

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

1. Order the story:

For two months Utterson sees Jekyll frequently, until suddenly Jekyll refuses visitors. A mutual friend, Dr Lanyon, becomes ill and dies after learning a shocking truth about Jekyll. He leaves Utterson an envelope to be opened after Jekyll's death.

Dr Lanyon's letter describes his horror when he saw the evil Hyde drink a mixture of chemicals and turn into Jekyll. Jekyll's confession explains that when younger, he was a serious, hardworking doctor, but he also had a wild, fun-loving side. He discovered a drug which allowed him to separate these two sides of himself, each side having its own face, body and character. But the evil character, Hyde, got out of control, and Jekyll found it increasingly difficult to change back from Hyde to his real self. Eventually Jekyll became ill, weakened by the battle between his two selves. His last good act, as Jekyll, was to take poison, and so destroy the evil Hyde as well as himself.

Some time later, Jekyll's servant Poole asks Utterson to come to Jekyll's house: someone is locked in Jekyll's study, but his voice is not Jekyll's. Utterson believes this to be Jekyll's murderer, and he and Poole break in. They find Hyde's body on the floor. A letter from Jekyll asks Utterson to read Dr Lanyon's letter and then Jekyll's confession.

A year later, Hyde attacks Sir Danvers Carew in the street with a stick and kills him. Police find the stick in Hyde's rooms, but he has vanished. Jekyll tells Utterson that he has finished with Hyde, and gives him a letter that Hyde sent him. Later Utterson realises that Hyde's writing is the same as Jekyll's.

Mr Utterson, a London lawyer, hears a tale about a cruel and evil man called Mr Hyde, who is a friend of his client Dr Jekyll. Puzzled by this unlikely friendship, Utterson questions Jekyll, who says that evil as Hyde is, he wants him to inherit his fortune. Hyde also has a key to a laboratory behind Jekyll's house.

2. Which adjectives would you choose to describe Jekyll and Hyde?
Complete the table with the adjectives below.

Dr Jekyll	Mr Hyde
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 tall cruel strong well-made ugly silent unhappy
 violent hard-working irresponsible carefree successful wild
 serious inhuman