

Great Expectations

The story step by step

1 Listen to Chapter 1 on your CD/download. Which of these summaries is correct?

- 1 Pip lives in a village in the marshes near London with his brother-in-law, who is a blacksmith, and his sister. His parents died of tuberculosis when he was five years old, and they are buried in the local churchyard. Pip is terrified when he is caught by two escaped convicts in the churchyard, but he then helps them to get food and take off their chains.
- 2 Pip lives in a village in the marshes near London with his brother-in-law, who is a blacksmith, and his sister. His parents died when he was a baby. One evening he and his family hear the guns go off, indicating that a convict has escaped from the nearby prison ships. Pip is then terrified when he is caught by two convicts in the Fort, but he helps them to get food and take off their chains.
- 3 Pip lives in a village in the marshes near London with his brother-in-law, who is a blacksmith, and his sister. His parents died when he was a baby, and they are buried in the local churchyard, where he visits them from time to time. Pip is terrified when he is caught by an escaped convict in the churchyard, but he then helps him to get food and take off his chains.

2 Look at the list of adjectives below. Who or what do they refer to? Can you put them in the right place in the table? Listen to Chapters 1 and 2 on your CD/download and check your ideas.

afraid angry bitter bloody busy cold damp fair-haired fat frosty
gentle hard huge icy kind lonely muddy powerful rough-looking
sad sensitive shivering simple stupid tall terrible terrified thin
wet windy

Pip	
Joe Gargery	
Mrs Joe	
the convict(s)	
Uncle Pumblechook	
the landscape/weather	

3 Listen to Chapter 3 on your CD/download. You will hear 17 adverbs of manner. Can you write them down? You will hear some more than once.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____
- 11 _____
- 12 _____
- 13 _____
- 14 _____
- 15 _____
- 16 _____
- 17 _____

4 Which three of these sentences are *not* true? Listen to Chapters 4 and 5 on your CD/download and find out.

- 1 Pip didn't tell his sister the truth about Miss Havisham.
- 2 Pip didn't cry although Estella slapped him hard.
- 3 Pip saw spiders on a cake.
- 4 Pip was surprised by the fair-haired boy's suggestion.
- 5 The fair-haired boy looked and behaved like a gentleman.
- 6 Pip helped Miss Havisham get some exercise only once.
- 7 Estella was friendly and polite to Joe when she met him.
- 8 Miss Havisham gave Pip some money.
- 9 One year later, Estella had left the country.
- 10 Bidley's job was similar to a nurse.
- 11 Bidley's opinion of Estella is objective.
- 12 When Pip said he would always tell Bidley everything, he believed it was true.

5 Which do you think is the correct option?

sat were sitting had been sitting

- 1 One evening Joe and I _____ in the village inn. A stranger came in, a big, tall man with heavy eyebrows.

saw was seeing had seen

- 2 To my surprise, I recognised the man. I _____ him at Miss Havisham's, many years before.

I spoke I could speak to speak

- 3 '...I wish _____ to you privately, not here,' the man said.

speak am speaking spoke

- 4 I have some unusual business with young Pip here. I _____ for someone else, you understand. A client who doesn't want to be named.

to come coming going to come

- 5 He will no longer be a blacksmith. He is _____ with me to London.

is has been was

- 6 'Money? What for?' Joe asked.

'For the loss of your apprentice,' Mr Jaggers answered. 'Mr Pip _____ your apprentice and now you are losing him.'

've always been 're always 'll always be

- 7 We _____ the best of friends, Pip and me.

to leave leaving going to leave

- 8 'He tells me you have great expectations. You now have a rich benefactor and you are _____ for London tomorrow.'

want wanted had wanted

- 9 I told Joe and Bidy that I _____ to walk to the town alone.

fall falling to fall

- 10 I walked on and then my own tears began _____.

Now listen to Chapter 6 on your CD/download and check the answers.

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6 Listen to Chapters 7 and 8 on your CD/download. How did Pip feel:

1 when he first saw London?

2 when he arrived at the lawyer's office and asked if Mr Jaggers was there?

3 when he first met the young man with the basket of strawberries?

4 when he went to ask Mr Jaggers for a little money?

