



The Invisible Man

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While reading

Introduction, pages iv–vi

1 Add the correct year to complete the following sentences about H.G. Wells's life and works.

- a H.G. Wells was born in Bromley, in the south-east of England in
- b He completed his university degree in
- c Wells's first successful book was published in
- d *The Invisible Man* was first published in
- e Wells's most famous book, *The War of the Worlds*, was published in
- f The first film of *The Invisible Man* was made in
- g The first film of *The War of the Worlds* was made in
- h Wells died in, when he was seventy-nine years old.

Chapters 1–3

2 Put the events of Chapter 1 in the right order.

- a The stranger told Mrs Hall he had some boxes at the station.
- b The stranger walked into the Coach and Horses.
- c The stranger asks Mrs Hall to go and get him some matches.
- d The stranger gave Mrs Hall two pounds.
- e Mrs Hall served the stranger his lunch.
- f The stranger arrived at Bramblehurst Station.
- g Mrs Hall saw the stranger's head was completely covered in bandages.
- h Mrs Hall tries to ask the stranger about his bandages.

3 Choose the best answer to each of the questions.

- a What explanation does Mrs Hall have for the stranger's bandages.
 - 1) He has been attacked with a scythe.
 - 2) He has had an operation.
 - 3) He doesn't want to be recognised.
- b What explanation does Mr Henfrey have for the stranger's bandages?
 - 1) He doesn't want to be recognised.
 - 2) He has been attacked with a scythe.
 - 3) He has had an operation.

- c What reason does the stranger give for not wanting to be interrupted?

- 1) He wants to sleep.
- 2) He wants to work.
- 3) He doesn't like people.

- d Which of the following best describes Henfrey's opinion of the stranger?
 - 1) He thinks he is rude and unfriendly.
 - 2) He thinks he is shy and unhappy.
 - 3) He thinks he is loud and indiscreet.

4 Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

Correct the false statements.

- a Mr and Mrs Hall have been married for a very long time.
- b The Stranger's boxes were delivered on the tenth of February.
- c The stranger was bitten by the landlord's dog as he tried to pick up one of his cases.
- d The stranger was badly injured when the dog bit him.
- e The stranger set to work as soon as his cases had been unpacked.
- f The stranger worked in complete silence all afternoon.

Chapters 4–8

5 Match the beginnings (A) and ends (B) of the sentences.

A	B
a Some of the women in Iping thought the stranger	1) had had an accident.
b Whatever the weather, the stranger	2) did not know his guest's name.
c Mrs Hall said that the stranger	3) had no arms in his sleeves.
d The doctor was surprised that Mr Hall	4) was a magician.



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e The doctor	5) was very strange indeed.
f Dr Cuss was very frightened when he saw that the stranger	6) was always wrapped up to the eyes.
g Bunting, the vicar, thought the doctor's story	7) wanted to find out more about the bottles and the bandages.

6 Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

bandages breakfast clothes gas nose pay swear
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- a In the dark parlour there was a sharp smell of in the air.
- b Mrs Hall didn't bring the stranger's because she wanted him to his bill first.
- c Mrs Hall asked the stranger not to
- d The stranger took the off his head and gave Mrs Hall his false
- e The stranger needed the tramp's help to get some

Chapters 9–13

7 Who is speaking? To whom are they speaking? What are they talking about?

- a 'Since when did you learn to look through other men's possessions?'
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- b 'He's got my trousers – and all the vicar's clothes!'
.....
- c 'I didn't try to escape.'
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- d 'I'll show you, you silly fool! It's here in the paper!'
.....
- e 'He seems to be in a hurry.'
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Chapters 14–17

8 Put the words in the right order to make sentences.

- a barman sharp appeared the with in his a again long hand knife
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- b Dr things him had to quickly work Kemp's scientific trained notice
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- c bloody bandage the in hanging was front air a Dr in of Kemp
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- d met hand bandage out his stretched the towards and invisible he fingers
.....

