

Before-reading questions

- 1 Example answer:** Dublin is the capital city of Ireland, but at the beginning of the 20th century Ireland was part of the United Kingdom, not an independent country. Before Ireland became independent in 1922, fighting began in Dublin in 1916.
- 2 Reader's own answers.**
- 3 Example answer:** Most people followed the rules of their religion, so they remained married for life, and didn't have children before they were married. They went to church often, and talked to a priest if they needed help or advice.

- 4** She can leave home and go to a new country to get married. Frank is a kind man, who might love her and make her happy. She will be respected and not have to live a sad and difficult life like her mother. She will get away from her violent father.
- 5 Example answer:** It is a wise decision because life at home is difficult and she is in love with Frank./It is not a wise decision because she doesn't know Frank well and she doesn't really know where she is going.
- 6 Example answer:** She doesn't go with him because she feels she is needed at home, and leaving is too big a step.

During-reading questions

ARABY

- 1 Example answer:** The boy is probably between 10 and 15 years old. He goes to school on his own and his uncle and aunt allow him to travel across Dublin by train.
- 2** They play in the street and at the back of the houses.
- 3** He is a little in love with her.
- 4** She is going on a trip with the church.
- 5** His uncle gets home late, and he needs to get some money from him.
- 6** He has failed to find anything to buy for Mangan's sister.

EVELINE

- 1 Example answer:** She has probably lived there all her life. She describes living there when she was young.
- 2** She works in a shop. She doesn't enjoy it because her manager is unkind to her.
- 3** Her father doesn't give her the money quickly.

TWO YOUNG GENTLEMEN

- 1** He borrows it from his friends. It is possible he makes money from horse racing.
- 2** She is a servant for a rich family. This means that she can take things from the house and give them to Corley.
- 3** He has a meal, and he walks around Dublin. He meets some friends. He seems bored and doesn't know what to do with the time. He has nowhere to go while he is waiting and he does not have much money.
- 4** He asks his girlfriend to steal it for him, and waits in the street until she gives it to him.
- 5 Example answer:** Corley and Lenahan are not real gentlemen. They do not behave well towards women.

THE BOARDING HOUSE

- 1** He drank and he attacked her with a knife. A priest gave her a separation from him.
- 2** She wants Polly to help her and to meet the young men in the boarding house. She perhaps hopes that Polly will find a husband there.
- 3** She tells her servant to use the bread from breakfast in the cooking, and she locks the sugar and butter in a cupboard.

4 Example answer: Mrs Mooney knows that Polly has spent a lot of time with Mr Doran, and people are talking. Perhaps she thinks that Polly is pregnant, or may become pregnant.

5 Example answer: Polly probably wants to get married. She likes Mr Doran and perhaps she wants to escape from her mother. If she is pregnant, she needs to get married.

6 He will lose his job.

A LITTLE CLOUD

1 He meets him at Corless's. It is an expensive bar in Dublin. You can drink fine wines and eat oysters and the waiters speak French and German.

2 Example answer: Gallaher has moved to London and is working there. Little Chandler would like to do something exciting like that, but he has not been able to and he probably never will.

3 Example answer: Gallaher seems to prefer Paris because it is exciting and sinful. He says that he likes Dublin because it is relaxing and quiet, but he probably prefers excitement.

4 Gallaher says he doesn't have time but also he doesn't think highly of Little Chandler.

5 Little Chandler has forgotten to bring a packet of coffee. **Example answer:** He feels like a prisoner who can't escape.

6 Little Chandler cannot change his future because he is married and has a family.

A PAINFUL CASE

1 He lives in Chapelizod. Mr Duffy wants to live a long way from the city centre.

2 He meets her at a concert.

3 Mr Sinico thinks that Mr Duffy wants to marry his daughter.

4 He is afraid that she has fallen in love with him.

5 He reads about her death in a newspaper while he is having dinner.

6 He feels ashamed of himself because he refused her.

A MOTHER

1 He has never organized anything before, and he clearly needs help.

2 There aren't many people in the hall.

3 It is cancelled so that more people will come on Saturday.

4 He comes because Mrs Kearney is worried about the money.

5 Mrs Kearney wants Kathleen's money.

6 Example answer: Mrs Kearney is right to demand her money, because it was agreed and Kathleen was ready to work./Mrs Kearney is wrong to demand the money, because it is not a good idea for Kathleen's career.

THE DEAD

1 They are worried that he will be drunk when he arrives.

2 They are going to the Gresham Hotel, because they live outside Dublin and it would be a cold journey home.

3 Gabriel writes for *The Daily Express*, which is not a nationalist newspaper. **Example answer:** Gabriel feels annoyed with Miss Ivors because he doesn't think that writing about books is political. He is perhaps embarrassed that other people heard the argument.

