

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens**1**

- 1 Philip Pirrip.
- 2 (a) He is looking at his parents' gravestone. (b) A rough-looking man. (c) To bring him a file and some food.
- 3 His sister and her husband, Joe Gargery. Joe is a blacksmith. He is a huge, fair-haired man with kind blue eyes. His wife is tall and thin, with a hard face and sharp black eyes. Her skin is tough and red.
- 4 He is afraid of his sister, Mrs Joe. He is afraid of the convict on the marshes. He is afraid of the terrible young man who will come to kill him if he breaks his promise to the convict.
- 5 He learns that the guns are fired from the Hulks, prison ships, and that the guns are fired when a convict escapes.
- 6 Pip takes the file and the food to the Fort. On the way, he meets a second escaped convict.

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- 1 Because there will be guests for dinner at half-past one. Pip will open the door to them.
- 2 He is a fat, stupid man with hair that stands up on his head. He greatly admires Mrs Joe, but he thinks very little of Joe and Pip.
- 3 Pip opens the door to run away, but he runs straight into a group of soldiers. They are chasing the escaped convicts.
- 4 The soldiers want Joe to mend some handcuffs.
- 5 Joe, Pip and the soldiers run over the marshes. They hear shouting and they find the two convicts fighting. The convict Pip had met in the churchyard says that he has captured the other convict for the soldiers, although he could have escaped himself. The second convict says that Pip's convict was trying to kill him. Pip's convict says that he stole the meat pie from the blacksmith, so that Pip will not be blamed. The soldiers lead the two men away.

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- 1 The alphabet.
- 2 The news is that a lady called Miss Havisham wants Pip to go to her house and play.
- 3 A beautifully dressed young girl comes to the gate and asks their names. She unlocks the gate, lets Pip go in but says that Miss Havisham does not want to see Uncle Pumblechook.
- 4 Pip meets an old lady with white hair. All her clothes are white, old and faded and she is wearing a wedding veil.
- 5 (a) Estella. (b) Pip.
- 6 He thinks Estella is very proud and very pretty. He also thinks she is very rude. He thinks that Miss Havisham is the strangest lady he has ever seen.
- 7 *Student's own answer. Student should mention that Pip feels angry and ashamed, but that he remembers Estella's beauty.*

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- 1 That Miss Havisham was tall and dark, and sat in a black velvet coach. That a girl had given them cake on gold plates. That they had played with flags and swords. Pip

does not know why he says these things. He thinks perhaps the truth was too strange to tell.

- 2 He is a tall man with sharp eyes and thick black eyebrows. He has large hands which are very clean and white.
- 3 It is a big room, with a long table in the middle. It is lit with many candles, and there is a fire burning. The table-cloth is torn and covered with dust. On the table is something tall and white; fat black spiders are running over it. Miss Havisham tells Pip it is her wedding-cake. Pip helps her walk round and round the table. He learns that it is Miss Havisham's birthday, and that it should have been her wedding day on this day many years ago.
- 4 Pip meets a fair-haired boy of his own age, and they fight. Pip wins and they shake hands.
- 5 'You can kiss me if you like.'
- 6 That he wants to be apprenticed to Joe when he is old enough. That he wants to be educated, and to be a gentleman.

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- 1 (a) Because Miss Havisham has decided that Pip is old enough to be apprenticed to him, and wants to see him. (b) Miss Havisham gives Pip twenty-five guineas as his premium. He must give this to Joe, who will become his master. (c) Pip feels bitterly disappointed, because Miss Havisham does not want him to come to her house again.
- 2 He is afraid that Estella might see him at work.
- 3 She says that he will get no more money from her, but that he should come and see her every year on her birthday. Pip learns that Estella is in France, being educated to be a lady. Miss Havisham says she is more beautiful than ever.
- 4 Someone attacks her when she is alone in the house. She is terribly injured and is never able to speak again.
- 5 Biddy, a girl from the village, comes to look after Mrs Joe.
- 6 Pip's secret is that he hates being a blacksmith; he wants to be a gentleman. Biddy asks three questions: 'Don't you think you are happier as you are?' 'Who called you stupid and common?' 'Do you want to be a gentleman to hurt her or to make her respect you?'
- 7 Pip believes that Miss Havisham will give him money for his education. He hopes that if he has money and education Estella will love him, and will marry him.

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- 1 (a) Because he recognizes the man; he has seen him at Miss Havisham's many years before. (b) To speak to Joe and Pip.
- 2 He will be very rich one day – a man of property.
- 3 The conditions are that Pip will always be known by that name, and that the name of his benefactor is to be kept secret.
- 4 Pip will come into his property when he is twenty-one. Now he is to go to London to be educated, and to live as a gentleman.
- 5 They are sad and quiet. They do not seem pleased at Pip's good fortune.
- 6 Because he was ashamed to be seen with Joe and Biddy.

