

Charles Dickens

Great Expectations

KEY TO THE EXERCISES

Page 9 – exercise 1

1 T 2 T 3 F – His father worked for the Navy Pay Office. 4 F – *The Pickwick Papers* was first published in monthly installments. 5 T 6 F – *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* remained unfinished when Dickens died. 7 T 8 F – The American public was very enthusiastic about Dickens's lectures. 9 T 10 T

Page 12 – exercise 1

- 1 In the 1850s Victorian England was the first industrial nation in the world.
- 2 The British Empire grew and trade expanded, bringing great wealth to the country.
- 3 The working class lived in unhealthy slums and worked long hours for low wages.
- 4 London was the largest city in the world with a population of about 3 million people.
- 5 They dealt with the numerous social injustices of his time.
- 6 *Open answer.*

Page 14 – exercise 1

A forge B tombstone C churchyard
D blacksmith E marsh F file

Page 14 – exercise 2

1 F 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 T

Page 22 – exercise 2

1 C 2 D 3 A 4 B 5 A

Page 23 – exercise 2

- 1 ran, had taken
- 2 had seen, was
- 3 had spent, decided
- 4 wanted, had heard
- 5 helped, had told
- 6 fired, had escaped
- 7 had studied, travelled
- 8 had been, wore

Page 24 – exercise 3

- 1 It's been years since Joe saw his uncle Pumblechook.
- 2 Mrs Joe Gargery accused Pip of stealing the food and drink.
- 3 Only a small number of children attended the village school yesterday.
- 4 I wish I could go to London on holiday, but I don't have any money.
- 5 After the accident Mr Wopsle was so confused he couldn't speak.
- 6 Mrs Joe Gargery told Pip not to touch the meat pie because it was still hot.

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Open answer.

Page 28 – exercise 1

- 1 Prison ships were used as prisons to hold convicts who were awaiting transportation to penal colonies.
- 2 It meant transporting convicted criminals to penal colonies.
- 3 Because after the American Revolution of 1776, America became an independent nation.
- 4 It was a long, difficult journey and many convicts died during this time.
- 5 It was a very harsh system with 222 crimes that carried the death penalty.
- 6 The most crimes were against property.

Page 29 – exercise 1

1 B 2 A 3 C 4 B 5 C 6 B

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- 1 They needed a blacksmith to fix some handcuffs.
- 2 They were fighting.
- 3 He confessed that he had stolen food and drink from the blacksmith's house.
- 4 The lessons took place in the evening and the teacher regularly fell asleep, but Biddy taught the students to read and write.
- 5 Uncle Pumblechook took Pip to Satis House and he was treated very poorly.
- 6 Miss Havisham lived in a dismal, dark old home surrounded by suitcases with dresses and jewels.
- 7 Because she was arrogant, rude and insulted him and his social class.
- 8 He told her a lot of lies.
- 9 He was shocked and said that telling lies was always wrong.

Page 38 – exercise 2

- 1 obstinate 2 unkind 3 impolite
- 4 to please 5 arrogant 6 dismal
- 7 tremendously 8 annoyed

Page 39 – exercise 3

- 1 used to getting up
- 2 get used to working
- 3 used to hearing
- 4 get used to washing
- 5 used to going

Page 40 – exercise 4

- 1 told 2 play 3 who 4 met 5 age
- 6 surprised 7 dress 8 common
- 9 coarse 10 walk 11 comments
- 12 details 13 feel 14 lie 15 curiosity

Page 40 – exercise 5

Open answer.

Page 41 – exercise 1

1 B 2 A 3 A 4 A 5 B 6 C

Page 49 – exercise 1

1 G 2 D 3 A 4 E 5 C 6 K 7 F 8 J

Page 50 – exercise 2

- 1 novelist 2 circulation 3 popularity
- 4 birth 5 exaggeration 6 expansion
- 7 adaptation 8 fictional 9 fame
- 10 composition 11 advantageous
- 12 introduction 13 creation

Page 51 – exercise 3

Open answer.

Page 51 – exercise 4

Open answer.

