

The Minister's Black Veil

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PART 1:
THE VEIL

Comprehension check

For questions 1-6, choose the correct answer — A, B, C or D.

- 1 On Sunday, before Reverend Hooper appeared in his black veil, how did the people of the town seem to feel?
A afraid
B happy
C worried
D bored
- 2 How did wearing the black veil affect Reverend Hooper's sermon?
A It made the sermon hard to understand.
B It made the sermon boring.
C It made the sermon beautiful.
D It made the sermon powerful.
- 3 Why did the people think that the minister wore the black veil?
A They thought he might be mad.
B They thought he might be trying to hide something.
C They thought he might not be the real Reverend Hooper.
D All of the above statements are true.
- 4 How did the people act towards Reverend Hooper?
A The people all asked him why he was wearing the veil.
B The people ran away from him.
C The people who used to be friendly to him treated him coldly.
D The people did not act differently towards him.
- 5 What did Reverend Hooper do at the coffin of the young woman?
A He showed the young woman his face.
B He shook the young woman's body.
C He made sure that his veil covered his face.
D He said something to the young woman.
- 6 How did Reverend Hooper feel about the black veil?
A He didn't think it was important.
B He was also afraid of the veil.
C He thought it was interesting to look at.
D He liked it because he hated to look at himself.



2 Listening



There are five questions in this activity. For each question there are three pictures. As you listen to the recording, choose the correct picture and tick (✓) in the box.

One of the people in the town kept a diary and wrote about the morning when Reverend Hooper first wore the black veil. Listen to part of the diary.

1 What was the weather like on Sunday morning?



A



B



C

2 What was Mrs Hamilton carrying?



A



B



C

3 What was the grandmother holding?



A



B



C

4 How many dogs were barking?



A



B



C

5 What was the sexton carrying?



A



B



C

Vocabulary

Match

A minister

B congregation

C pulpit

D coffin

E tombstone

F cemetery



1



2



3



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