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- To Mr Jaggers' office. Mr Wemmick, Mr Jaggers' clerk.
 - (a) Mr Wemmick. (b) Herbert Pocket. (c) He recognizes him as the boy he once fought in Miss Havisham's garden.
 - That she was to marry a man who was her brother's friend, but he wrote to her on the wedding-day to say that he could not marry her. Since then Mrs Havisham has not seen the daylight. She has adopted Estella, and brought her up to break men's hearts, because she wants to take revenge on all men.
 - (a) Herbert Pocket. (b) Matthew Pocket, Herbert's father.
 - To buy carpets and furniture for Herbert's rooms.
 - (a) A very rich young man. (b) At Matthew Pocket's house where he is also studying. (c) They argue and are about to fight. Mr Jaggers stops them.
 - Molly, his housekeeper. He catches Molly's arm and makes her show the young men her wrists.
 - (a) He comes to deliver a message from Miss Havisham. Estella has returned and wants to see Pip. (b) Joe is awkward and uncomfortable.
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- He feels clumsy and awkward. He feels again like the common boy Estella had laughed at.
 - That he must give everything for real love. He must love Estella whether she is good to him or not.
 - Because Estella says that the people he knew before cannot be his companions now. She makes him ashamed of Joe and Biddy.
 - That she has not changed; that she has no love in her heart for anyone.
 - Pip's secret is that he loves Estella. Herbert's secret is that he is engaged to be married to a lady called Clara.
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- Because he did not visit Joe and Biddy. Because he spent too much money and got into debt.
 - She is going to be introduced to the rich and powerful people of London society.
 - She is often proud and cold, as she had been years ago.
 - Because his sister has died. He goes to the country for the funeral.
 - He visits Mr Jaggers' office and receives five hundred pounds.
 - He makes arrangements for Herbert to become a partner in a small business in London.
 - Because she wanted Estella to be proud and hard with everyone else, but to love her.
 - Because she pays more attention to Bentley Drummle than she does to him.
- 10**
- An old man with long, grey hair and a wrinkled, brown face.
 - Because he recognizes him as the convict he helped on the marshes long ago.
 - He tells Pip that Magwitch is indeed his benefactor. What he says makes Pip understand that he must pretend that Magwitch is still in Australia.
 - He must take Magwitch somewhere safe, because Magwitch has risked his life by coming to visit him.
 - Magwitch tells how Compeyson – the other convict on the marshes – asked him to help with wicked plans. He says that Compeyson made sure that when things went wrong, he was blamed. He also says that as the result of his escape from the Hulks he was transported to Australia for life.
 - That Compeyson was the man who was going to marry Miss Havisham.
 - They find a cheap room for Magwitch to stay in, then they arrange for him to stay with Clara and her father.
- 11**
- He has no hope of marrying Estella because he knows now that Miss Havisham is not his benefactor. And he feels he cannot take more money from Magwitch.
 - To ask her to help him complete his plans for Herbert by giving him some money.
 - (a) Estella. (b) That she is going to marry Bentley Drummle.
 - (a) Mr Wemmick. (b) He stays at an inn for the night and until the next evening.
 - That Compeyson is in London looking for him.
 - That he and Pip will row Magwitch down the river and Magwitch and Pip will board a ship at the mouth of the river, far from London.
 - That she is Estella's mother.
 - Miss Havisham asks Pip to forgive her for making him unhappy. A flame from the fire leaps onto her old clothes, and they burn. Pip throws his coat over her to put out the flames, but Miss Havisham is badly burned and she soon dies.
 - That Magwitch and Molly are Estella's father and mother.
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- They are going to row down the Thames to meet the paddle-steamer for Hamburg. Magwitch will pretend to be a river pilot and they will board the steamer.
 - Compeyson is in a boat with three customs men. They try to arrest Magwitch. Pip's boat overturns, and Magwitch pulls Compeyson out of the other boat. Compeyson drowns, but Magwitch is injured by the paddles of the steamer and he is captured.
 - Pip now feels kindness towards Magwitch.
 - To come and see him for the last time in the court, and to use his money when he is gone.
 - Because Pip has told him that his daughter is alive and rich.
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- The court takes Magwitch's money and property when he is sentenced to death.
 - (a) Joe. (b) To the village to see Joe and Biddy.
 - (a) That he would marry Biddy. (b) Because Biddy has married Joe.
 - Eleven years.
 - Joe and Biddy's son.
 - (a) The place where he and Estella first met – Satis House. (b) Estella. (c) Estella says her sad life has changed her, and Pip talks of his work overseas. She says she has often thought of him, and he says she has always been in his thoughts.
 - That they will be married.