

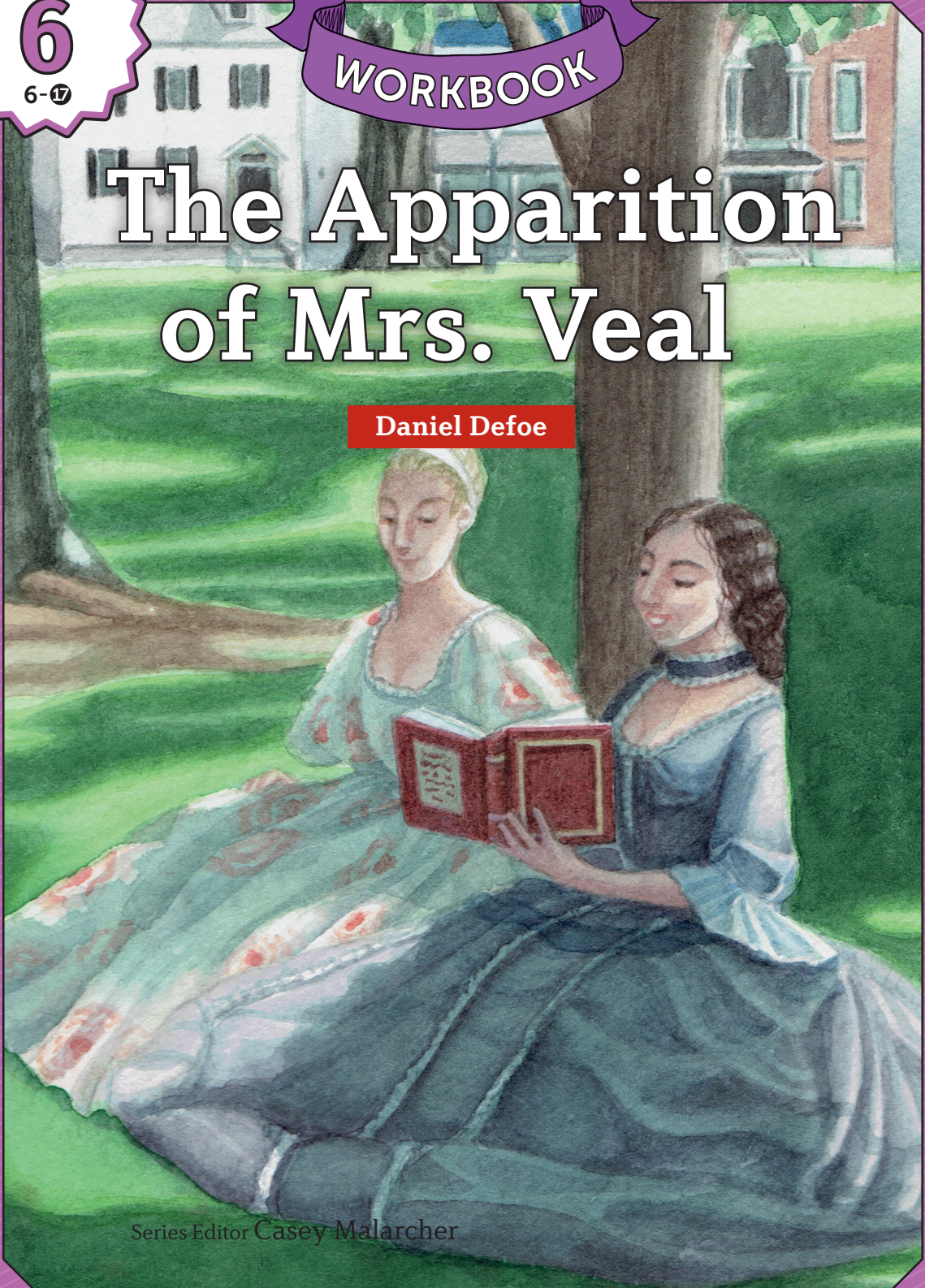
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The Apparition of Mrs. Veal

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Reading Activities

[Chapter 1] A Woman I Trust

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 In this chapter, a woman is visited by an apparition. Do you think this is possible? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 8. What is the woman doing?
- 3 What kind of person do you think she is?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What is NOT true about Mrs. Bargrave?

