on chairs and drinking tea.</td>
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<td>6 The narrator slept in the first week of August.</td>
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6 Choose the right answer.

1 The house in Sussex was … the house in the dream.
   a bigger than  
   b smaller than  
   c the same as

2 The narrator is … when he sees the picture of Mrs Stone.
   a angry  
   b unhappy  
   c curious

3 Mrs Stone tries to … the narrator in the middle of the night.
   a kiss  
   b help  
   c kill

4 The villagers finally buried Mrs Stone …
   a at the church.  
   b under the tree in the garden.  
   c under the floor in the tower.