

Before-reading questions

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- 2 **Example answer:** Something very bad might happen to a person if they are cursed. For example, they might lose something, become ill or die.
- 3 **Example answer:** People can find money, rings, other metal things, glass and bones in the ground. *Reader's own answers.*
- 4 *Reader's own answer.*

During-reading questions

WHISTLE AND I'LL COME TO YOU

- 1 Mr Rogers
- 2 He finds a whistle in the ground at the archaeological site.
- 3 The first time he blows the whistle, it makes a surprising noise, and then he sees strange pictures in his head of a figure on a beach. The second time he blows it, a strong wind comes through the open window.
- 4 She thinks that someone has slept in it.
- 5 He thinks that Parkins should throw it into the sea because it might have some strange power, and it might be dangerous.
- 6 Because there is a terrible noise. His umbrella, his walking stick and the blanket have fallen down from the window.
- 7 Because it cannot see, and it is feeling for things.
- 8 Colonel Wilson throws it into the sea.

KARSWELL'S CURSE

- 1 Because Mr Gayton would not publish his paper about black magic.
- 2 Edward Dunning reviewed Karswell's paper. He is a good friend of Mr and Mrs Gayton.
- 3 He gives Dunning one of his books back because it fell on the floor.
- 4 He feels a mouth, with teeth, and hair around it.

- 5 They met at a concert. Karswell gave John his programme, with a piece of paper inside it.
- 6 Because the writing on the paper is a curse. Giving the paper back might break the curse.
- 7 Because Karswell will not take the piece of paper if he knows that it is from Dunning.
- 8 Because a figure is now following Karswell, and maybe the ticket man sees it.

THE BURIED CROWN

- 1 A young man called Paxton.
- 2 They believed that it could stop foreign countries attacking East Anglia from the sea.
- 3 They believed that they were the guardians of the crown.
- 4 Because he is frightened that someone is following him.
- 5 He means that the figure can make him see things and these things are not real.
- 6 Because he has taken the crown out of the ground.
- 7 Because he thought that he heard Long calling his name, and he went after him.
- 8 They are the tracks of bones, not normal feet or shoes.

NUMBER 13

- 1 Because there was a terrible fire in the town in 1726.
- 2 There are three windows.
- 3 It looks smaller at night than in the day.
- 4 Nicolas Francken
- 5 Because guests think that it is unlucky to stay in a room with that number.
- 6 Because he wants to show him room Number 13 at night.
- 7 Anderson's cousin laughs because he does not believe that it is possible to sell your soul to the devil. Anderson is angry because he knows that it is possible, and he thinks that it is dangerous.
- 8 It is now the Golden Lion Hotel.

After-reading questions

1 Example answer: In “Whistle and I’ll Come to You”, Parkins finds a whistle. It makes a strong wind blow. It makes pictures in Parkins’s head. It brings a ghost into his room. First, he hears the guest in the extra bed, and then later he sees it in his room. A boy also sees the ghost in Parkins’s room. Parkins nearly falls out of the window because of the ghost.

In “Karswell’s Curse”, Dunning and John Harrington both find a piece of paper. The writing on the paper is a curse. Harrington and Karswell die because of the curse.

In “The Buried Crown”, Paxton finds an Anglo-Saxon crown. Touching the crown brings the ghost of William Ager. The ghost follows Paxton and kills him.

In “Number 13”, the landlord finds a small metal box. It has a piece of paper with strange writing on it, too. At night, the magic in the box makes room Number 13 come between rooms 12 and 14, and those rooms get smaller.

2 Reader’s own answers.

3 Example answer: Parkins does not believe in ghosts at the beginning of the story, and he does not like talking about them because it is not a serious subject. He enjoys going on holiday alone. At the end of the story he is terrified of a ghost, and he believes that ghosts may be anywhere. He does not want to go on holiday alone any more because he is so frightened. When Paxton first hears about the crown, he is excited. He wants to find an Anglo-Saxon crown. But, when he finds it, he feels very bad, and he becomes very nervous. When he puts it back in the ground, he is still frightened and thinks that he is cursed.

