

Read the text and complete the gaps with words from the list below:-

horrible – for – a – characters – where- earned – never- about – successful -but – suddenly – abroad – job- prison- popular – experience.

Charles Dickens is one of the greatest novelists in the English Language. He wrote _____ the real world of Victorian England and many of his _____ were not rich, middle-class ladies and gentlemen, _____ poor hungry people.

His family lived in London. His father was a clerk in an office. It was a good _____, but he always spent more money than he _____ and he was often in debt. There were eight children in the family, so life was hard.

Charles went to school and his teachers thought he was clever. But suddenly, when he was only eleven, his father went to _____ for his debts and the family went, too. Only Charles didn't go to prison. He went to work in a factory, _____ he washed bottles. He worked ten hours _____ day and earned six shillings(30p) a week. Every night, after work, he walked four miles back to his room. Charles hated it and never forgot the _____. He used it in many novels, especially David Copperfield and Oliver Twist.

When he was sixteen, he started work _____ a newspaper. He visited law courts and the Houses of Parliament. Soon he was one of the Morning Chronicle's best journalists. He also wrote short stories for magazines. These were funny descriptions of people that he met. Dicken's characters were full of colour and life – good people were very, very good and bad people were very _____. His books became _____ in many countries and he spent a lot of time _____, in America, Italy, and Switzerland.

Dickens had ten children, but he didn't have a happy family life. He was _____ in his work but not at home, and his wife left him. He _____ stopped writing and travelling, and he died very _____ in 1870.