Page 52 – exercise 1

1 B 2 C 3 A 4 C 5 B 6 B

Page 62 – exercise 1

1 C 2 B 3 D 4 A 5 A 6 D 7 D

Page 63 – exercise 2

- 1 life 2 home 3 who 4 shocked
- 5 unconscious 6 wife 7 nothing
- 8 violently 9 chain 10 could 11 file
- 12 anyone 13 investigation 14 death
- 15 because



Page 64 — exercise 3

A 5 B 1 C 4 D 3 E 2

Page 64 — exercise 4

- 1 If Pip hadn't eaten a lot of sweets at Satis House, he would not have felt ill.
- 2 If Orlick hadn't fought with Joe, he would not have lost his job.
- 3 If Estella had not forgotten Miss Havisham's birthday, she would not have been angry.
- 4 If Mr Jaggers had brought a map, he would not have got lost in the marshes.
- 5 If Biddy hadn't misplaced her house keys, she would have opened the door.

Page 65 — exercise 5

- 1 Biddy sat in a dark corner of the kitchen and hoped no one would notice her.
- 2 He said that he had come to see the blacksmith, Joe Gargery.
- 3 Mrs Joe Gargery could not scream any louder.
- 4 It did not matter who she shouted at.
- 5 Pip never had a better friend than Joe Gargery.

Page 65 — exercise 6*Open answer.***Page 69 — exercise 1**

- 1 It was characterized by great achievements in science, industry, travel and commerce.
- 2 The British Empire was the biggest empire in the world and covered about one-fifth of the earth's land area.
- 3 Wealthy children received a good education, lived in beautiful homes and had an entertaining social life.

4 Poor children could not attend school and were forced to go to work in terrible conditions. Poor children were always cold and hungry, and often died at a young age.

- 4 Some poor people became beggars or criminals and other chose to live in a workhouse.
- 5 Children often did the most dangerous jobs in factories and others sold newspapers, matches or flowers in the streets.
- 6 These people helped the poor.
- 7 The 'Dame' school was where a kind woman taught children in her own home. The 'ragged' schools were organized by churches and charities and the Bible was usually the only book available to the numerous pupils.

Page 77 — exercise 1

- 1 F — Pip had a terrible first impression of the new city. 2 F — On Monday morning he would meet Matthew Pocket. 3 F — Herbert didn't like Estella at all.
4 T 5 F — Miss Havisham inherited more money than her half-brother.
6 T 7 F — Pip would be educated to be independent. 8 T 9 F — Pip did not look forward to Joe's visit.
10 T 11 T 12 T

Page 77 — exercise 2

- 1 disappointed 2 arrogant
3 independent 4 enthusiastic
5 cheerful 6 embarrassed

Page 78 — exercise 3

- 1 B 2 C 3 E 4 D 5 G 6 B 7 I 8 F
9 A 10 D 11 J 12 H 13 F

Page 78 — exercise 4*Open answer.***Page 79 — exercise 5**

- 1 invade 2 founded 3 stands 4 wrote
5 said 6 built 7 built 8 looked like
9 called 10 destroyed 11 rebuilt
12 became 13 threatened 14 called

Page 80 — exercise 6*Down*

- 1 prisoner 2 clumsy 5 handcuffs
6 impolite 7 marsh 8 Handel
10 apprentice

Across

- 3 ugly 4 whisper 9 annoyed
11 blacksmith 12 forge 13 file
14 obstinate

Page 89 — exercise 1

- 1 He felt very uneasy because he remembered his terrible childhood experience.
 - 2 Pip felt coarse and common again when he saw Estella.
 - 3 Because he knew that Orlick could not be trusted.
 - 4 She told him to love her.
 - 5 Herbert felt that Pip would be very unhappy with arrogant Estella.
 - 6 Because he didn't have enough money to marry her yet.
 - 7 She planned to stay in the village, teach at the village school and look after Joe.
 - 8 She refused, saying that she was able to earn her own money.
 - 9 Biddy was right because Pip had no intention of returning to the village.
 - 10 He was told that he would receive five hundred pounds a year to spend as he liked.
 - 11 He wanted to help his friend Herbert.
 - 12 Bentley did not mean anything to her.
- Page 90 — exercise 2**
- 1 'The poor woman must have suffered terribly for a long time,' said Pip.

