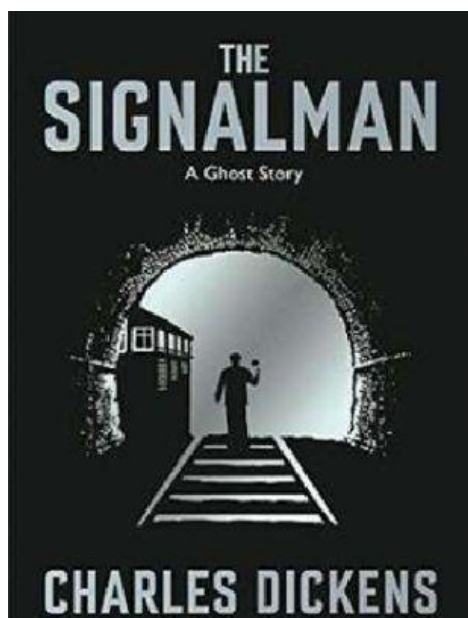




The Signalman

By Charles Dickens

Chapter 2 Danger

1 Summing it up

Put the sentences A-F in the correct order to make a summary of Chapter Two. Write 1-6 in the boxes.

- A ☐ Six hours later, there was a train accident and many people died.
- B ☐ The next evening the narrator saw some men at the railway tunnel.
- C ☐ The signalman described how one night he saw somebody warning him at the red light.
- D ☐ The train driver said he waved and shouted to warn the signalman, but it was too late — he was killed by the train!
- E ☐ But the person disappeared when he came near him.
- F ☐ Now the signalman was very worried because a week ago the ghost returned and warned him of danger.

Drag and Drop

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|---|--------------------------|--|
| 0 | A beautiful young lady. | Who <i>was dying on the train?</i> |
| 1 | At 11 p.m. | What time |
| 2 | A year ago. | When |
| 3 | Always at the red light. | Where |
| 4 | It waves – like this. | What |
| 5 | It rang twice. | How many times |

does the ghost do?

did the terrible accident happen?

does the signalman see the ghost?

did your bell ring yesterday?

did the narrator arrive?

was dying on the train?

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, write the correct letter A, B, C or D as in the example.

The signalman looked very anxious, (0)^B..... I told him he must continue to do his work as (1) as he could. That seemed to calm him down. (2) I said that I would stay with him for the

night, he said no, (3) me, and asked me to come back the next day, an hour after sunset.

(4), in my hotel room, I thought about the signalman's situation. It (5) him very much, and perhaps he would start to (6) mistakes in his job. In the end, I made up my (7) to find a doctor (8) could help the signalman. (9) who? I didn't know any doctors. (10) I suddenly had an idea. I said to myself, I'll take him to the best doctor in town!

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|----|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| 0 | A then | B so | C also | D that |
| 1 | A bad | B good | C well | D better |
| 2 | A When | B Why | C Who | D How |
| 3 | A thanked | B said | C looked | D told |
| 4 | A After | B Before | C Later | D Sooner |
| 5 | A worried | B pleased | C liked | D helped |
| 6 | A do | B make | C have | D cause |
| 7 | A idea | B mind | C head | D decision |
| 8 | A who | B what | C how | D whose |
| 9 | A So | B And | C As | D But |
| 10 | A Because | B When | C Then | D As |

The Present Perfect Simple

'I've never seen his face'

The Present Perfect Simple is formed with **has/have + the past participle** of the main verb. We often use it to describe a period of time that continues from the past until the present.

Compare it with this sentence:

*When the ghost **appeared** a week ago, I **didn't see** his face.*

Here the speaker is speaking about a completed action at a specific time in the past, so he uses the Past Simple.

We often use the Present Perfect with adverbs such as *never*, *ever* and *yet*.

Note that **ever** is used in questions: *Have you **ever** seen his face?*

Yet is used to mean 'until now' and is only used in questions and negatives: *Have you finished **yet**?*

*Excuse me, but I haven't finished **yet**.*

) The Present Perfect

Complete the sentences with the verbs provided, using the Present Perfect Simple or the Past Simple. Where necessary choose *never*, *ever* or *yet*.

- 1 I (*think*) a lot about your question and now I'll give you an answer.
- 2 you (*never/ever/yet*) (*see*) a ghost?
- 3 When the ghost rang the bell, you (*not hear*) it.
- 4 The ghost (*come*) back a week ago, and it (*appear*) again two or three times.
- 5 the signalman (*change*) the signal (*never/ever/yet?*).
- 6 the ghost (*ring*) the bell when I (*be*) here yesterday?
- 7 The signalman does not know where the accident will happen because the ghost (*not tell*) him (*never/ever/yet*).
- 8 The signalman thinks he recognises the narrator, but the narrator says this is not possible because he (*never/ever/yet*) (*be*) there before.