- a. She always stays positive.
- b. She has a bad reputation.
- c. Some people think she is a liar.

B. Write the information in the right sentence.

Mrs. Bargrave / apparition a liar / crazy Mrs. Veal / had died

The Strange and Unusual Story

_____ was visited by an _____.

Her old friend, _____, visited her after she _____.

Some people think Mrs. Bargrave is _____. They suggest that she is a little _____.

[Chapter 2] Two Old Friends

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 In this chapter, we learn more about Mrs. Veal. What kind of person do you think she is?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 10. What are the women doing?
- 3 Do you think the women are close friends? Why or why not?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

Why did everyone refer to Mr. Veal's sister as "Mrs." even though she was unmarried?

- a. Because she took care of her brother's house
- b. Because she asked them to
- c. Because she thought it was respectful

B. Match the characters and their descriptions.

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| 1. Mrs. Veal | • | • seemed to be kind and sober |
| 2. Mrs. Veal's brother | • | • moved to Canterbury after marriage |
| 3. Mrs. Veal's father | • | • was not a kind person |
| 4. Mrs. Bargrave | • | • was troubled by fits |
| 5. Mrs. Bargrave's father | • | • did not take good care of the family |

[Chapter 3] A Surprise Visit

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Who do you think will have a surprise visit?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 13. How do you think the women are feeling?
- 3 In this chapter, an old friendship is renewed. Do you think this is important? Why or why not?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

Who is going on a journey?

- a. Mrs. Veal's brother
- b. Mrs. Bargrave
- c. Mrs. Veal

B. Write the information in the right place.

★ heard a knock

★ was dressed in riding clothes

★ wanted to renew the old friendship

★ was thinking about her hard life

Mrs. Veal

Mrs. Bargrave

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 What do you think it means to have faith in something?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 16. What do you think Mrs. Bargrave is reading?
- 3 In this chapter, the women talk about books. Do you think their love of books strengthens their friendship? Why or why not?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What did Mrs. Veal want Mrs. Bargrave to read to her?

- a. Verses from a book about friendship
- b. Verses from a book about God
- c. Verses from a book about Christians

B. Write T for True and F for False.

- 1. Mrs. Veal fetched a book for Mrs. Bargrave. _____
- 2. Mrs. Bargrave started to cry. _____
- 3. Mrs. Veal spoke of other famous Christian books. _____
- 4. Mrs. Veal acted more like the early Christians. _____
- 5. Mrs. Veal thought it was hard to find a true friend. _____
- 6. Mrs. Bargrave spoke of a book about friendship. _____
- 7. Mrs. Bargrave thought Mrs. Veal looked well. _____
- 8. The women talked together for almost three hours. _____

[Chapter 5] The Favor

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Who do you think will ask for a favor?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 19. How do you think Mrs. Veal is feeling?
- 3 In this chapter, Mrs. Veal asks Mrs. Bargrave to write a letter for her. Why do you think she does this?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

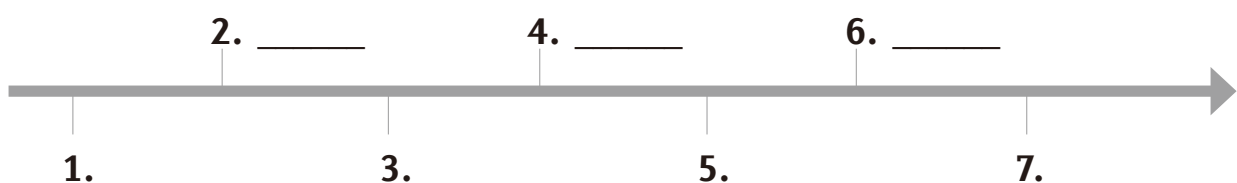
What is in a purse in the cupboard in Mrs. Veal's bedroom?

