

## AMERICAN HORROR - Five Terrifying Tales



### THE TELL-TALE HEART

#### PART 1

**A. Comprehension check:** For questions 1-7 choose the answer - A, B, C or D - which you think fits best according to the text.

1. After his illness, the narrator says that he

- A ☐ suffered as if he were in hell.                      C ☐ did not want money anymore.  
B ☐ could hear better than before.                      D ☐ felt as if he were in heaven.

2. The narrator thinks that people with mental illnesses

- A ☐ are very exact in their actions.                      C ☐ can hear precisely and well.  
B ☐ can reason carefully.                      D ☐ are ignorant of everything.

3. The narrator wanted to kill the old man because

- A ☐ he didn't want to see his eye anymore.  
B ☐ the old man hated him.  
C ☐ he wanted to prove that he was not mad.  
D ☐ after the disease he understood that the old man was evil.

4. The narrator finally decided to kill the old man after seven nights because earlier

- A ☐ he couldn't see the vulture eye.                      C ☐ he couldn't hear the old man's voice.  
B ☐ he couldn't hear the old man's heart.                      D ☐ he couldn't feel the old man's fear.

5. What does the narrator think that he had in common with the old man?

- A ☐ acute senses    B ☐ a terrible fear    C ☐ a great anger    D ☐ a horrible pain

6. How does the narrator feel about his plans to murder the old man?

- A ☐ confused    B ☐ angry with himself    C ☐ proud of his cleverness    D ☐ afraid of the evil in himself

7. The sound of the old man's heart

- A ☐ increased the narrator's anger.                      C ☐ made him feel sorry for the old man.  
B ☐ frightened the narrator.                      D ☐ increased the narrator's feeling of disgust.

## PART 2

**B. Comprehension check:** Match the phrases in column A with the phrases in column B. There are three phrases in column B that you do not need to use.

| Column A                                                 | Answer | Column B                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. The narrator finally decided to kill the old man      |        | 1. because he had heard a scream.                                  |
| B. The old man's eye stopped troubling the narrator      |        | 2. because the narrator had cut it up into pieces.                 |
| C. The body fit under the boards                         |        | 3. because he wanted to hide the noise.                            |
| D. A neighbor called the police                          |        | 4. because he could not stand hearing the beating heart.           |
| E. The narrator smiled at the police                     |        | 5. because they were enjoying his horrible situation.              |
| F. The narrator began talking louder                     |        | 6. because the old man was dead.                                   |
| G. The narrator was certain that the policemen smiled    |        | 7. because he was certain that he had hidden the body perfectly.   |
| H. The narrator told the policemen to pull up the boards |        | 8. because he didn't want the neighbors to hear the beating heart. |
|                                                          |        | 9. because they were happy that the old man was dead.              |
|                                                          |        | 10. because he wanted to show the policemen he was innocent.       |
|                                                          |        | 11. because he thought the old man would try to escape.            |



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