

The Signalman

By Charles Dickens

Chapter 1 A Strange Meeting

1 Listening

Listen to the beginning of the story and for each question, put a tick (✓) in the correct box.

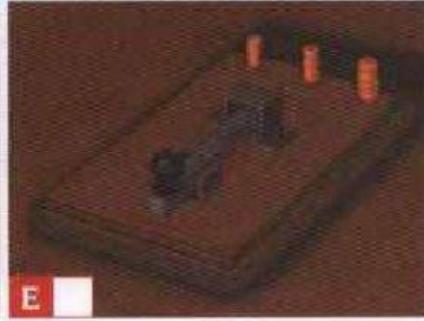
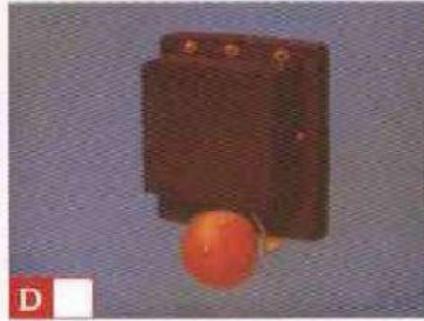
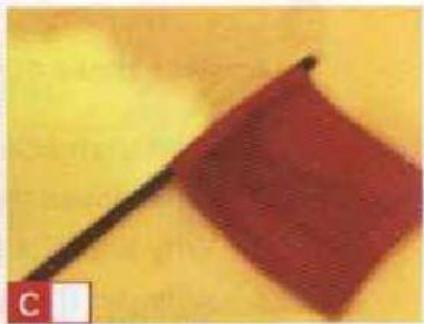
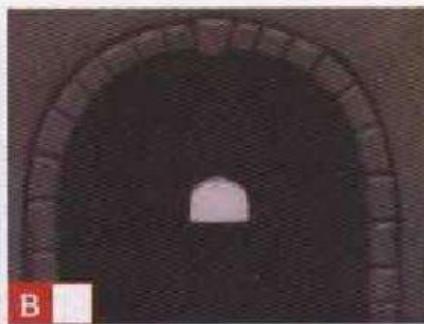
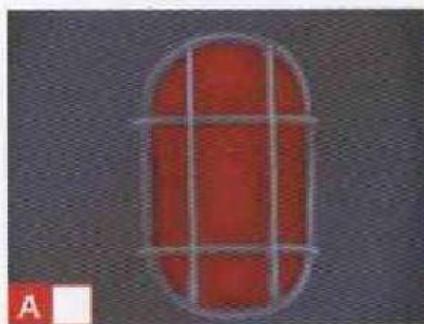
- 1 When the narrator first called him, the signalman
 - A looked up.
 - B looked in the direction of the tunnel.
 - C did not hear him.
- 2 Why did the narrator ask where the path was?
 - A He wanted to go down and catch the train.
 - B He wanted to go down and speak to the signalman.
 - C He wanted the signalman to come up.
- 3 What does the narrator say about the place?
 - A It was quiet, dark and lonely.
 - B It had high walls and a lot of sunlight.
 - C There was a red light from the sun.
- 4 Watching the red light
 - A was not part of the signalman's job.
 - B disturbed the signalman.
 - C was part of the signalman's job.
- 5 The narrator thought the signalman
 - A seemed nervous about something.
 - B was probably a ghost.
 - C was friendly.
- 6 The signalman began to relax
 - A when he took the narrator to his box.
 - B when the narrator said, 'I've never been there before'.
 - C when the narrator pointed to the red light.

2 Match the narrator's questions with the signalman's answers. Write A-F in boxes 1-6.

1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Why are you watching that red light?	
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you got much work to do?	
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't you sometimes feel lonely?	
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you a happy man?	
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	When shall I come?	
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	What's the problem?	

A	No, I'm used to it.	D	It's difficult to say.
B	No, not very much.	E	Because it's part of my job.
C	Ten o'clock tomorrow night.	F	I was happy once.

3 Match sentences 1-6 to the correct pictures. Write 1-6 in boxes A-F.



- 1 I must show this when the train passes.
- 2 When I change this, it tells the train drivers to stop or go.
- 3 I always watch this because it warns of danger.
- 4 I use this to send and receive messages.
- 5 When I hear this, I know the station is calling me.
- 6 This is where the red light is.