4 Example answer: Ten years ago John Harrington was frightened of something and climbed up a tree to get away from it. There is a strange advertisement on the bus with the date when John Harrington died. But the next day it is not there. A man in the street gives Dunning an advertisement with Harrington’s name on, too. Then another man takes it from him. Dunning’s servants become ill suddenly, maybe after eating some fish from a strange man. Dunning hears a door open in his house at night. He also touches a mouth with teeth and hair around it, under his pillow. The next day there is nothing there. The piece of paper in John Harrington’s concert programme blows into the fire. John Harrington thinks that his brother, Henry, talked more than once about not giving the paper back. The piece of paper in Dunning’s book nearly blows out of the window. The ticket man at the boat thinks that he sees someone with Karswell. Karswell dies in a strange accident when he has the paper.

5 Reader’s own answer.

Exercises

WHISTLE AND I’LL COME TO YOU

- 1** 1 Professor Parkins is a **serious** young man, and he does not like to be **rude**.
 - 2** His hotel room in Burnstow has an **extra** bed.
 - 3** He plays golf all afternoon with another hotel **guest**.
 - 4** Parkins finds Disney’s archaeological **site** at the top of the beach.
 - 5** He pulls out a **whistle** from a **hole** in the ground.
 - 6** There is **magic** in the whistle.
- 2** 1 false
 - 2 false

- 3 true
- 4 false
- 5 false
- 6 true
- 7 false

KARSWELL'S CURSE

- 3** 1 e 2 g 3 d 4 a
5 c 6 h 7 b 8 f
- 4** 1 **What** is Mr Gayton's job?
He publishes books and papers about history.
- 2 **Who** reviewed Karswell's paper about the history of black magic?
Edward Dunning reviewed it.
- 3 **When** did Karswell write a book called *The Mystery of Magic*?
He wrote it ten years ago.
- 4 **How** many times does Dunning see the name John Harrington in an advertisement?
He sees the name twice.
- 5 **Why** is Henry Harrington shocked when he reads Karswell's book?
He is shocked because the subject is frightening.
- 6 On **which** day does Dunning think that he is going to die?
He thinks that he is going to die on the 23rd of July.
- 7 **What** falls off Karswell's seat on the train?
The envelope with his tickets in falls off.
- 8 **Why** does the ticket man ask about Karswell's friend?
He asks because he thinks that there is someone with Karswell.

THE BURIED CROWN

- 5** 1 "I've / **have had** (have) a shock."
2 "No one's / **has ever seen** (see) an Anglo-Saxon crown."

- 3 "You've / **have found** (find) something amazing."
4 "I've / **have made** (make) someone angry by touching it!"
5 "You've / **have done** (do) it," Long said. "You've / **have put** (put) the crown back safely."
6 "You've / **have been** (be) very kind."
7 "**Have you seen** (see) Mr Paxton?" Long asked a servant.
8 "He's / **has gone** (go) out," the servant replied.

- 6** 1 At the church, an old man asks Paxton, "Are you **interested** in our old stories?"
2 At first, Paxton thinks that the idea of looking for the buried crown is **exciting**.
3 William Ager was very **worried** that there was no one to keep the crown safe after he died.
4 Long thinks that it is **amazing** to find an Anglo-Saxon crown.
5 When Long sees the crown, he is **amazed**.
6 When they get to the trees on the hill, Paxton is **terrified**.
7 Long is **shocked** when he studies the second track in the sand.
8 Long is very **frightened** to think that Paxton is running after this figure.

NUMBER 13

- 7** 1 Anderson's cousin
2 Anderson
3 Nicolas Francken
4 Jensen
5 the landlord
6 the servant

- 8** 1 d 2 f 3 a 4 h
5 c 6 g 7 b 8 e

ALL STORIES

- 9
- 1 blew
 - 2 broke
 - 3 chose
 - 4 fell
 - 5 held
 - 6 hurried
 - 7 kept
 - 8 laid
 - 9 lost
 - 10 sent
 - 11 stood
 - 12 threw
- 10
- 1 When Parkins **blew** the whistle, the wind came.
 - 2 The horrible figure **stood** between the two beds in Parkins's hotel room.
 - 3 John Harrington **fell** out of a tree and **broke** his neck.
 - 4 John Harrington **lost** his programme at a concert.
 - 5 The doctor **sent** Dunning's servants to hospital.
 - 6 When Dunning heard a door open at night, he **hurried** out to the corridor.
 - 7 Paxton **laid** the crown on the bed.
 - 8 Long **held** Paxton's coat while he found the right place in the ground.
 - 9 Anderson **chose** the Golden Lion Hotel because it was a beautiful building.
 - 10 The librarian in Viborg **kept** the box and the paper with the strange writing.

Project work

Reader's own answers.