

## *The Canterville Ghost*

### **Comprehension questions**

The answers to the questions can be found in the play booklet provided by the English Theatre Frankfurt.

#### **In the beginning: pages 5-9**

1. How many characters are there in the play?
2. When did Hiram B Otis buy Canterville House?
3. How old is Canterville House?
4. What is hanging above the fireplace?
5. How many tour guides are there?
6. The tour guides say hello in four different languages. What are they?
7. What are the tour guides names?
8. What is Ascot?
9. Where is Berkshire?
10. What are the two kinds of animals living near Canterville House?
11. What is an emblem?
12. What happened in 1575?
13. Why is the mark on the floor red?

#### **Meet the family: pages 10-14**

1. What is Chef Jacques making?
2. What does the tour guide do on page 11?
3. Was Haughty Harriet a friendly person? Look in a dictionary to find the definition of "haughty".
4. What was bad about Reckless Rupert?
5. What job did Gorgeous Gertrude have?
6. Why did Ernest have to be locked away?
7. How did Ernest die?
8. How old is Washington Otis?
9. What does Virginia like?
10. Why doesn't Lord Canterville live in the house?
11. Does Mr Otis believe that ghosts exist?
12. What is the housekeeper's name?

#### **Meet Mr Ghost: pages 15-19**

1. What does Washington do to the stain?
2. What happens to Mrs Umney when the stain disappears?
3. How many rooms are there in the house?
4. What happened to Reckless Rupert when the ghost grinned at him?
5. What colour is the spectre?
6. What does Martin the Maniac have?
7. How long has the ghost been haunting Canterville House?
8. What does Mr Otis want to give the ghost? And...
9. Why does he want the ghost to use it?
10. Did Mrs Otis see the ghost?

### See How We do things in England: pages 20-24

1. Mr Otis doesn't believe in the ghost and thinks someone is playing a trick on them. Who does he think is doing this?
2. What has happened to the stain?
3. Why do you think no one wanted to visit Canterville House at night?
4. Mr Otis was writing a book. What was the topic?
5. What is Washington famous for?
6. What are Virginia's hobbies (pastimes)?
7. On page 22 the ghost decides he will scare somebody first. Who?
8. What is wrong with the armour?
9. Which door does the ghost open by mistake (aus Versehen)?
10. What does Mr Otis want to do to the ghost?
11. What does the ghost do?

### You Big Baby! Pages 25-29

1. What does Mrs Otis want to give the ghost?
2. How does the ghost hurt his foot?
3. Does Washington believe that there is a ghost in the house?
4. What does Mr Otis need?
5. What makes Mr Otis laugh?
6. What does Washington think is boring?
7. Why does Virginia leave the room?
8. What did Washington prepare?
9. What does Washington do to the fireplace?
10. When will the Canterville Ghost come into the living room?

### I am so tired: pages 30-34

1. Who helped Washington catch the ghost?
2. Why is Mr Otis surprised when the box/trunk is opened?
3. Mr Otis says sorry to someone on page 31. Who does he say sorry to?
4. Why was Washington unhappy that the ghost disappeared?
5. Where did the ghost stay for a week?
6. What happened when guests stayed on the weekends?
7. Who did Virginia see sitting by himself?
8. Does she run away?
9. What does the ghost think he is supposed to do?
10. What is a blunderbuss?
11. What happened to Eleanor?
12. How did Sir Simon die?
13. What does the ghost want to do?
14. Where can the ghost go to rest?



## Who said What?

There are 15 quotes taken from the play. Look at the Character list on page 5 and working with a partner or in a group, decide who said which lines. The lines are not in order. Then fill in the table below and put the quotes in the correct order.

1. I need proof!
2. I'm very good dancer.
3. You Big Baby!
4. I'm fifteen years old and I like horses.
5. You should not have done that, Master Washington, you will upset the Canterville Ghost!
6. There's no such thing as ghosts.
7. Beware! Beware! The Canterville Ghost!
8. Sprechen Sie Deutsch?
9. I'm mad, I'm bad, I'm evil!
10. How romantic, we have our very own ghost!
11. Stuffed swan coming up!
12. I made friends with everyone in the neighbourhood.
13. Get out! Get out!
14. I'll make it big and loud!
15. You grab him, I ain't touching a ghost!
16. The best way to catch this ghost is to give him a taste of his own medicine.
17. I have not slept for three hundred years. I am so tired.
18. Would you like a sandwich?
19. The old place is haunted. That's why I don't care to live there.
20. Just think, we have our very own ghost. I can't wait to tell the folks back home!

