

# The Invisible Man

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- 1 1 *sofa*, 2 leg, 3 rain, 4 dress, 5 blue, 6 daughter
- 2 *small, fat, red bottles*  
small, thin bottles  
blue bottles with poison written on them  
large, green bottles  
large, white bottles  
small, yellow bottles  
heavy, brown bottles
- 3 1 Mr Hall did not like him, but he just stayed away.  
2 He frightened all the children that he met, and some adults, too, especially in the dark.  
3 The people in the village did not agree about the stranger.  
4 Mrs Hall seemed to like him. Or perhaps she just liked his money.  
5 Some people thought he was on the run from the police.  
6 Others just thought that the man was mad.  
7 People moved away when he walked through the village.  
8 Dr Cuss really wanted to find out more about the stranger.
- 4 Things they hear: *the bedroom door open and close*, the sound of feet walking out of the room and going down the stairs, somebody downstairs trying to open the desk in the study, a loud sneeze, the sound of money, a loud noise in the study, a sudden sneeze just outside the door.  
Things they see: *a lamp burning*, the desk with its doors wide open; the desk doors flew open, a match lit, a sudden yellow light, the kitchen door opened and closed, the door into the garden opened and closed.
- 5 The door of the stranger's bedroom was open, and Mr Hall went downstairs and saw that the front door was not locked. He went back up to the bedroom and looked inside. It was empty. He called his wife. As she came out of their room, somebody sneezed. They went into the bedroom.  
She put her hand in the bed. 'It's cold,' she said. 'And look! His clothes are still there, on that chair. There's his hat!'  
Suddenly the blankets on the bed started to move. Something took hold of them in the centre, picked them up and threw them over the end of the bed. Then, suddenly, the stranger's hat flew up, around in a circle, and into Mrs Hall's face. Then a chair jumped up, laughed (with a laugh very like the stranger's), and started to chase her. She ran out of the room, and her husband followed her. The door closed loudly and they heard the key turn.
- 6 1 'They're not very beautiful boots, are they?'  
2 'I've had better boots, and I've had worse.'

- 3 'They're terrible people around here.'
- 4 'Where are you?'
- 5 'Don't be frightened.'
- 6 'You're not mad, and I'm not a dream.'
- 7 'It's simple. I'm an Invisible Man.'
- 8 'Have you been eating bread and cheese?'
- 9 'You can sometimes see food for an hour or two after I eat.'
- 10 'All right, I'll help you.'

7 1 b, 2 d, 3 e, 4 c, 5 a

8 It's a nice day.

Yes, it is.

You've got some books, I see. Wonderful things, books. You can read some very strange things in books.

Yes.

And in newspapers. You can read some wonderful things in newspapers, too. There's a strange story in this newspaper about an Invisible Man.

Is there? Where is he? Is he somewhere in America or Australia?

No, near here. In Iping. A lot of people have seen him. He hit a policeman and nearly killed him.

Does it say if he had any friends?

No, it doesn't.

I've just been in Iping. I can tell you that it's not true.

Not true! Of course it's true. It's in the newspaper. It must be true.

I know more about this Invisible Man than the newspaper.

Do you?

Yes, you see – I must go ...

But what about the Invisible Man? What do you know about him?

- 9 1 One evening, Dr Kemp was working at home in his study.
- 2 He could see a long way from them.
- 3 Dr Kemp was looking carefully into a microscope.
- 4 He was writing a book about his research.
- 5 His research was going to be famous all over the world.
- 6 He stopped writing for a moment, and looked out of the window.
- 7 He turned back to his work.
- 8 People in the street could see the man more easily.
- 9 He was running as fast as possible.
- 10 A dog suddenly turned and ran away from the road.

- 11 Something was running down the hill.  
 12 A taxi driver, a large American with a black beard, and a policeman were inside.  
 13 He stood up and looked out of the window.  
 14 The door flew open and Mr Marvel ran in.  
 15 The policeman stood up and locked the doors.

10 1 j, 2 e, 3 a, 4 g, 5 f, 6 b, 7 i, 8 h, 9 d, 10 c

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- 12 sofas / **trousers**  
**shirt** / skirt  
 blanket / **jacket**  
**coat** / coal  
**hat** / hood  
**cold food** / cooked food  
**coffee** / toffee  
**chocolate** / cutlet  
 plastic hose / **plastic nose**  
**bed** / bread

13 1 T, 2 T, 3 F, 4 T, 5 F, 6 T, 7 T, 8 F, 9 T, 10 F

- 14 1 What are we going to do?  
 2 Why did you come to Port Burdock?  
 3 I wanted to find a ship and get out of the country.  
 4 I planned to get to France, and then get on a train south.  
 5 I wanted to find somewhere with better weather, where I didn't need clothes.  
 6 Marvel's got them, or he's hidden them somewhere.  
 7 So you need to get your diaries first.  
 8 Do you know where he is?  
 9 Yes, I do. He's in the town police station.  
 10 He asked them to lock him up.

11 It makes things a little difficult.

12 Without them, I will be invisible forever.

15 1 i, 2 f, 3 d, 4 b, 5 a, 6 e, 7 g, 8 j, 9 h, 10 c

16 *Posters went up on walls* all around the town. Trains were running, but their doors were locked.

And in a circle of twenty miles around Port Burdock groups of men were getting ready with guns and heavy sticks. They closed the roads and were ready to walk through every inch of countryside.

Police on horses visited every house. Stay inside your houses, they told everyone, and lock your doors. They closed the schools and helped the children *to get home safely*.

17 1 b, 2 a, 3 a, 4 c, 5 a, 6 c, 7 a, 8 b, 9 a, 10 b

18 1 *To a little pub in Port Stowe called The Invisible Man.*

2 Buy something to eat or drink.

3 In the theatre.

4 Nobody; he is not married and he lives alone.

5 That he is very intelligent.

6 He studies three old books.

7 No, he doesn't, but he hopes to one day.

8 Dr Kemp and Colonel Adye.