

## Before-reading questions

*Reader's own answer.*

## During-reading questions

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 They are unhappy because it is too “English” and they do not have a room with a view. Mr Emerson tries to help them. He offers them his son’s room and his own, which have views.
- 2 She thinks that he is working class and is showing bad manners.

### CHAPTER TWO

- 1 She is writing a novel about a girl called Leonora who is on holiday there.
- 2 He is worried because George is very unhappy and thinks that things are wrong with the world.

### CHAPTER THREE

- 1 She means that it is easier now for a person to move up from being working class to middle class.
- 2 She wants to visit the Vyses in Rome.  
**Example answer:** She really wants to get away from George.

### CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 A young Italian man and his girlfriend drive the carriage. Mr Beebe thinks about Phaethon and Persephone, who are two young people from old Greek stories.
- 2 George kisses Lucy.

### CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Cecil thinks Sir Harry Otway is a snob because he does not want to rent his house to “the wrong kind of people”.
- 2 He asks her to kiss him but his glasses fall between them.

### CHAPTER SIX

- 1 They are the Emersons, who Lucy met in Florence.
- 2 Lucy had asked the Miss Alans to live in Cissie Villa. She thinks that Cecil has made her look stupid.

### CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Miss Bartlett wants Lucy to tell her mother and Cecil about the kiss. The letter has made the secret seem dangerous to Lucy when it was not dangerous before.
- 2 She meets him in the forest while he is swimming naked with Freddy and Mr Beebe.

### CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 **Example answer:** It means that Lucy’s mother is becoming angry with Cecil just when Lucy needs her to like him the most. Lucy is worried because she has seen George again and does not want to start questioning her decision to marry Cecil.
- 2 **Example answer:** Lucy does not want to love George, but, when she is with him, she does not want to leave him. She starts to think about him a lot and how beautiful he is.

### CHAPTER NINE

- 1 He is unhappy because the Miss Alans were promised Cissie Villa. He wants to write to them and offer them the house.
- 2 George knows that Miss Bartlett remembers seeing him kiss Lucy.

## CHAPTER TEN

- 1 Miss Bartlett told Eleanor Lavish about George's kiss and this is why she wanted Lucy to tell Cecil. Miss Bartlett was worried that Cecil would learn about it from the book.
- 2 He thinks that Cecil cannot know anyone deeply and that he laughs at people and plays games with them. He thinks that Cecil tells Lucy what to do and she listens to his voice and not her own.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 She is lying to Mr Beebe, the Miss Alans and Mrs Honeychurch about her feelings for George and what she really wants to do.
- 2 Now she does not need to go to Greece to get away from George because he and his father have left Summer Street. She has spent money, made plans and hurt her mother for nothing. It could also mean a waste of her love for George.

## CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 He means that George has become unhappy again – like he was before he met Lucy.
- 2 **Example answer:** Maybe because Cecil always liked to be right, and because it makes George normal and easy to love.

## After-reading questions

- 1 At the start of Part Two, Mrs Honeychurch likes Cecil. She thinks he is good and clever, and has beautiful manners. But, after Lucy agrees to marry him, she becomes angry with him for being bored with her neighbour Mrs Butterworth and irritated by many things at Windy Corner. She is not unhappy when Lucy decides not to marry him. Lucy thinks that Cecil is handsome, but she becomes angry with him when he invites the Emersons to rent Cissie Villa. She also questions him not believing in God. Finally, she sees how "terrible" he is when he will not play tennis with Freddy.
- 2 **Example answer:** George acts on his feelings. He does not think about what he is doing – he just does it. Cecil "plans" the kiss because he feels it should happen rather than just wanting it to happen. For this reason, it does not feel right or comfortable.
- 3 Miss Bartlett thought that George worked on the trains. If he works in an office, then he is not as working class as Miss Bartlett thought he was.
- 4 **Example answer:** It may be surprising because her mother did not like Cecil and was not very unhappy when Lucy decided not to marry him. Her mother also seemed to like George. But it may not be surprising because Lucy lied to her mother about George, so her mother was angry.

## Exercises

### CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO

1 1 c 2 f 3 b 4 d 5 e 6 a

### CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

2 1 d 2 a 3 e 4 b 5 f 6 c

## CHAPTER FOUR

- 3 1 Mr Eager had his back to them and **was talking** to Lucy.
- 2 Lucy, **looking** beautiful in white, sat straight and nervous.
- 3 She went **to look** for Mr Beebe.
- 4 He took her into the trees, **stopping** only once to pick her some beautiful blue violets.
- 5 Violets filled the field, **making** it a sea of blue.

## CHAPTER FIVE

- 4 1 A **maid** worked in the family's house.
- 2 Mr Beebe came for **tea** in the afternoon.
- 3 Sir Harry wanted good **tenants** to stay in Cissie Villa.
- 4 He did not want them to be **lower class**.
- 5 Because of this, Cecil thought Sir Harry was a **snob**.
- 6 Cecil felt **irritated** because Lucy never wanted to be alone with him.

## CHAPTER SIX

- 5 1 Lucy and Minnie are **hitting balls around**.
- 2 The new tenants at Cissie Villa are **the Emersons**.
- 3 Cecil met them at the **National Gallery** where they were looking at **Italian art**.
- 4 Cecil wants to **play a joke** on Sir Harry.
- 5 Lucy is angry because Cecil changed her plans without asking and **made her look stupid**.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

- 6 1 Later, she decided **that** they did not matter.
- 2 He saw **that** she needed him because he was a man and could look after her.
- 3 Lucy was very angry **when** she read her cousin's letter, and quickly wrote back.
- 4 Lucy saw **that** her life in London would take her a little from everything that she loved.
- 5 "She was right to play Schumann tonight, **when** I wanted her to play Beethoven. Schumann was right."
- 6 "I'm sorry **that** it's not bigger."

## CHAPTER EIGHT

- 7 1 Cecil / Mrs Butterworth
- 2 Lucy / Miss Bartlett
- 3 Mrs Honeychurch / Lucy and Cecil
- 4 Lucy / George and Mr Emerson

## CHAPTER NINE

- 8 1 He did not believe in God, **did he?**
- 2 Cissie Villa was not promised to the Miss Alans, **was it?**
- 3 George and Freddy were going to play tennis, **weren't they?**
- 4 Cecil did not want to play tennis, **did he?**
- 5 The novel was not written by Joseph Emery Prank, **was it?**
- 6 It was written by Eleanor Lavish, **wasn't it?**
- 7 George, Cecil and Lucy walked up the garden, **didn't they?**
- 8 George kissed her again, **didn't he?**

## CHAPTER TEN

### 9 *Example answers:*

- 1 What was love to Lucy?
- 2 What was written in Miss Lavish's novel?
- 3 What does Lucy want/ask George to do?
- 4 How did Lucy feel when she reached the open air?
- 5 Why didn't Cecil want to play tennis?
- 6 What did Lucy decide?

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 10
- 1 "I've **just seen** your mother and Freddy. Freddy told me."
  - 2 Mr Beebe **pulled** an envelope from his pocket.
  - 3 "Anyway, I **have had** a letter from the Miss Alans. That's why I came."
  - 4 "You can't go so soon. You've **only been home** for three months."
  - 5 When Mr Beebe **came** back some hours later with Mrs Honeychurch, Lucy was playing the piano and singing to Freddy.
  - 6 "I should tell you, dear, that I don't understand why you **haven't told** your friends about Cecil."

## CHAPTER TWELVE

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| 1 false | 2 true  |
| 3 false | 4 true  |
| 5 false | 6 false |
| 7 false |         |

## Project work

*Reader's own answers.*