

1a Oscar Wilde, the author of *The Canterville Ghost*, was very famous.

Write T (*true*) or F (*false*).

- 1 He was born in Dublin, Ireland. ....
- 2 He was from a poor family. ....
- 3 He studied at Cambridge University. ....
- 4 He wrote stories for children. ....
- 5 He died in Paris, France. ....

1b What other famous books did Oscar Wilde write? Have you read any of them?

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2 Read the sentences. Write the missing words in the puzzle. What is the mystery word?

- 1 The ghost cannot ..... the family.
- 2 The ghost gives the family his BIG GHOST'S ..... .
- 3 The ghost can put ..... on his chains.
- 4 A ..... cleans a person's house and sometimes cooks for them.
- 5 The young boys in the story are .....

The mystery word is .....

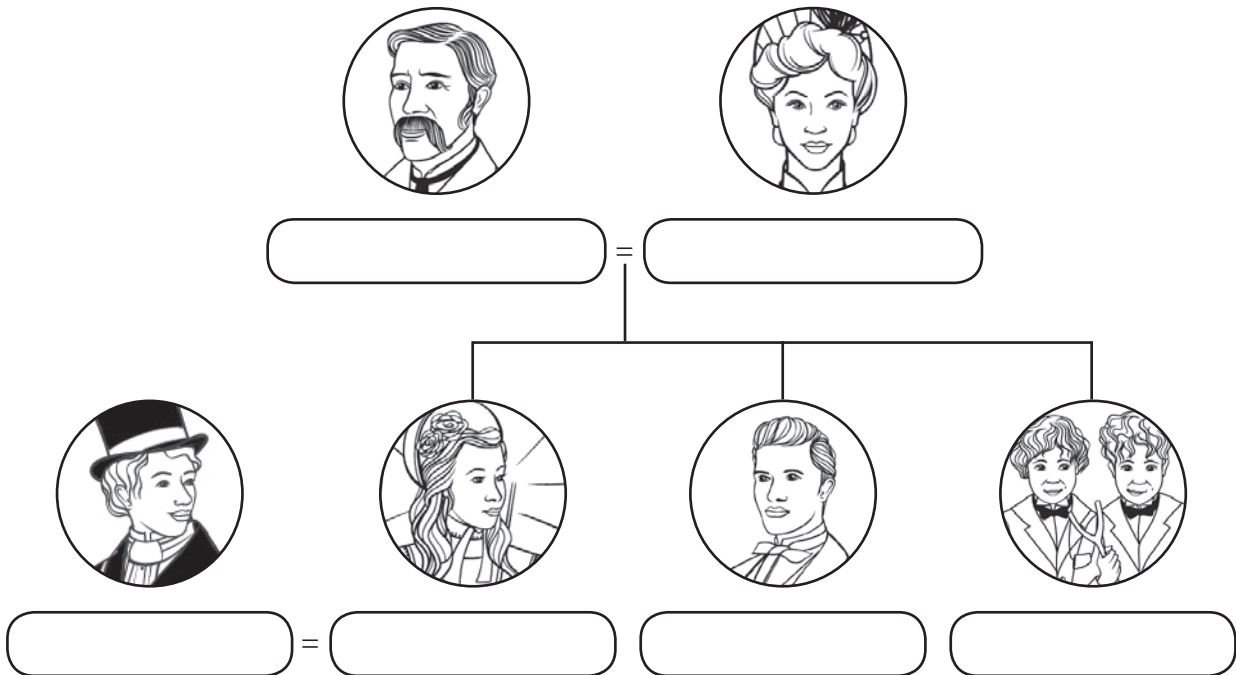
3 Look at the ghost on the cover of the book. Write a description of him.



- He is wearing .....
- He looks very .....
- I think he is ..... years old
- I think he is a good / bad ghost because he .....

