The Invisible Man
H. G. Wells

The story step by step

1. Listen to Chapter 1 (from ‘The stranger arrived early in February ...’ to ‘... that was the most important thing.’). Which of these do you not hear? Circle the answer. Check your answers on pp.8–13 of the book or in the answer key.

   1. Furniture
      - armchair
      - chair
      - curtains
      - sofa
      - table

   2. Parts of the body
      - ears
      - eyes
      - face
      - head
      - leg

   3. Weather
      - cold
      - snow
      - rain
      - wet
      - wind

   4. Clothes
      - boots
      - coat
      - dress
      - gloves
      - jacket

   5. Colours
      - black
      - blue
      - brown
      - pink
      - red

   6. Family members
      - daughter
      - husband
      - son
      - sister
      - wife

2. Listen to Chapter 2 (from ‘As soon as the bottles were in the lounge ...’ to ‘... and started to work.’). List all the different types of bottles you hear. Check your answers on pp.14–15 of the book or in the answer key.

   small, fat, red bottles:
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________

3. Listen to Chapter 2 again (from ‘The stranger arrived in early February ...’ to ‘... to visit him.’). Complete the sentences with the people/groups of people that have these opinions about the Invisible Man. Check your answers on pp.15–16 of the book or in the answer key.

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<th>adults</th>
<th>children</th>
<th>Dr Cuss</th>
<th>Mr Hall</th>
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   1. Mr Hall did not like him, but he just stayed away.

   2. He frightened all the ____________________ that he met, and some ____________________, too, especially in the dark.

   3. The ____________________ in the village did not agree about the stranger.
4. __________________ seemed to like him. Or perhaps she just liked his money.
5. Some __________________ thought he was on the run from the police.
6. __________________ just thought that the man was mad.
7. __________________ moved away when he walked through the village.
8. __________________ really wanted to find out more about the stranger.

4. Listen to Chapter 3 (from ‘It was early one Monday morning ...’ to ‘... they were alone in the house.’). List the things that Mr and Mrs Bunting see and hear. Check your answers on pp.17–19 of the book or in the answer key.

Things they hear: the bedroom door open and close, ____________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________

Things they see: a lamp burning, ____________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________
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5. Listen to Chapter 3 again (from ‘At about the same time on Monday morning ...’ to ‘A few minutes later they heard the door open again.’). Complete the missing words you hear. Check your answers on pp.19–20 of the book or in the answer key.

The door of the stranger’s bedroom was ________________, and Mr Hall went ________________ and saw that the ________________ door was not ________________. He went back up to the ________________ and looked inside. It was ________________. He called his ________________.

As she came ________ of their room, somebody ________________. They went into the bedroom.

She put her ________________ in the bed. ‘It’s ________________,’ she said. ‘And look! His ________________ are still there, on that _________________. There’s his ________________$!’

Suddenly the ________________ on the bed started to ________________. Something took ________________ of them in the ________________, picked them up and threw them over the ________________ of the ________________. Then, suddenly, the stranger’s ________________ flew up, around in a ________________, and into Mrs Hall’s ____________. Then a chair jumped ________________, laughed (with a ________________ very like the stranger’s), and started to ________________ her. She ran out of the ________________, and her ________________ followed her. The door closed ________________ and they heard the ________________ turn.
6 Listen to Chapter 4 (from ‘Mr Thomas Marvel was not a man of fashion.’ to ‘After a very exciting morning ...’). Write the direct speech you hear under the reported speech below. Check your answers on pp.22–23 of the book or in the answer key.

1 A voice said that they weren’t very beautiful boots, were they.
   ‘They’re not very beautiful boots, are they?’
2 Mr Marvel said he’d had better boots and he’d had worse.

