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1 Choose the correct answers (a, b or c).

- 1 When did David Copperfield's father die?
 - a On David's birthday.
 - b Six months before David was born.
 - c Six months after David was born.
- 2 How did Mrs Copperfield feel about the little baby inside her?
 - a She was hopeful for it.
 - b She felt happy for it.
 - c She felt sad for it.
- 3 Why does David Copperfield believe he was born on that Friday?
 - a Because that Friday was very windy.
 - b Because the doctor could not come that day.
 - c Because Miss Betsey gave his mother a terrible shock.
- 4 Why did Mrs Copperfield get angry with Miss Betsey?
 - a Because Miss Betsey told her what to name the baby.
 - b Because Miss Betsey said something bad about Mr Copperfield.
 - c Because Miss Betsey left her to give birth alone.
- 5 Who was Miss Betsey asking about when she asked, "How is she?"
 - a The baby
 - b Mrs Copperfield
 - c Peggotty
- 6 Why did Miss Betsey walk out and never come back?
 - a Because the baby was a boy.
 - b Because she didn't like Peggotty.
 - c Because she didn't have any money.

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2 Unscramble the sentences.

1 born / I / the / in / in / Blunderstone / Suffolk, / England. / of / village / was

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2 first / My / grave. / was / of / him / his / memory

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3 quickly, / She / up / stood / fainted. / then

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4 “She / happier / this / a / have / than / will / life / Trotwood.” / Betsey

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5 12.30 a.m., / doctor / At / walked / into / the / kitchen. / nervously / the

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3 Who says these words? Write A (*David Copperfield*), B (*Peggotty*) or C (*Mr Murdstone*).

1 “Goodnight, my dear boy. I hope that you and I will be best friends.”

2 “Master Davy, would you like to come to Yarmouth with me and spend a fortnight at my brother’s house?”

3 “Is your brother a nice man, Peggotty?”

4 “Here’s my Ham! You have grown!”

5 “Something is wrong, Peggotty. Where’s mother? Oh, Peggotty, is she dead?”

6 “Master Davy, I’m sorry that I haven’t told you before now, but you have a new father.”

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4 Read the text. Write T (*true*), F (*false*) or DS (*does not say*) next to the sentences (1–6) below.

“Mr Peggotty,” I said, as I sat with him by the bright fire, “why did you give your son the name Ham?”

“I didn’t, Master Davy. I’m not his father. He was my brother Joe’s son. Joe was a fisherman, too, but he drowned in the sea,” he said.

I was very surprised. “And little Emily. She’s your daughter, isn’t she, Mr Peggotty?” I said.

“No, sir. Her father also drowned,” he said.

“Don’t you have any children, Mr Peggotty?” I asked.

“No, Master Davy. I never married,” he answered with a laugh.

1 Mr Peggotty named his son Ham.

2 Mr Peggotty had a brother called Joe.

3 Joe died because of his work.

4 Emily’s father was also a fisherman.

5 Mr Peggotty does not have a wife.

6 Mr Peggotty did not want children.

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5 Complete the text. Choose one word for each gap.

From that time, Miss Murdstone controlled everything in our house. My mother was ¹ unhappy about this, but if she ²said anything, Miss Murdstone was firm with her. Miss Murdstone believed in ³firm as much as her brother ⁴

Mr Murdstone sometimes talked about ⁵me away to boarding school, but until then I learned school lessons at home. I ⁶never forget those lessons!

- 1 never often always
- 2 ever sometimes did
- 3 being to being to be
- 4 was does did
- 5 send to send sending
- 6 shall won't can't

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6 Tick the correct sentences from Chapter Three. Correct the mistakes in the others.

1 Mr Murdstone held my head tightly and hit me with the shoe.

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2 In the same moment, I got his nose between my teeth and bit down hard.

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3 It frightens me, even now, to think of that moment.

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4 He beat me harder and harder three times.

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5 When he had finished, he came in and locked the door.

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6 I lay there on the floor for a long time.

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7 Complete the sentences with the missing prepositions.

I shall never forget waking up the ¹ morning. Miss Murdstone told me that I could walk in the garden ² half an hour and no longer. I did so, and did the same every morning ³ that. The Murdstones kept me ⁴ my bedroom prison for five days.

I saw no one but Miss Murdstone ⁵ that time. I wanted to see my mother and ask her to forgive me, but she stayed ⁶ On the last night of those five days, which felt like years to me, I heard my name whispered ⁷ the bedroom door.

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8 Circle the correct words.

- 1 I knew that the Murdstones **have made** / **had made** her believe I had an awful nature.
- 2 I tried to eat breakfast, but I could not stop **crying** / **to cry** into my bread and butter.
- 3 We heard a carriage **come** / **comes** to the garden gate.
- 4 I looked around for Peggotty, but she **did not appear** / **did not appeared**.
- 5 “Goodbye, Davy,” said my mother. “You **go** / **are going** away to learn to be a better child. I forgive you, my dear boy.”
- 6 Miss Murdstone took me out to the carriage and put me in it, then turned away as it started **to move** / **move**.