4 Complete the family tree. Use the names in the box.

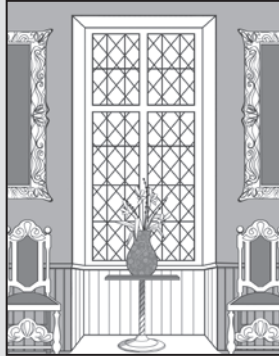
Duke of Cheshire    Mr Otis    Mrs Otis    the twins    Virginia    Washington



5 Complete the advert for Canterville Hall. Use the words in the box.

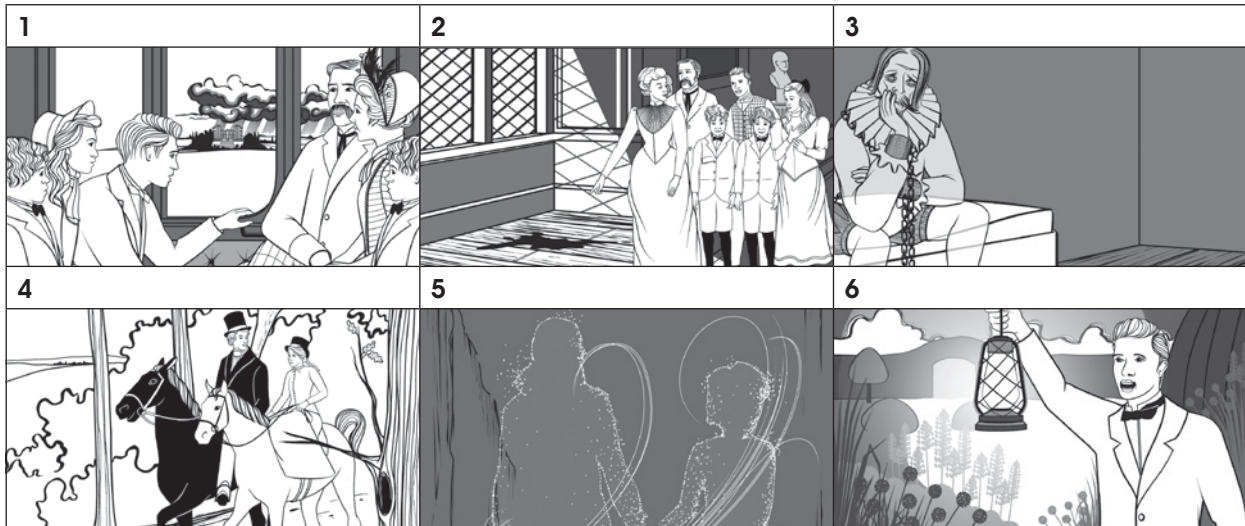
beautiful      bedrooms      drawing room      ghost      housekeeper      Lord

## For Sale



Canterville Hall is a <sup>1</sup> .....  
 old house in England. It has lots of <sup>2</sup> .....  
 and a <sup>3</sup> ..... with a fire.  
 There is a <sup>4</sup> .....,  
 Mrs Umney, and there is a <sup>5</sup> ..... too!  
 But the ghost does not frighten people.  
 For more information, please write to  
<sup>6</sup> ..... Canterville.

6a Look at the pictures from the story (1–6). Match them with the sentences below (a–f).



- a That night, there was a lot of wind and rain. In the morning, the blood was on the drawing room floor again.
- b Virginia rode her horse with the Duke of Cheshire. The duke loved Virginia, but she was very young.
- c Mr Otis and his wife, and their four children, travelled to Canterville Hall.
- d Virginia was not in the house, and she was not in the garden.
- e A wind came and Virginia's dress moved. Then the girl and the ghost disappeared.
- f The ghost was not happy.

6b Write your own sentences for the pictures below.



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7a Tick the adjectives that make you think of ghost stories.

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| angry    | <input type="checkbox"/> | bad   | <input type="checkbox"/> | boring | <input type="checkbox"/> | cold  | <input type="checkbox"/> | dark  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| exciting | <input type="checkbox"/> | funny | <input type="checkbox"/> | happy  | <input type="checkbox"/> | noisy | <input type="checkbox"/> | quiet | <input type="checkbox"/> |

7b Which adjectives from 7a can you use to describe *The Canterville Ghost*?

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7c Use the adjectives to write your own short ghost story. Use some of your own adjectives.

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