The Locked Room and Other Horror Stories

Book key

1  Open answers
2  a  Open answer
   b  Latin
   c  At Christmas
   d  pleasantly uncomfortable
3  Open answers
4  a  climbs a tree at night  b  hanged
   c  only for a moment  d  don't know  e  nothing
   f  doesn't follow  g  plans to cut down
   h  tree  i  men
5–6  Open answers
7  a  John  b  Turkey  c  remember  d  McLeod
   e  white  f  about midnight  g  Sampson's
   h  never  i  Ireland  j  two bodies
8–9  Open answers
10  a  X  b  ✓  c  X  d  X  e  ✓  f  ✓  g  X  h  ✓
   i  ✓
11  Possible answers:
   a  … he goes into a bookshop.
   b  … she doesn't like his horrible old books.
   c  … there is 'something bad' in the drawing.
   d  … he thinks someone is watching him.
   e  … of his horrible experience.
   f  … of the story of the pattern.
12  Open answers
13  a  ✓  b  X  c  ✓  d  ✓  e  ✓  f  ✓  g  X  h  ✓
14–15  Open answers
16  a  railway station  >  public house
   b  lively  >  quiet
   c  very  >  not
   d  full of people  >  empty
   e  laughs  >  moves
   f  tells  >  doesn't tell
   g  third  >  second
   h  gun, hand  >  knife, chest
   i  pleased  >  angry
17–18  Open answers
19  a  Mr Britnall
   b  Mr Williams
   c  the person in the picture
   d  Nisbet
   e  Robert, Williams's servant
   f  the Francis family
   g  the Gawdy family
20  a  5  b  2  c  4  d  7  e  6  f  3  g  1
21  Open answers
22  a  is  b  is  c  at different times
   d  walks in his sleep  e  doesn't hear anything
   f  thinks  g  no one  h  garden  i  Mr Abney
   j  closes the door
23  Possible answers
   a  The ghosts of Phoebe and Giovanni.
   b  Because Mr Abney murdered them.
   c  He was going to murder Stephen with it.
   d  The ghosts of Phoebe and Giovanni.
   e  Because he needed the hearts of three children
       under twenty-one.
   f  Perhaps he thinks no one will believe him.
24  Open answers
25  a  6  b  10  c  7  d  2  e  9  f  8  g  1  h  5
   i  4  j  3
26  Possible answers:
   a  At the beginning of the story he is popular and
       kind. He becomes angry, murders someone and
       goes mad.
   b  It changes because he loses the chance to marry a
       beautiful, rich wife.
27  Open answers
28  a  ✓  b  X  c  ✓  d  X  e  ✓
29  a  Dr Rant  b  Mr Eldred  c  William Garrett
30–40  Open answers

Discussion activities key

1  Suggested answers:
   ghosts, murder, blood, a full moon, magic, strange animals
2  Suggested answers:
   Familiar characters, ordinary people in real situations,
   ghosts appear to people with unexciting lives
3–10  Open answers
11  Suggested answers:
   They dislike them. They kill them with poison. They
   protect themselves against them. They do not mind having them around.
12  Suggested answer:
   Dear all
   I am now in a public house in Suffolk. I have my own room.
   The place is fantastic: I think I will be able to study and
   read in peace here. The owners of the bar are very kind to
   me as well.
   So I think I will be staying here for some time.
   Love
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13–15 Open answers

16 Suggested answer:
The baby disappeared in the night. The house was tidy and everything was in its place. It might have been taken away by a thief or a madman.

17–19 Open answers

20 Suggested answer:
This has been the happiest day in my life. We were at the Christmas party in the hotel, and as usual everybody was dancing except me. Nobody talked to me either. But then a very good looking gentleman came up to me and asked me to dance. The band was playing ‘Lady, will you walk, will you talk with me?’ Oh! I would like to see him again. Perhaps tomorrow …

21 Open answer

22 Suggested answer:
He realised he was too ambitious. He wanted the house but did not care for his uncle. He wanted Mrs Simpson to prove she was clever and could solve the mystery of the will.

23 Open answer

24 Suggested answer:
Advantages: you can choose from a wide variety of books. You needn’t buy everything. If you don’t like a book, you do not have to pay for it. You can ask the librarian for advice.

Disadvantages: there is a fixed time to read the book. You may want a book that is not available.

25–27 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

1 a 1862
   b He was a vicar.
   c Cambridge University
   d He read one of his own stories to friends.

2 Suggested answers:
a They shouldn’t have hanged Mrs Mothersole because she was not a witch/she was falsely accused
b They should have cut the tree down if they were afraid.
c Sir Richard shouldn’t have moved to his grandfather’s room so as not to disturb the witch
d They shouldn’t have started building on the graveyard because they disturbed the dead,
e They shouldn’t have opened the bible again.

3 a T
   b T
   c F. On one side.
   d T
   e F. He saw the tall thin man make a sign to Sampson.
   f T
   g F. A year later.
   h F. A well with two bodies in it.

4 a curtains
   b instead
   c show
   d copying
   e moving
   f realises
   g hair
   h terrified

5 Mr Davis: quiet, handkerchief, heart, annoyed, polite
The young man: pale, hanging, rude

6 Open answers

7 a He is the man who sells the painting to Mr Williams.
   b It’s of a large country house with three rows of windows, tall trees on either side and a garden in front.
   c John Garwood; a friend of Mr Williams; Mr Williams himself; Nisbet; Robert.
   d The Francis family.
   e Tom Gawdy was caught stealing by Sir John Francis and was hanged. They stole the last child of the Francis family.

8 a was shocked
   b used to be
   c disappeared
   d has seen
   e was caught
   f stealing

9 a He needs to take out the hearts of three young people; he wants to practise his magic.
   b The young girl, Phoebe Stanley.
   c Because Mr Abney dies before he can kill Stephen.

10 a Mr Abney: unsociable
   b Mrs Bunch: friendly, angry, comfortable to be with
   c Stephen: frightened, excited, worried
   d Parkes: nervous, uneasy
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11  a persuaded,  
    b innocent, intelligent,  
    c week, rush,  
    d wife, Ann, refused, regretted,  
    e disappeared

12  a He tells Sarah to stop singing. He screams and runs out of the bar into the street. He starts to feel around in the lake with a branch.  
    b He is hanged.

13  a 4  b 3  c 1  d 5  e 2

Progress test key

1  a 3  b 7  c 6  d 4  e 8  f 9  g 2  h 5  i 1
2  a A School Story  
    b The Curtains  
    c The Flies  
    d The Curtains  
    e A School Story

3  a 5  b 1  c 3  d 2  e 4
4  a 3  b 1  c 2  d 2  e 1
5  a F. The lady refused to marry him.  
    b T  
    c T  
    d T  
    e F. The book contained a letter.