5 after shouting at Drummle, at Mr Jaggers' house?

6 when Joe came for breakfast at his home?

7 after Joe had gone?

8 when Miss Havisham asked Estella if he had changed?

9 when Estella told him she had no love in her heart?

7 Listen to Chapter 9 on your CD/download, and put these events in the correct order. Then listen again to check.

- A letter arrived telling Pip that his sister had died.
- Biddy asked Pip if he was sure that he would want to visit Joe.
- Estella asked Pip if he wanted her to treat him like other men.
- Estella let Pip kiss her.
- Estella sent Pip another note telling him to accompany her to visit Miss Havisham.
- Pip confessed to Mr Jaggers that he was in debt.
- Pip promised Joe he would visit him often.
- Pip waited outside Estella's house.

8 Listen to Chapter 10 on your CD/download and choose True (T) or False (F) for the following.

- 1 Herbert's company was international.
- 2 Pip realised who Magwitch was as soon as he saw him.
- 3 Magwitch had worked as a farmer for many years.
- 4 Pip was shocked to discover who his benefactor was.
- 5 Magwitch would be imprisoned again if he was discovered in London.
- 6 Mr Jaggers knew Abel Magwitch was in England.
- 7 Pip realised that Miss Havisham had planned for him to be with Estella.
- 8 Compeyson was the man who had broken Miss Havisham's heart.

9 In Chapter 11 we find out more about the characters in the story. Listen to these five conversations from Chapter 11 on your CD/download and fill in the missing words.

- 1 Miss Havisham:** 'Why _____, Pip?'
- Pip:** 'I have found out _____ and I am _____. I thought it was you. You knew that I thought this. But you did not tell me my mistake. Was that kind, Miss Havisham?'
- Miss Havisham:** 'Do _____, Pip?'
- 2 Pip:** 'Estella, you know _____. I have always thought that _____.'
- Estella:** 'Love is _____.'
'I am going to be _____, but _____.'
- 3 Herbert:** 'He is safe now, but _____. Wemmick _____.'
- Magwitch:** 'I'm pleased to see you, dear boy. Compeyson _____, looking for me. _____ Compeyson _____.'
- 4 Miss Havisham:** 'Are you _____ Pip?'
- Pip:** 'Yes, Miss Havisham, _____. There are _____.'
- Miss Havisham:** 'Oh, what _____? Estella _____.'
- 5 Herbert:** 'Did you know he _____, Pip? She thought _____ her husband. So she _____.'
- Pip:** 'Herbert, how _____ these things happen?'
- Herbert:** 'About _____.'
- Pip:** 'The man _____, Abel Magwitch, the _____, is Estella's _____.'

10 Which characters do these sentences refer to? Write the name(s), then listen to Chapter 12 on your CD/download to check.

- 1 We decided it was time for Magwitch to leave England. _____
- 2 He would be dressed as a river pilot. _____
- 3 The men were wearing uniforms. _____
- 4 He pulled the cloak from the fourth man's face. _____
- 5 He was turned over and over by the crashing water. _____
- 6 He had been injured by the turning paddles. _____
- 7 The customs men stopped looking for him. _____
- 8 We sat together in the prison hospital. _____

11 Listen to Chapter 13 on your CD/download and complete these sentences with the correct modal verb.

- 1 Joe: 'When you're well enough, we ____ leave London...'
- 2 Joe: 'Biddy said I ____ come to London at once, so I did.'
- 3 The note: You ____ do better without Joe now.
- 4 I knew what I had to do. I ____ go back to the forge and ask Joe to let me live there.
- 5 In the country I ____ live a simple life with Biddy.
- 6 Pip: 'One day, I ____ have enough money to pay you back, Joe.'
- 7 Pip: 'Perhaps you ____ have a child, a little boy.'
- 8 Joe: 'We hoped he ____ grow like you, and we think he has.'
- 9 Pip: 'I do not think that I ____ ever marry and have children.'
- 10 Biddy: 'But you ____ marry and have children of your own.'
- 11 Pip: 'It is strange that we ____ meet here, Estella.'
- 12 And I knew that this time we ____ never, never part.