

David Copperfield

Charles Dickens

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 - 1 (a) Miss Betsy Trotwood and Mr Edward Murdstone.
(b) Miss Betsy Trotwood was a tall, thin old lady. She wore spectacles and an old-fashioned bonnet. Mr Murdstone was tall and dark-haired. He had hard eyes.
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 - 1 David's new friends were Mr Peggotty, Ham, little Emily and Mrs Gummidge. Their home was an old boat that had been pulled up onto the dry ground. It had a flat roof, a door and windows.
 - 2 The Murdstones were hard, cruel people. They were very unkind to David and his mother.
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 - 1 David's life was very unhappy because he could not see his mother or Peggotty alone. He also had to have his lessons with the Murdstones. They frightened him and beat him and he could not remember anything.
 - 2 Mr Murdstone beat David with a cane. It hurt so much that David bit him, so Mr Murdstone sent him away to school.
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 - 1 David had to wear a card with: *Take care. He bites* written on it and Mr Creakle caned the boys all the time. David did not learn very much at Mr Creakles' school.
 - 2 David wanted to go back to Salem House because the Murdstones did not want him to be alone with his mother or Peggotty and he spent a lot of time on his own at home. David wanted to see Traddles and Steerforth again.
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 - 1 David left Salem House school after his mother's death and stayed at home. The Murdstones would not speak to him and they sent Peggotty away. Then he was sent to work in Mr Murdstone's warehouse, in London. His new home was a room in Mr Micawber's house. David was always hungry and he was very unhappy.
 - 2 David decided to find his Aunt Betsy, who lived in Dover.
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 - 1 David now lived with Aunt Betsy, who looked after him and was kind to him. He was clean, had plenty to eat, new clothes and no one hurt him.
 - 2 The Murdstones wanted to be cruel to David – to beat him and make him unhappy.
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 - 1 Agnes Wickfield was very pleasant. She was a loving little girl, with a kind, calm face. Uriah Heep was very unpleasant. He was tall and very thin. He had red-brown eyes and red hair. He moved his body in a strange way.
 - 2 David left school.
- 8 In London, David met Steerforth. Together, they went to Yarmouth where David first met his Peggotty (Mrs Barkis) and her husband. Then he met all the people who lived in the boat – Mr Peggotty, Ham, Mrs Gummidge and little Emily.
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 - 1 Steerforth was wasting his life and spending too much money. He let David get drunk. Steerforth also spent a lot of time in Yarmouth and Agnes was worried about that too. She thought that he was deceiving David's friends.
 - 2 Uriah Heep planned to be Mr Wickfield's partner. Then he planned to marry Agnes.

- 10** 1 David behaved in a foolish way and he was jealous too. He could think of nothing but Dora. Everything he did was to make Dora love him.
2 Steerforth had made little Emily fall in love with him and had taken her away from her family. He promised her that he would 'make her a lady', which was a lie.
- 11** 1 Traddles lived in a room in the Micawbers' house.
2 David helped his aunt by doing more work. He copied legal documents, then he learnt shorthand so that he could be a Parliamentary reporter. By doing this work, he would be able to give his aunt some money, because she had lost all hers.
- 12** 1 Agnes said that David must tell Dora's Aunt Lavinia the truth – that he loved Dora and wanted to marry her.
2 Uriah Heep told Mr Wickfield that he planned to marry Agnes. But Heep told him too soon and Mr Wickfield was very upset.
- 13** 1 Dora and David were happy together because they both loved each other very much.
2 Dora and David did have problems. They were poor and Dora was not practical. She could not cook or look after the house. She was frightened of the servant. Dora tried to do the household accounts, but she could not. Both of them spent too much money.
- 14** 1 Little Emily had written letters to him, asking for forgiveness. Mr Peggotty read them when he returned to England after searching for little Emily - for the first time - in France.
2 Mr Peggotty left England again and went to Naples, in Italy. He went from house to house searching, and finally spoke to their old housekeeper. She told him that Steerforth had become tired of little Emily and given her to his servant. Little Emily screamed and cried and so Steerforth's servant locked her in her room. But she escaped through the window and disappeared. She made friends with some fishermen and they helped her find a boat, which took her back to France. There, she wrote to Mr Peggotty, saying she was now working as a lady's servant. Her next letter showed a London address. David told him where this place was and Mr Peggotty found little Emily there.
3 Mr Peggotty planned to emigrate to Australia with little Emily.
- 15** 1 Mr Micawber.
2 Mr Micawber was working as Uriah Heep's clerk. He was able to look at all the accounts. He also found a book where Heep had tried to copy the signatures of Mr Wickfield and Mr Micawber. Traddles saw all the accounts and helped Mr Micawber prove Heep's villainy.
3 Miss Trotwood said that Mr Micawber and his family should emigrate to Australia.
- 16** 1 Dora wanted to see Agnes. Dora loved David very much and knew Agnes loved David too. She wanted to ask Agnes to love and care for her Davy, and give him the equal relationship Dora and David never had.
2 Dora thought David would have got tired of her because she was his 'child-wife'; impractical and not as clever as him. They would never have had an equal relationship.
- 17** Ham Peggotty and James Steerforth died. Ham tried to save Steerforth in the storm, but they were both drowned.
- 18** 1 Mr Peggotty, Mrs Gummidge, little Emily, Mr and Mrs Micawber and their family all left England. David also left England.
2 David left to go to Italy and Switzerland. The Peggotty's, Mrs Gummidge and the Micawber's all left England to emigrate to Australia.
3 David was trying to forget all his sad memories. Then he began writing his third book. He went walking in the mountains. He became healthier and happier.

- 19** David's secret was that he realized that he loved Agnes. But he had always called her 'sister' and so thought it was too late for them. So he did not tell her. Agnes had loved David all her life. She kept her love a secret.
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- 1 David was now happily married, with five children. He was a famous author and very rich.
 - 2 Mr Peggotty brought news that all the emigrants had worked hard and made money. They were all happy, even Mrs Gummidge and little Emily. Mr Micawber often made speeches about his old friend, David Copperfield, the author.