

«The Lost Letter»

based on Mykola Gogol's story

Part I

In the city of Baturin there lived a Cossack called Vasyl. He was brave and **well-educated**. He could read and write and he was good at playing cards. He had a wife and two little children and he loved them a lot.

One day the Hetman wrote a letter to the Tsarytsya in St.Petersburg and told Vasyl **to deliver** the letter. The road was long and dangerous so he sewed the letter into his Cossack hat, jumped on his horse and road off.

When he arrived in the town of Konotop he went to the market place. There was **a fair** and a lot of people gathered there. They were buying and selling **goods** and a lot of them were having fun. Some men and women were dancing and singing. Some were eating and drinking in taverns.

Part II

Vasyl quickly made friends with some other Cossacks. One of his few friends said that he had sold his soul to the devil but Vasyl just laughed at him. At night all the Cossacks went to sleep and Vasyl **stood guard**.

During the night he heard **horrifying** noises and cries, saw strange **shadows** and felt the **chilly** wind which was unusual for a summer night. He didn't remember how he fell asleep but when he woke up it was morning. His new friend, his horse and his hat with the letter were **missing**!

Answer the questions about the story.

1. *Where does the story begin?*

2. *Where did Vasyl go one day?*

3. *Who lived in St Petersburg?*

4. *Where did Vasyl stop on his way to St Petersburg?*

5. *What was Vasyl like?*

6. *What was he good at?*

7. *Why did he go to St Petersburg?*

8. *Why did he sew the letter into his hat?*

9. *Where did he go when he arrived in Konotop?*

10. *What were the people doing there?*

11. *What problem did Vasyl's new friend have?*

12. *Why did Vasyl laugh at the Cossack?*

13. *What happened at night?*
