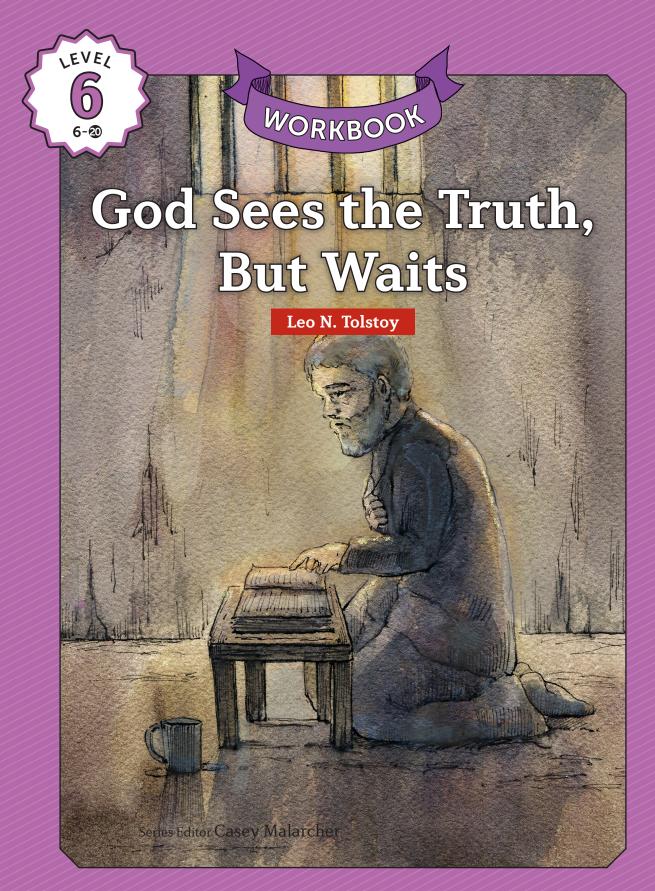
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Reading Activities

[Chapter 1] A Bad Dream

Before You Read

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

- 1 In this chapter, a man's wife dreams that something bad happens. Should her husband be worried? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 8. How do you think the woman is feeling?
- 3 What kind of man do you think her husband is?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What town does the man live in?

- a. Aksionov
- b. Vladimir
- c. Russia

В.	B. Put a check 🖊 next to the facts about Ivan.							
		is worried about his wife's dream		started drinking after marriage				
		owns two shops and a house		is handsome and fun				
		is plain-looking and serious		decided to go to the Nizhny Fair				
		makes money by selling goods		ignored his wife's warning				
		used to drink and act wild		doesn't want to leave				

[Chapter 2] So Many Questions!

Before You Read

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

- 1 Do you think Ivan should have listened to his wife's warning? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 11. What do you think is happening?
- 3 Who do you think the man with Ivan is?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What had happened to the other merchant Ivan was traveling with?

- a. He was accused of a crime.
- b. He was caught stealing.
- c. He was murdered.

B. Put the information in the right place.

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

- a. Ivan stopped at another inn so that his horses could be fed.
- b. Ivan decided to stay at the same inn as a merchant he knew.
- c. Ivan was questioned by a policeman about a murder.
- d. Ivan woke up early, paid his bill, and continued on his journey.

[Chapter 3] The Bloody Knife

Before You Read

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

- 1 Do you think Ivan has anything to do with the merchant's murder? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 14. What is the policeman holding?
- 3 How do you think Ivan is feeling?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What was Ivan charged with?