- 2 She must have gone to London to live with some friends.
- 3 'He couldn't have wanted to embarrass you, because he loves you,' said Herbert.
- 4 'You must have left them at Mr Jaggers's office this morning.'
- 5 'That's alright, you must have been very hungry,' said Joe.
- 6 'I don't believe you; she couldn't have said anything bad because she's a fine person,' said Pip.

Page 91 — exercise 3

- 1 darkness 2 organised 3 expansion
4 occupation 5 prevention
6 co-operation 7 courteous
8 original 9 relocated

Page 92 — exercise 4*Open answer.***Page 92 — exercise 1**

- 1 ...Herbert was away on a trip to France.
- 2 ...he heard footsteps on the stairs.
- 3 ...he escaped from a prison ship.
- 4 ...became successful and made a lot of money.
- 5 ...couldn't speak or breathe, and fell onto the sofa.
- 6 ...he was sent away for life and could not return to England.
- 7 ...who knew Magwitch had returned.

Page 92 — exercise 2*Open answer.***Page 101 — exercise 1**

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

Page 102 — exercise 2

- 1 Mr Jaggers must have sent me the money.
- 2 A new forge is being built near the marshes.

- 3 Molly didn't mean to drop the dish on the kitchen floor.
 4 Pip was excited to go to Estella's house.
 5 Estella apologized for having been rude to Pip.
 6 Pip found it hard to accept the terrible truth.
 7 Pip asked Herbert if he had left anything at the pub.
 8 Herbert advised Pip to write a letter to Joe.

Page 103 – exercise 3

- 1 industry 2 cotton 3 engine
 4 money 5 example 6 dangerous
 7 unregulated 8 experienced
 9 distress 10 life 11 owners
 12 organising 13 profit 14 rules
 15 mistakes

Page 104 – exercise 4

- 1 wary 2 half-brother 3 astutely
 4 inherit 5 stir 6 tough
 7 prosperous 8 fortune

Page 104 – exercise 5*Open answer.***Page 105 – exercise 6**

- 1 exploration 2 growth
 3 entertainment 4 popularity
 5 not expensive 6 musicians
 7 navigator 8 colonisation
 9 powerful

Page 106 – exercise 1

- 1 A 2 C 3 A 4 B 5 A

Page 106 – exercise 2*Open answer.***Page 115 – exercise 1**

- 1 F 2 C 3 G 4 D 5 E 8 H 9 I 10 M 11 K

Page 116 – exercise 2

- 1 scientists 2 inventions 3 originated
 4 Advancements 5 expensive

- 6 growth 7 mobility 8 communication
 9 easily 10 sensational 11 photography

Page 117 – exercise 3A

- A 1 B 4 C 2 D 3

Page 117 – exercise 3B

- 1 peeped 2 staring 3 watching
 4 peeped 5 glimpsed 6 staring
 7 watching 8 glimpsed

Page 118 – exercise 4*Open answer.***Page 119 – exercise 5**

- 1 crowded 2 terrified 3 population
 4 bakery 5 destruction 6 architect
 7 improvement 8 decision 9 director
 10 symbolic

Page 123 – exercise 1

- 1 Londinium became an important trading centre because of its location on the River Thames.
 2 The Magna Carta was signed at Runnymede in 1215.
 3 A huge sewer system was built for London, which solved the problem of the 'Great Stink'.
 4 Canaletto, Turner, Monet and Whistler were inspired to paint works based on the River Thames.
 5 King George I asked George Handel to write music for a concert on the River Thames.

Page 132 – exercise 1

- 1 Herbert was being sent by Clarrikers to open a new office in India.
 2 The note said to get Magwitch out of the country in the middle of the week.
 3 They planned to row to Essex because they wanted to collect Magwitch and continue down the river to the sea.
 4 Pip met Orlick at the old kiln on the marshes.

- 5 Orlick wanted to kill Pip because he found out that he lost job at Miss Havisham's because of Pip.
 6 They spent the night at a riverside pub.
 7 Another boat with six men appeared and came close to Pip's boat.
 8 Magwitch was taken to prison because an officer from the other boat recognized him, and knew that he should not be in England.
 9 Wemmick was annoyed because Pip hadn't saved Magwitch's wallet, which was full of money.
 10 Pip wrote to all the important people he knew, but no one wanted to help Magwitch.
 11 He ended his days in a prison hospital, but Pip visited him and told him about his child who had become a beautiful lady.
 12 Joe had heard about Pip's illness and went to London to look after him.
 13 He arrived on the day of Joe and Biddy's wedding.
 14 Pip spent eleven years in India, working as a clerk for Clarrikers.
 15 Estella looked older and had a soft light in her proud eyes. She had become a better person through personal suffering.