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9 Read the sentences. Write the character’s name.

- 1 was a large, friendly boy in a bright blue suit.
- 2 was around six years older than me, intelligent, wealthy and very handsome.
- 3 stood at the door looking around at his prisoners.
- 4 was beaten more than any of the boys.
- 5 was treated very differently to the other boys, and he was never beaten.

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10 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 If the funeral was yesterday,
- 2 I remember the air in the sitting room,
- 3 We walked to the church in our black clothes
- 4 The light seemed very different
- 5 Soon, the grave was covered with earth
- 6 My memory of this event stands

- a the bright fire and the smell of cake.
- b that day to any other day – it was a sadder colour.
- c like a high rock in the ocean.
- d I could not remember it better.
- e and stood beside my mother’s grave.
- f and we moved away.

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11 Put the events in the correct order (1–8).

- a Miss Murdstone told Peggotty that she was not needed any more.
- b Mrs Micawber showed Davy to his bedroom at the top of the house.
- c Davy’s mother died.
- d At ten years old, Davy started work at Murdstone and Grinby’s bottle factory.
- e Davy decided to run away – to go south to Dover.
- f Davy was introduced to a man in an old brown suit called Mr Micawber.
- g Mr Micawber was sent to debtors’ prison.
- h Mrs Micawber was forced to move into the debtors’ prison with her children.

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12 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 “At first, I thought the baby (**make**) her better.”
- 2 “You (**go**) to London and work in one of my businesses there.”
- 3 I cannot describe how awful I felt when I (**remember**) my old school friends.
- 4 “I never thought we (**need**) to rent out our rooms, but Mr Micawber is having terrible difficulties with money.”
- 5 The only people I saw there were people who (**want**) money from Mr Micawber to pay for his debts.
- 6 They used (**come**) all the time, and some of them were quite frightening.
- 7 “Dear me!” I said, (**feel**) very worried.

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13 At the beginning of Chapter Seven, David Copperfield gives his box with everything he owns in it to the boy with the donkey. He wants him to take it to the post office. Why is it a bad idea to do this?

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14 Change the direct speech into reported speech.

1 "This is Miss Trotwood's house," said the young woman.

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2 "Go away!" said Miss Betsey, shaking her head at me.

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3 "Janet!" shouted my aunt, "Go upstairs and tell Mr Dick that I'd like to speak with him."

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4 "Mr Dick, I need you to be wise now," my aunt said, firmly.

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5 "Janet!" said my aunt, happily. "Fill the bath."

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15 Answer the questions.

1 Who does Miss Betsey write to?

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2 In which year did King Charles the First have his head cut off? (According to the history books.)

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3 What does Mr Dick think is in his head?

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4 Why does Mr Dick feel better when he flies his kite?

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5 When Mr Murdstone arrives, what is he riding?

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16 Read the text and choose the best answers (a, b or c).

1 Miss Betsey: Mr Dick, what shall I do with this child?

- Mr Dick: **a** I will be firm with him.
 b Let's send him away.
 c Get him some new clothes.

2 Miss Betsey: Mr Dick, we will adopt this child together.

- Mr Dick: **a** No, never!
 b You are always so wise.
 c I would like that very much.

3 Miss Betsey: I think we should call him Trotwood Copperfield.

- Mr Dick: **a** Of course!
 b If you wish it.
 c I will call him Trot.

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17 Complete the text. Choose the correct words (a, b, c or d).

But in Mr Wickfield's old house, I felt ¹ very quickly. When I got home after school

- a** like home
b at home
c home
d homely

each day, I studied for a few hours, ² talked to Agnes. After dinner, Agnes gave Mr

- a** then
b and
c when
d after

Wickfield his wine. He ³ a lot of wine for two hours, while Agnes played the

- a** would have drunk
b would be drinking
c would to drink
d would drink

piano. I can see Agnes, with her gentle nature and her beautiful, kind voice, ⁴ I write

- a** as
b when
c and
d where

these words. I still loved little Emily, but I thought of Agnes ⁵ . There was always

- a** like a wife
b like a sister
c like a mother
d like an angel

peace, goodness and truth ⁶ _____ Agnes was.

- a** when
- b** while
- c** where
- d** if

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18 Complete the conversation. Choose the best answers (a–g) below. There are three extra answers.

Master Copperfield: You're working late tonight, Uriah.

Uriah Heep: ¹

Master Copperfield: What work is it?

Uriah Heep: ²

Master Copperfield: Are you a lawyer?

Uriah Heep: ³

Master Copperfield: Perhaps you'll be a partner in Mr Wickfield's business one day.

Uriah Heep: ⁴

- a** Yes, I am a lawyer.
- b** Yes, I work a lot.
- c** Yes, but I'm not doing office work.
- d** Oh no, I could never imagine something like that.
- e** No, I don't want that.
- f** No, but one day I hope to be.
- g** I'm learning about the law.