3 The voice said they were terrible people around there.

4 Mr Marvel asked the voice where it was.

5 The voice told him not to be frightened.

6 The voice told Mr Marvel he wasn’t mad and that the voice wasn’t a dream.

7 The voice said it was simple, he was an Invisible Man.

8 Mr Marvel asked the Invisible Man if he had been eating bread and cheese.

9 The Invisible Man told him that you could sometimes see food for an hour or two after he ate.

10 Mr Marvel said he’d help him.

7 Listen to Chapter 5 (from ‘Later that same evening ...’ to ‘The two men walked on into the night.’). Put the dialogue in the order in which you hear it. Check your answers on p.25 of the book or in the answer key.

a You’ll have to help me. I’ve got no choice. You’ve got no choice.

b If you try to run away again, I’ll kill you.

c I can’t help you anymore. I’m an old man. I’m ill. I can’t walk far.

d I didn’t try to run away. I was lost.

e And now. What am I to do now? They all know about me. It will be in the newspapers tomorrow.

8 Listen to Chapter 5 again (from ‘It’s a nice day.’ to ‘It’s a lie.’). Write Mr Marvel’s responses to the old man. Check your answers on pp.25–26 of the book or in the answer key.

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.

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

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

No, it doesn’t.

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

Do you?

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

Listen to Chapter 6 (from ‘One evening …’ to ‘The window broke with a loud noise.’). Write the verbs you hear in the correct form: past simple or past continuous. Check your answers on p.27 of the book or in the answer key.

1 One evening, Dr Kemp was working (work) at home in his study.
2 He ________________ (can) see a long way from them.
3 Dr Kemp ________________ (look) carefully into a microscope.
4 He ________________ (write) a book about his research.
5 His research ________________ (go) to be famous all over the world.
6 He ________________ (stop) writing for a moment, and ________________ (look) out of the window.
7 He ________________ (turn) back to his work.
8 People in the street ________________ (can) see the man more easily.
9 He ________________ (run) as fast as possible.
10 A dog suddenly ________________ (turn) and ________________ (run) away from the road.
11 Something ________________ (run) down the hill.
12 A taxi driver, a large American with a black beard, and a policeman ________________ (be) inside.
13 He ________________ (stand) up and ________________ (look) out of the window.
14 The door ________________ (fly) open and Mr Marvel ________________ (run) in.
15 The policeman ________________ (stand) up and ________________ (lock) the doors.
10 Listen to Chapter 7 (from ‘Dr Kemp was still writing ...’ to ‘Some shoes, too ...’). Match the beginnings (1–10) with the endings (a–j). Check your answers on pp.30–32 of the book or in the answer key.

1 Dr Kemp was still writing in his study and looked out.
2 It was dark now and opened it.
3 He went to the south window and took out some trousers and a shirt.
4 About an hour later, because my hair is white.
5 He waited for her to come upstairs, but there were lights in the street.
6 He went to the door of his study but she did not.
7 He continued up the stairs to his bedroom.
8 Then, coming towards him across the room, he saw a bandage.
9 It’s easier for me than for some people when he heard the gun.
10 Dr Kemp went to a cupboard when he heard the gun.

11 Listen to Chapter 8 (from ‘Are you all right?’ to ‘But when you put glass in water it is invisible.’). You will hear the words in the box below. Group the words according to the pronunciation of the letter ‘a’. Check your answers in the answer key.

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12 Listen to Chapter 9 (from ‘So that is how my new, invisible, life began ...’ to ‘Then I could be ready for my adventure.’). Circle the things the Invisible Man makes use of from the department store. Check your answers on pp.42–43 of the book or in the answer key.

- 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 Listen to Chapter 9 again (from ‘Do you understand now, Kemp, the problems that I had?’ to ‘He decided to change the subject.’). Decide if these sentences are true (T) or false (F). Check your answers on pp.44–46 of the book or in the answer key.