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	<i>Just think, we have our very own ghost. I can't wait to tell the folks back home!</i>		

## The Canterville Ghost's **GHASTLY GRAMMAR!**

1. Find the past tense forms of the verbs in the box. Colour the regular ones blue and the irregular ones green.

[ Live - Talk - Die - Happen- Try - Kill - Bury- Be- Buy- Tell - Feel- Give - Go- Hear ]

M	L	M	O	O	D	E	K	L	A	T	T	M
F	I	I	L	H	O	K	F	R	U	O	T	T
E	V	E	W	E	N	T	I	E	X	L	H	H
D	E	E	V	A	G	A	P	L	L	D	G	G
E	D	O	F	R	P	L	W	V	L	T	U	U
I	G	W	M	D	L	K	U	A	S	E	O	O
R	H	A	P	P	E	N	E	D	I	E	D	B
T	O	S	I	E	B	D	E	I	R	U	B	V

2. Complete the gaps with the past form of the verbs in brackets.

- Mr. Otis ..... (Be) a business man from America, who ..... (buy) Lord Canterville's house.
- Lord Canterville ..... (tell) Mr. Otis about the ghost who ..... (Live) in the castle, but Mr. Otis..... (Not believe) him.
- When the Otis family ..... (hear) about the ghost, they .....(not be) scared.
- The housekeeper .....(talk) about what .....(happen) in the Canterville house many years ago when Sir Simon Canterville.....(kill) his wife in 1575.
- There .....(be) blood on the floor, and Washington .....(try) to clean it.
- Sir Simon ..... (die) bricked behind a wall that .....(be) in one of the house.
- Virginia.....(feel) pity for Sir Simon because he .....(not sleep) well. He was tormented by his past.
- They both .....(go) to see the Angel of Death who .....(give) Sir Simon what he most wanted, to be forgiven.
- Finally, the family.....(bury) Sir Simon in the garden of the church near a big tree.

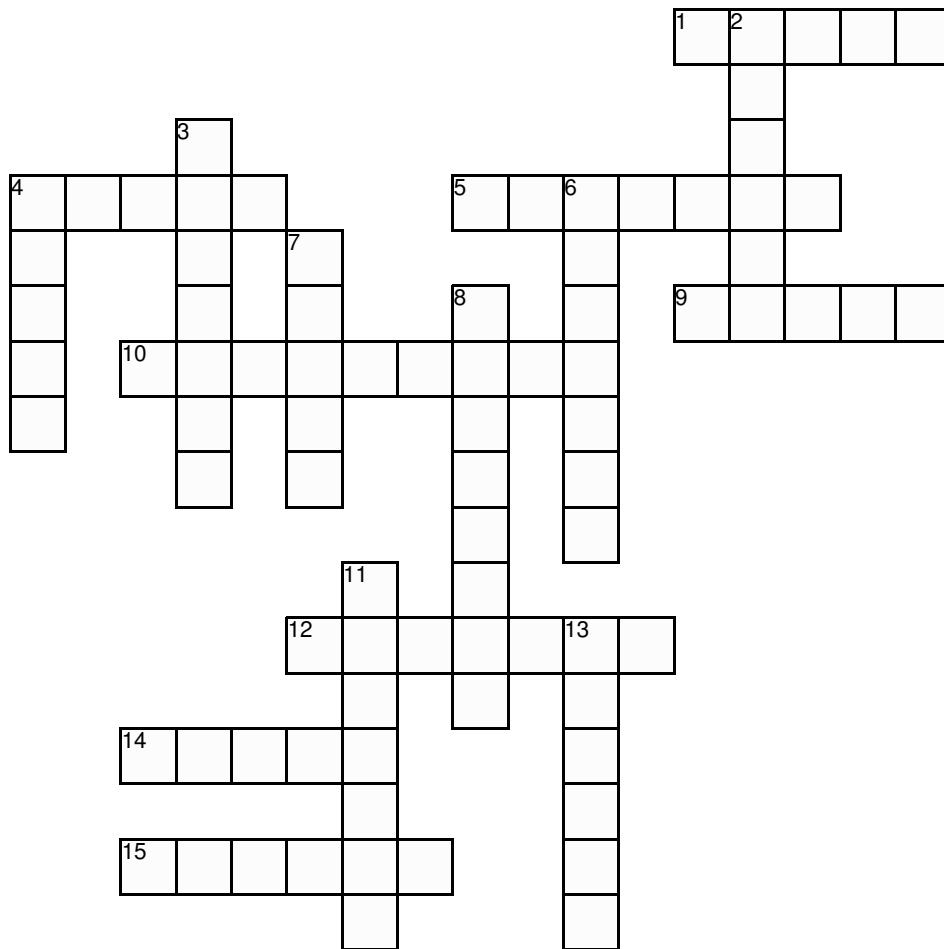




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# The Canterville Ghost

Complete the crossword below



dancing New York Harriet horses disappear heavier scare America hobby stick  
Ernest Rupert Hiram proof haunted stain