4 She is listening to Mr Bartell D'Arcy, who is singing.

5 He wants to make love to Gretta.

6 She is thinking about a boy she knew when she lived in Galway, and she cries because she is sad that he died.

- 7 He was ill and he got cold. Gretta thinks that she is responsible because he was outside waiting for her.

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answers.*
- 2 *Reader's own answers.*
- 3 *Reader's own answers.*
- 4 *Reader's own answer.*
- 5 **Example answer:** The finest meal is probably the one eaten in "The Dead". The poorest meal is probably Lenehan's plate of peas in "Two Young Gentlemen".

Exercises

ARABY

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| 1 | 1 priest | 2 swing |
| | 3 romantic | 4 harp |
| | 5 bazaar | 6 railing |
| | 7 service | 8 fool |

EVELINE

- 2 1 Eveline and her brothers and sisters had all grown up.
- 2 Eveline had dusted the room every week for years.
- 3 Miss Gavan would be glad/pleased if Eveline left the shop.
- 4 Eveline gave her father all her money at the end of the week.
- 5 Frank had a home waiting for her in Buenos Aires.
- 6 Eveline's father didn't want/wouldn't allow her to meet Frank.
- 7 Eveline had promised her mother that she would keep the home together as long as she could.
- 8 Eveline didn't go on the boat with Frank.

TWO YOUNG GENTLEMEN

- 3 1 Lenehan asked Corley where he had picked her up.
- 2 Corley said that she didn't know his name.
- 3 Lenehan asked if she would do it.
- 4 Corley said that she would be there and he always let her wait a bit.
- 5 Corley told Lenehan that he could walk past, but he must/could not speak to her.
- 6 Lenehan asked Corley where they would meet.
- 7 Lenehan asked how much a plate of peas was.
- 8 Lenehan asked Corley if he had managed it.

THE BOARDING HOUSE

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| 4 | 1 false | 2 false |
| | 3 false | 4 true |
| | 5 false | 6 true |
| | 7 true | |

A LITTLE CLOUD

- 5 1 The **sun** was **setting** when Little Chandler left his office.
- 2 A **weak** light began to **shine** in Little Chandler's mind.
- 3 Gallaher was in Corless's, his feet **wide apart** and his back against the bar.
- 4 Gallaher thought that Paris was too **sinful** for a **moral** man like Little Chandler.
- 5 Little Chandler felt there was no **passion** in his wife and her eyes were **cold**.
- 6 Little Chandler's cheeks were red with **shame** and there were **tears** in his eyes.

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| 6 | 1 f | 2 a | 3 h | 4 g |
| | 5 b | 6 d | 7 e | 8 c |

A PAINFUL CASE

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| 7 | 1 d | 2 h | 3 a | 4 e |
| | 5 b | 6 g | 7 f | 8 c |

- 8**
- 1 Mozart wrote the music for a lot of **operas**.
 - 2 Mr Duffy did not go to church but he did sometimes go to **funerals**.
 - 3 Mr Sinico was the **captain** of a ship.
 - 4 The **inquest** into Mrs Sinico's death found that it was an accident.
 - 5 Mr Duffy was **lonely** – he did not have any friends.
 - 6 Mr Duffy was **ashamed** because he could have helped Mrs Sinico but he did not.

A MOTHER

- 9**
- 1 What **did Mrs Kearney help Mr Holohan to do?**
 - 2 Who **bought a new dress for Kathleen?**
 - 3 Who **was going to be the accompanist?**
 - 4 How many **people came to the concert on Wednesday?**
 - 5 Why **did Mr Kearney come to the concert on Saturday?**
 - 6 Whose **dress was old-fashioned?**
 - 7 Who **said that the money was not his business?**
 - 8 How much **money did Mr Fitzpatrick give Mrs Kearney?**

THE DEAD

- 10**
- | Who spoke? | Who to? |
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| 1 Gabriel | Lily |
| 2 Aunt Kate | Gretta |
| 3 Aunt Kate | Gabriel |
| 4 Miss Ivors | Gabriel |
| 5 Gabriel | Miss Ivors |
| 6 Gretta | Bartell D'Arcy |
| 7 The cab driver | Gabriel |
| 8 Gretta | Gabriel |
- 11**
- 1 Gabriel about his speech.
 - 2 Aunt Kate because Gabriel is there before Freddie, and she is worried that Freddie will be drunk when he arrives.

- 3 Mr Browne about Freddie because he doesn't want him to drink any more.
- 4 Gabriel about his mother.
- 5 Miss Ivors when she is thinking about Gabriel writing for the *Daily Express*.
- 6 Gretta is thinking about Gabriel and why he doesn't want to go to Galway.
- 7 Gretta is thinking about a song she has heard before, and the boy who sang it, when she hears Bartell D'Arcy singing.
- 8 Gabriel about Gretta's memories of Michael.

Project work

Reader's own answers.

Essay questions

Reader's own answers.