1 He had no clothes, and it was the middle of winter. T
2 He couldn’t eat because the food he ate was visible for about an hour. __
3 When he walked in snow or rain people couldn’t see him. __
4 It was easy to see him when he got dirty. __
5 He was able to enter the shop silently. __

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6 The shopkeeper was angry when he saw nobody in the shop. __ 
7 The Invisible Man was hungry and wanted to eat. __ 
8 The man couldn’t hear the Invisible Man in his house as he was old. __ 
9 The Invisible Man knocked the old man over the head. __ 
10 The Invisible Man was sorry for what he did. __ 

14 Listen to Chapter 10 (from ‘And now,’ asked Dr Kemp ...’ to ‘Yes, I understand ...’). Underline the sounds and words you hear stressed in these sentences. Check your answers in the answer key.
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 Listen to Chapter 10 again (from ‘You have told the police!’ to ‘What do we do now?’). Put the events in the order in which they happen. Check your answers on pp.50–51 of the book or in the answer key.
a An invisible hand came through the door and caught Dr Kemp’s neck. __ 
b Dr Kemp and the Invisible Man pushed and pulled at the door. __ 
c Dr Kemp came down the stairs with blood on his face, holding some clothes. 10 
d Dr Kemp closed the door quickly, but the key fell out on to the floor. __ 
e Dr Kemp fell back onto the floor and a shirt flew down on top of him. __ 
f Dr Kemp opened the door and jumped outside. __ 
g Something hit and kicked Colonel Adye and he was thrown down the stairs. __ 
h The front door opened and closed. __ 
i The Invisible Man started to take off his clothes. 1 __ 
j Two policemen downstairs shouted. __
16 Listen to Chapter 11 (from ‘Posters went up on walls …’ to ‘… to get home safely.’). Write the preparations for the capture of the Invisible Man. Check your answers on p.53 of the book or in the answer key.

Posters went up on walls ____________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
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________________________________________________________________________
__________________________ to get home safely.

17 Listen to Chapter 12 (from ‘Dr Kemp was still in his house.’ to ‘Mr Heelas, Dr Kemp’s neighbour, was asleep in his garden …’). Choose the correct answers. Check your answers on pp.58–60 of the book or in the answer key.

1 What could Dr Kemp see?
   a) a fire  b) a gun  c) a man

2 Where were Colonel Adye’s hands?
   a) behind his back  b) in the air  c) on his head

3 Who was shot?
   a) Colonel Adye  b) Dr Kemp  c) The Invisible Man

4 What could Dr Kemp hear?
   a) an old man snoring  b) more gunfire  c) someone knocking at the door

5 In which room did Dr Kemp pick up the poker?
   a) the bedroom  b) the kitchen  c) the study

6 The Invisible Man was…
   a) opening and closing the door.  b) shooting through the window.  c) shouting and laughing.

7 Where did the two policemen and the servant come from?
   a) the back garden  b) the front garden  c) the side garden

8 The Invisible Man said ‘Stand back, you two, I want …’
   a) blood!  b) Kemp!  c) revenge!

9 The policeman hit the Invisible Man’s … with his poker.
   a) arm  b) hand  c) head

10 When they went into the dining room, the two policemen discovered Dr Kemp and the servant …
   a) were dead.  b) had gone.  c) were hiding.

18 Listen to Chapter 13 (from ‘That is the end of the story of Griffin’s experiment.’ to ‘And nobody else will know where they are, until he dies.’). Answer the questions. Check your answers on pp.64–65 of the book or in the answer key.

1 Where must you go to if you want to know more about the story?
   To a little pub in Port Stowe called The Invisible Man.
2. What must you do to get the man to tell you his story?
________________________________________________________________________________

3. Where did he work before?
________________________________________________________________________________

4. Who does he live with?
________________________________________________________________________________

5. What do the people of Port Stowe think of him?
________________________________________________________________________________

6. What does he do on Sunday mornings and after ten o’clock in the evening?
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7. Does he understand all the information in the books?
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8. Who is still looking for him and the diaries?
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