- a. Some rings
- b. Some gold
- c. Some letters

B. Put the information in the right place.

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| a. says she has to go | b. says her dress is made of silk |
| c. say she wants to meet Mrs. Bargrave's daughter | d. wants Mrs. Bargrave to write to her brother |
| e. walks out of sight | f. says she has some gold saved |
| g. talks very fast | |

Mrs. Veal . . .



[Chapter 6] Mrs. Bargrave's Amazing Story

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think Mrs. Bargrave's amazing story will be about Mrs. Veal? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 22. Who do you think the man might be?
- 3 Why do you think Mrs. Bargrave looks shocked?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

When did Mrs. Veal die?

- a. The day before she visited Mrs. Bargrave
- b. The day after she visited Mrs. Bargrave
- c. The day she visited Mrs. Bargrave

B. Put the information in the right place.

1. First, ____ 2. Next, ____ 3. After that, ____ 4. In the end, ____

- a. Mrs. Bargrave was told that Mrs. Veal had died on Friday.
- b. Mrs. Bargrave's amazing story interested many people.
- c. Mrs. Bargrave went to the Watson home to see Mrs. Veal.
- d. Mrs. Bargrave told the Watsons about Mrs. Veal's two-hour visit.

[Chapter 7] Reasons to Believe

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think there are reasons to believe Mrs. Bargrave's story about Mrs. Veal? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 25. What do you think is happening?
- 3 What is the man doing and why?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What was Mrs. Veal's secret that she told Mrs. Bargrave?

- a. She had spent all her money and had none left.
- b. Her brother had taken all her money.
- c. An old friend had given her money.

B. Match the parts of the story.

Part 1

Mrs. Veal told Mrs. Bargrave a secret.

Mrs. Bargrave went to fetch her daughter.

Mrs. Veal said that her sister had just arrived in Dover to visit her.

Part 2

Mrs. Veal's sister came just as Mrs. Veal died.

It was that an old friend gives her ten pounds a year.

She told the neighbor she was having a conversation with an old friend.

[Chapter 8] Decide for Yourself

Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 What do you think the chapter title is asking the reader to decide?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 28. What do you think the men are discussing?
- 3 Do you believe Mrs. Bargrave's story? Why or why not?

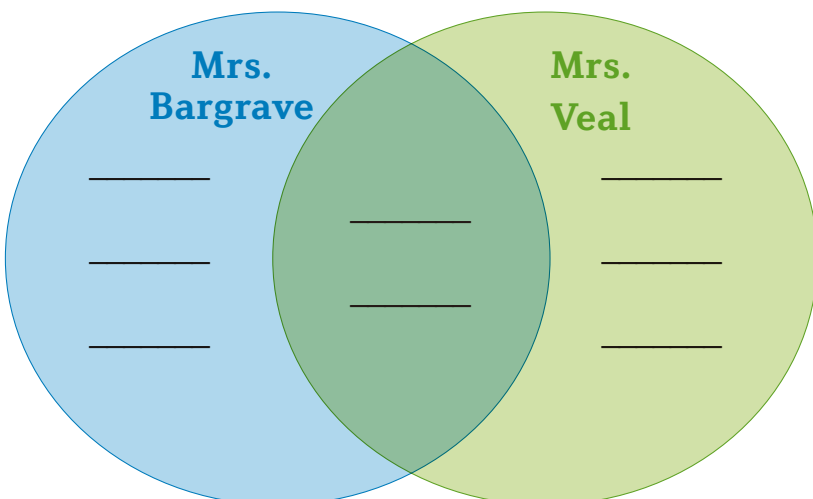
After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What is true about Mrs. Veal?

- a. Her purse of gold was found in a box with her hair combs.
- b. Her cruel husband probably made her a little crazy.
- c. Her rings were special to her, so she didn't want to give them away.

B. Put the information in the right place.



- a. met a friend during the day
- b. was called a liar by some
- c. was not visited by Mr. Veal
- d. knew about the gold
- e. did not want to scare her friend
- f. didn't want to be kissed
- g. had a cruel husband
- h. felt guilty for not always being a good friend