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19 Rewrite the sentences. Choose the correct words to replace the underlined words. Use the correct tense.

look after get back look out

1 I searched for all the places that I had slept on my last long journey.

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2 "If you're in no hurry to return home, why don't you come with me to Yarmouth?" I said.

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3 "There is a person here who has cared for my little angel since she was a child."

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20 Write *Emily, Ham or James Steerforth*.

- 1 studies in Oxford now.
- 2 isn't handsome to look at, but he's an honest boy with a good heart.
- 3 is going to be Ham's wife.
- 4 is very beautiful.
- 5 said, "You have a very good nature, Copperfield. We are not all as good as you!"
- 6 often went sailing with Mr Peggotty and got to know many of the fishermen at Mr Peggotty's favourite pub.

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21 Complete the text. Choose the correct words from the box.

1 a had left	2 a had been thinking	3 a should	4 a will check	5 a would
b has left	b would think	b would	b am checking	b will
c leaves	c will think	c will	c had checked	c did
d was leaving	d have been thinking	d won't	d have checked	d should

My aunt was waiting for me in London and was very pleased to see me again. She ¹ (a b c d) Mr Dick behind to chase the donkeys off the grass.

"Well, Trot," she said, during dinner that evening, "I ² (a b c d) about your profession. I think you ³ (a b c d) become a lawyer. What do you think?"

"I like that idea. I like it very much," I said. "But isn't it expensive to enter that profession?"

"I ⁴ (a b c d), and it ⁵ (a b c d) cost a thousand pounds," she said.

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22 Tick the four sentences that are true about Copperfield's new life in London.

- 1 Copperfield works in the offices of Spewlow and Jorkins.
- 2 He is learning to be a lawyer.
- 3 The offices are full of cheap furniture.
- 4 He can see the River Thames from the room where he lives.
- 5 His aunt is not happy about his new profession.
- 6 His life in London as a young gentleman is very difficult.
- 7 He lives with Mr Micawber and his large family.
- 8 He falls in love with Mr Spewlow's daughter, Dora.

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23 Write the passive form of the sentences.

1 I wrote a long letter.

A long letter

2 This news broke my heart.

My heart

3 We must meet difficulties in life bravely.

Difficulties

4 These thoughts kept me awake all night.

I

5 It was very difficult for me to say these words.

These words

6 After many long months, they allowed me to visit Dora.

After many long months, I

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24 Complete the letter with the missing words.

My ¹..... sir,

*I have not written to you for a long time, and for that I am sorry. I have now left prison and my
²..... behind me. I am working for a man ³..... I believe we both know –
Uriah Heep. I am sorry to tell you, Mr Copperfield, that he is a villain. ⁴.....
is very important that I speak to you about a very serious matter ⁵..... soon as possible.
Please come to Canterbury in two weeks' time and bring your aunt and anyone who
could be useful ⁶..... you in matters of the law.*

Wilkins Micawber

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25 List three ways Uriah Heep took control of Mr Wickfield's business.

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26 Tick the four people who will start a new life in Australia.

David Copperfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peggotty	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr Peggotty	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emily	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uriah Heep	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr Micawber	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs Micawber	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agnes	<input type="checkbox"/>

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27 Complete the text. Choose the correct words. There are two extra words.

best loneliest worst sweetest earliest most warm hardest happiest

- In the clouds of my memories, I can see our house.
- It was the house that I had ever seen!
- The little boat was the and comfortable place that I could imagine.
- It broke my heart to leave them all, but it was to say goodbye to little Emily.
- The dark and empty classrooms looked like the saddest, places I had ever seen.
- She had the little voice, the happiest little laugh, and the most beautiful curly hair that I had ever seen.

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28 Complete these lists. Put the words from the box into the correct categories.

fisherman bankrupt grave headmaster funeral wealthy

Money: debt

Death: drown

Professions: servant

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29 Complete the sentences. Use *all the*, *most*, *both* or *several*.

- I felt that hopes and dreams that I had for my future suddenly disappeared.
- She went to a cupboard, brought out bottles and made me drink from all of them.
- I thought of lonely places that I had slept on my journey.
- Mr Dick and I soon became the best of friends, and days we went out and flew his kite together.
- We sat down on the sofa, and Jip sat between us.
- “Don’t tell me that you love my daughter, Copperfield! You are too young.”
- Suddenly, other fishermen chased after Ham with ropes.

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30 Complete the sentences with a stem and a suffix from the table.

Stem				Suffix	
cheerful	to	beautiful	good	-wards	-ness
	comfort	careful		-ly	-able

- 1 Inside, the boat house was clean and tidy.
- 2 Mr Murdstone was sitting in a chair beside the window.
- 3 I looked him and saw a long, thin cane beside his chair.
- 4 There was always peace, and truth where Agnes was.
- 5 “Sit down, Trotwood,” said Agnes, “Don’t be unhappy. If you can’t trust me, who can you trust?”
- 6 It was a very long and written letter that described all of Uriah’s crimes.

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