

**1 Complete the text from the “Note about the story”. Use the words in the box.**

factory    boarding schools    poor    marriage    eighth    famous    debts    favourite

Charles Dickens (1812–1870) is one of the best and most <sup>1</sup> ..... English writers in history.

*David Copperfield* (1850) was the <sup>2</sup> ..... book that Dickens wrote and it was his <sup>3</sup> ..... . Many of the things that happen to David Copperfield in the book also happened to Dickens in his own life. For example, David also works in a <sup>4</sup> ..... as a child, and his friend, Mr Micawber, has a lot of <sup>5</sup> ..... , like Dickens’s father.

Dickens used *David Copperfield* to write about the many things he wanted to change in the world, like the treatment of women after <sup>6</sup> ..... , the life of the <sup>7</sup> ..... and life in <sup>8</sup> .....

**2 David Copperfield lives in many places and with different people. Put the places he lives in the correct order.**

in London, alone

in Dover with his great-aunt and Mr Dick

in Blunderstone with Mr and Miss Murdstone

in Blunderstone in Suffolk with his mother and Peggotty

in London with Mr Micawber’s family

with Agnes and their children

in Canterbury with Mr Wickfield and Agnes

in his own small house with Dora

at Salem House school near London

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2 .....



3 .....



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7 .....



8 .....



9 .....

3 Look at the pictures of some important scenes in the story. Complete the table.

Scene	Who is in the scene?	What is happening?	Why is this scene important?
			
			
			
			
			
			

4 Who said these things about David Copperfield? Write their names.

Uriah Heep

James Steerforth

Miss Murdstone

Miss Betsey Trotwood

Mr Murdstone

Agnes Wickfield

1 “My sister and I have tried to be firm with him and make him a better boy, but he has not listened to us.”

2 “Of all the boys in the world, I believe that he is the worst.”

3 “You have a very good nature, Copperfield. We are not all as good as you!”

4 “Trot, I want to make you into a good, intelligent and happy man.”

5 “Copperfield, I always hated you.”

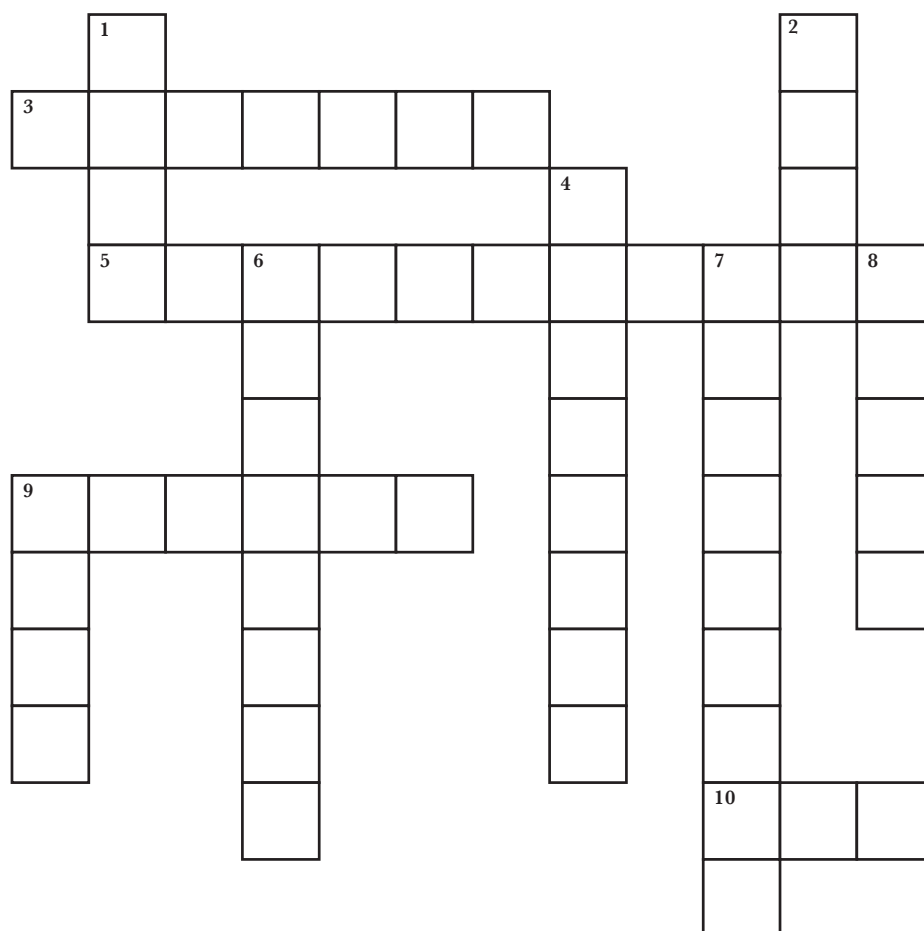
6 “Oh Trotwood, I have loved you all my life.”

- 5 In the story there are “good angels” and “bad angels”. Some people do good things for David Copperfield and some people do bad things to him. Many people do both. Complete the table. Use the sentences from the box.

adopts him and looks after him like a son  
 allows David to live with his great-aunt  
 beats David and takes all his mother’s money  
 is David’s friend and helps him at school  
 leaves him when he is born  
 rents him a home in London  
 runs away with Emily and leaves her in Italy  
 leaves him without a home because of debts  
 welcomes David into his business and gives him paid work  
 will not return David’s great-aunt’s money and will not allow David to marry his daughter

	Bad	Good
Great-aunt Betsey		
Mr Murdstone		
Mr Micawber		
James Steerforth		
Mr Spenlow		

## 6 Complete the crossword.



### Across

- 3 A person who does very bad things is a .....
- 5 Feeling ..... is feeling worried about what other people think about something you have done.
- 9 A ..... is an animal like a horse, but with long ears.
- 10 A ..... is a small hat.

### Down

- 1 A light toy that is flown in the air, usually by children, is a .....
- 2 You use a long, strong ..... to pull things or to hold things together.
- 4 A ..... has four wheels. People sit in it and horses pull it.
- 6 If you are ..... you do not have any money and you cannot pay back the money that you have borrowed.
- 7 A ..... is when a ship breaks because it has hit some rocks.
- 8 To ..... is to go under water and die.
- 9 A ..... is money that you must give to another person.

- 7 When he is young, David Copperfield goes away to board at Salem House school. Write a report from his teacher.

## Salem House school end-of-year report

*David Copperfield is* .....

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- 8 David writes a love letter to Dora, which Mr Spenlow finds in the dog Jip's mouth. Write a reply from Dora to David.

*My dearest David,*

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*All my love,*  
*Dora*