- a. Murdering the merchant
- b. Lying to the police
- c. Stealing money from the inn
- B. Write the information in the right place.
 - ★ found a bloodstained knife ★ looked like a guilty man
 - ★ swore it was not him ★ ordered soldiers to tie the man up

The Policeman

Ivan Aksionov

[Chapter 4] A Sad Goodbye

Before You Read

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

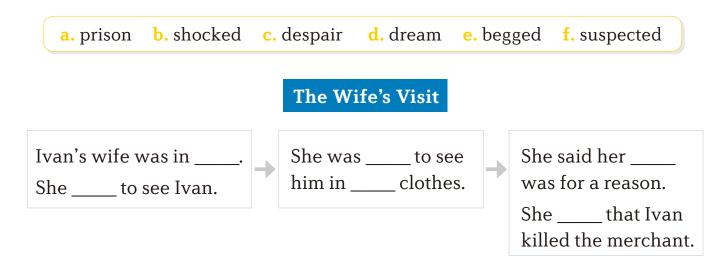
- 1 Who do you think Ivan will have to say goodbye to?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 17. How is Ivan's family feeling?
- 3 Do you think Ivan's wife will try to get him out of prison? Why or why not?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What is NOT true about Ivan?

- a. He was being held in chains.
- b. He got upset during his family's visit.
- c. He will get help from the Czar.
- B. Put the information in the right place.



[Chapter 5] Life in Prison

Before You Read

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

- 1 Do you think Ivan will see his family again? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 20. What do you think Ivan is reading?
- 3 How long do you think Ivan has been in prison?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

Where was Ivan sent to work in the mines?

- a. China
- b. Siberia
- c. Vladimir
- **B.** Write the information in the right sentence.

never / wife	joy / laughed	white / beard				
While a Convict						
His hair turned	and his	grew long.				
Не	_saw his family, and his	died.				
His	disappeared, and he never	·				

[Chapter 6] A Strange Meeting

Before You Read

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

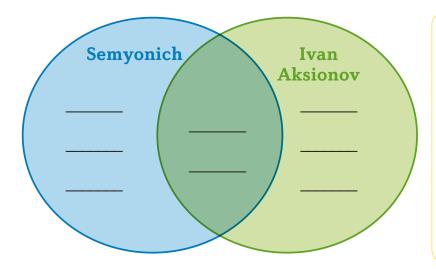
- 1 In this chapter, Ivan meets a new convict from his hometown. What do you think Ivan will ask the convict about?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 23. What do you think the man is telling the other prisoners about?
- 3 What kind of person do you think the new convict is?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

Who did Ivan think the real murderer was?

- a. One of the new convicts
- b. One of the guards
- c. One of the rich merchants
- B. Put the information in the right place.



- a. is tall and strong
- b. is a convict
- c. has been in prison for twenty-six years
- d. said he is a liar
- e. told the convicts his story
- f. felt sure he knew who the real murderer was
- g. was from Vladimir
- h. asked about his family

[Chapter 7] A Secret Discovered

Before You Read

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

- 1 Do you think Ivan will find out what Semyonich really knows? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 26. What do you think is happening?
- 3 Do you think Ivan is in danger? Why or why not?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What is NOT true about Semyonich?

- a. He dug a hole under the wall.
- b. He confessed to the murder of the merchant.
- c. He threatened Ivan.

B. Write T for True or F for False.

1.	Ivan wanted revenge on Semyonich.	
2.	Ivan did not like thinking about his past life.	
3.	Ivan thought about what had happened to him in prison.	
4.	Ivan thought over all his twenty-six years as a convict.	
5.	Semyonich was so sad that he wanted to die.	
6.	Ivan told a guard about something strange he noticed.	
7.	Semyonich was secretly getting rid of dirt from his hole.	
8.	Ivan was scared about what Semyonich might do to him.	

[Chapter 8] God Forgives

Before You Read

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

- 1 What do you think will happen between Ivan and Semyonich?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 29. What do you think Semyonich is doing?
- 3 Do you think Ivan will finally get out of prison? Why or why not?

After You Read

A. Choose the best answer.

What did Semyonich finally do?

- a. Killed Ivan in his sleep
- b. Confessed his guilt to the merchant's murder
- c. Told the governor that he had dug the hole
- **B.** Put the information in the right place.
 - a. dies in peace
 - c. is approached by Semyonich
 - e. doesn't tell the governor about the hole
 - g. cries with Semyonich
- b. hears Semyonich's confession
- d. says God will forgive Semyonich
- f. says he has suffered for twenty-six years

Ivan Aksionov . . .