Page 132 – exercise 2*Open answer.***Page 133 – exercise 3**

- 1 After listening to Matthew Pocket's question, Pip replied.

- 2 Estella said that Miss Havisham had treated her very well.
 3 Pip was sad because he thought he would never see Estella again.
 4 The letter was sent by Jaggers.
 5 Wemmick said, 'I don't blame you for Compeyson's death.'
 6 Clara wasn't as old as Herbert.
 7 Pip asked himself if it had been a bad dream.
 8 During the winter Biddy's children were not allowed to play near the forge.

Page 134 – exercise 4*Open answer.***Page 135 – exercise 5***Open answer.***Page 138 – exercise 1***Open answer.***Page 138 – exercise 2***Open answer.***Page 139 – exercise 1***Down*

- 1 Clara 2 Magwitch 3 Jaggers
 4 Orlick 7 Molly 10 Handel 11 Kiln
 12 Drummle
Across
 5 Arthur 6 Hammer 7 Hamburg
 8 India 13 Compeyson 14 Clarrikers

Page 140 – exercise 2*Open answer.***Page 142 – exercise 3**

- A 13 B 8 C 7 D 6 E 15 F 1 G 5 H 11
 I 3 J 14 K 9 L 4 M 2 N 10 O 12

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

1 Read the sentence and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

- 1 Charles Dickens has often been called
 - A an important playwright.
 - B a famous actor.
 - C a difficult man.
 - D a great social reformer.
- 2 Pip stole food from Mrs Joe's kitchen
 - A because he was very hungry.
 - B and ran away to London.
 - C and took it to a convict.
 - D and took it to Mr Chumblechook.
- 3 What did Pip tell Mrs Joe about his visit to Satis House and Miss Havisham?
 - A He told her a lot of lies.
 - B He only talked about Estella.
 - C He gave her all the details of his visit.
 - D He went to bed and said nothing.
- 4 What was Miss Havisham's advice to Estella?
 - A 'Go abroad and become a lady.'
 - B 'Break men's hearts.'
 - C 'Save your money and you'll become rich like me.'
 - D 'Don't talk to coarse common boys.'
- 5 Pip left his village and went to London
 - A because a rich person had adopted him.
 - B because Joe Gargery had decided to educate him in an important school.
 - C because Miss Havisham had decided to pay for his apprenticeship.
 - D to meet Estella.
- 6 Who became Pip's best and closest friend in London?
 - A Jiggers
 - B Drummle
 - C Startop
 - D Herbert

- 7 On Pip's twenty-first birthday
 - A he would marry Estella.
 - B he would become a partner in a shipping company.
 - C he would receive 500 pounds a year to spend as he wanted.
 - D he would return to his village.
- 8 When Abel Magwitch finished his punishment in Australia,
 - A he started working as a sheep farmer and made money.
 - B he escaped to England.
 - C he started looking for his enemy, Compeyson.
 - D he became a partner in Compeyson's business.
- 9 After the play, Mr Wopsle told Pip
 - A that Magwitch was in great danger.
 - B that Compeyson had been sitting behind him at the theatre.
 - C that Compeyson was dead.
 - D that Estella had married Bentley Drummle.
- 10 Estella was Molly's daughter
 - A but no one knew her father's name.
 - B and Compeyson was her father.
 - C and Jiggers was her father.
 - D and Magwitch was her father.
- 11 After the accident at sea,
 - A Magwitch was badly injured and died in the prison hospital.
 - B Magwitch escaped and went to Hamburg.
 - C Magwitch and Compeyson went to prison.
 - D Magwitch was hanged.
- 12 After eleven years in India, Pip returned to England
 - A but he decided not to visit Joe Gargery.
 - B and he married Biddy.
 - C and he met Estella.
 - D and he bought a home in London.

2 What was your favourite part of the story?.....

3 Who was your favourite character and why?.....