9 Match the beginnings (A) and ends (B) of the following sentences.

A	B
a The Invisible Man was shot by	1) the stranger told him his name was Griffin.
b Dr Kemp was working in his study when	2) he began to feel afraid.
c Kemp was shocked when	3) food and drink.
d Kemp read the newspaper reports about the Invisible Man and	4) the man with the black beard.
e Griffin asked Kemp to give him	5) he had made himself invisible.
f Griffin told Kemp how	6) the shots went off.

Chapters 18–22

10 Choose the correct words in *italics* to complete each of the following sentences.

- a Before he met Kemp, Griffin was planning to leave the country and go and live in *France / Spain*.
- b Griffin is very angry with Marvel because he has *sold / hidden* his books.
- c Kemp *agrees / refuses* to help Griffin with his plan to start killing people.
- d Griffin thought that Kemp would join him because Kemp was a *criminal / scientist*.
- e Griffin escapes from Kemp's house *before / after* the police arrive.
- f Kemp tells the police that Griffin can be *seen / heard* just after he has eaten food.



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1 Find and correct the nine mistakes in the following summary.

The Invisible man sought refuge in Dr Kemp's house because the two men used to live together. Kemp immediately realised who his visitor was, and he was very happy to help him. The Invisible Man was hungry and thirsty and he asked Kemp for some clothes after he ate his food. The Invisible Man, whose name was Griffin, was frightened and he checked the bolt on the bedroom door before he could relax. When he was asleep, Kemp began to read Griffin's secret notebooks. The next morning, Griffin told him how he had robbed his uncle to finance his scientific work into invisibility. He told him how he had experimented on his neighbour's dog before making himself invisible and how he had set fire to his lodging house by accident.

2 Match the beginnings (A) and ends (B) of the sentences.

A	B
a Mr Marvel was sitting by the side of the road when	1) he agreed to help him.
b The Invisible Man said he would do great things for Mr Marvel if	2) the Invisible Man wanted him to do.
c Mr Marvel said he would be pleased to do whatever	3) he took the Invisible Man's clothes and some of his books.
d Mr Marvel went to the Coach and Horses and	4) he saw the two men going through his possessions.
e Mr Cuss didn't understand when	5) the Invisible Man first spoke to him.
f The Invisible Man was very angry when	6) he tried to read the Invisible Man's books.

3 Are these sentences true (T) or not true (NT)?

- a The Invisible Man arrived in Iping in the summertime.
- b He stayed at the Coach and Horses for several months.
- c He told the landlords of the inn that his name was Griffin.

- d The Invisible Man was happy to discuss his work with Mr Cuss.
- e He needed money to pay for his room at the inn.
- f The Invisible Man and Mr Marvel were old friends.
- g Dr Kemp tried to persuade Griffin to leave the country and go to Spain.
- h Griffin was relieved when he realised Kemp had told the police where he was.
- i The Invisible Man was killed when someone hit him with a spade.

4 Complete the paragraph with words from the box.

burglary clothes devil furniture jangling
lamp mind noises sneezing spirits stranger

When the (a) took place at the vicarage, the vicar and his wife could hear (b) in the house and they went to investigate. They heard the sound of coins (c) and the sound of a man (d) but when they searched the house with a (e) they couldn't find anybody. Meanwhile, back at the inn, Mr and Mrs Hall realised that the (f) had not slept in his bed and that he had disappeared, leaving his (g) behind. Then the (h) in the stranger's room began moving around as if it had a (i) of its own. The Halls started to imagine that the stranger had put (j) into the furniture, but when Mr Hall went to speak with him, the stranger told him to go to the (k)

5 What is the correct answer, 1, 2 or 3?

- a How many times does the Invisible Man lose his temper in the book?
 - 1) once
 - 2) twice
 - 3) more than twice
- b According to Griffin, which people must be killed?
 - 1) police officers and anyone in authority
 - 2) anyone who disobeys the Invisible Man
 - 3) anyone who knows the Invisible Man's identity
- c When the Invisible Man became visible again, what was the first part of his body to show?
 - 1) his head
 - 2) his feet
 - 3) his chest