The Invisible Man
H.G. Wells

A  Before Reading

1 1 H.G. Wells wrote The Invisible Man at the end of the nineteenth century, when lots of new scientific discoveries were being made. Can you write down a few?

2 The story is called The Invisible Man. What do you think the story is about? Give some reasons for your answer.

2 1 Here are some pictures from the story. Match the following sentences to the correct pictures.

1 ‘And look, there!’
2 ‘Let’s unlock the door.’
3 ‘A fire!’ he called, ‘And quickly, please. A room and a fire!’
4 ‘He’s hurt,’ said Dr Kemp. ‘Stand back!’
5 ‘There was nothing there.’
6 ‘Then I put it to sleep and did the experiment.’

a ____________________________  b ____________________________  c ____________________________
2. Describe what is happening in each picture. Check your answers as you read.

B  While Reading

3. During the story we meet a number of different people and learn things about each one. Match the people (1–8) to the facts about them (a–h).

   1 Bobby Jaffers   a  Is the Invisible Man.
   2 Colonel Adye    b  Is the landlady of the Coach and Horses.
   3 Dr Kemp        c  Is a customer at the Coach and Horses.
   4 Griffin        d  Is the vicar in the village of Iping.
   5 Mr Bunting      e  Is a scientist who lives in a big house above Port Burdock.
   6 Mr Marvel      f  Promises to help the Invisible Man.
   7 Mrs Hall       g  Is the chief of police in Port Burdock.
   8 Teddy Henfrey   h  Is a policeman in the village of Iping.

C  After Reading

4. 1. How did the Invisible Man become invisible?

2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being invisible?
3. What happens to the Invisible Man in the end?

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5. One of the messages in the story is that people often do things that later they wish they hadn’t done. What evidence is there that Griffin is not happy being invisible?

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6. Find eight more words from the story in the wordsearch.

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O M U R D E R U P
P B A N D A G E Q O
E I S T E L Z E B L
R Q K S O B I L X I
I N V I S I B L E E C
M U O D I A R Y Y E
E S D S E O P E K O
N F I O P O I S O N
T I L V O E X A T I
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