## Across

- another word for evidence
- Mr Otis's first name
- heavy, ..., heaviest
- Mrs Umney has one to help her walk
- the opposite of appear
- This person was haughty
- Pinkerton's Champion ... remover
- Virginia likes these

## Down

- This person was reckless and naughty
- Washington likes to do this
- The singular form of hobbies
- The Otis family come from ...
- The ghost likes to ...people
- Lucretia comes from this city.
- When a ghost lives in a house we say it is ...
- This person was very ugly



## The Answers

### Comprehension questions

In the beginning: pages 5-9

1. How many characters are there in the play? 15
2. When did Hiram B Otis buy Canterville House? 1884
3. How old is Canterville House? 500 years old
4. What is hanging above the fireplace? A portrait of Sir Simon
5. How many tour guides are there? 4
6. The tour guides say hello in four different languages. What are they? English, French, Spanish, German
7. What are the tour guides names? Deverus Drake, Carrie Potter, Donna Cheesly, Tumble Door
8. What is Ascot? It is a small town
9. Where is Berkshire? West of London
10. What are the two kinds of animals living near Canterville House? Sheep and cows
11. What is an emblem? It is a symbol or crest representing a family's name
12. What happened in 1575? Sir Simon killed his wife
13. Why is the mark on the floor red? Because it is blood

Meet the family: pages 10-14

1. What is Chef Jacques making? Hamburger and fries
2. What does the tour guide do on page 11? She opens the wrong door and disturbs the lady in the bath
3. Was Haughty Harriet a friendly person? Look in a dictionary to find the definition of "haughty" No she wasn't
4. What was bad about Reckless Rupert? He was a liar a cheat and a thief
5. What job did Gorgeous Gertrude have? She was an actress
6. Why did Ernest have to be locked away? Because he was so ugly
7. How did Ernest die? He looked in the mirror and frightened himself to death
8. How old is Washington Otis? 17
9. What does Virginia like? horses
10. Why doesn't Lord Canterville live in the house? Because it is haunted, his wife can't get any sleep there
11. Does Mr Otis believe that ghosts exist? No
12. What is the housekeeper's name? Mrs Umney

Meet Mr Ghost: pages 15-19

1. What does Washington do to the stain? He removes it with Pinkerton's Champion Stain Remover
2. What happens to Mrs Umney when the stain disappears? She faints
3. How many rooms are there in the house? 25
4. What happened to Reckless Rupert when the ghost grinned at him? He choked to death
5. What colour is the spectre? green
6. What does Martin the Maniac have? He has chains and a mask
7. How long has the ghost been haunting Canterville House? 300 hundred years
8. What does Mr Otis want to give the ghost? And... oil
9. Why does he want the ghost to use it? To stop his chains from making a noise
10. Did Mrs Otis see the ghost? No she only heard him

See How We do things in England: pages 20-24

1. Mr Otis doesn't believe in the ghost and thinks someone is playing a trick on them. Who does he think is doing this? The butler, the gardener or even Mrs Umney
2. What has happened to the stain? It has returned
3. Why do you think no one wanted to visit Canterville House at night? They were afraid of the ghost
4. Mr Otis was writing a book. What was the topic? American presidents
5. What is Washington famous for? dancing
6. What are Virginia's hobbies (pastimes)? Horse-riding and painting
7. On page 22 the ghost decides he will scare somebody first. Who? Washington
8. What is wrong with the armour? It is too heavy and small
9. Which door does the ghost open by mistake (aus Versehen)? The bathroom door
10. What does Mr Otis want to do to the ghost? He wants to shoot him
11. What does the ghost do? He runs away, disappears

You Big Baby! Pages 25-29

1. What does Mrs Otis want to give the ghost? Cough medicine
2. How does the ghost hurt his foot? He kicks his armour
3. Does Washington believe that there is a ghost in the house? yes
4. What does Mr Otis need? proof
5. What makes Mr Otis laugh? Pie charts and graphs,
6. What does Washington think is boring? Reading history books
7. Why does Virginia leave the room? She is angry and doesn't want to catch the ghost
8. What did Washington prepare? A trap
9. What does Washington do to the fireplace? Blocks it
10. When will the Canterville Ghost come into the living room? At midnight

I am so tired: pages 30-34

1. Who helped Washington catch the ghost? Volunteers from the audience
2. Why is Mr Otis surprised when the box/trunk is opened? Because it is empty
3. Mr Otis says sorry to someone on page 31. Who does he say sorry to? Sir Simon
4. Why was Washington unhappy that the ghost disappeared? He wanted to ask him questions
5. Where did the ghost stay for a week? In bed
6. What happened when guests stayed on the weekends? The ghost hid away, he made himself small
7. Who did Virginia see sitting by himself? The ghost
8. Does she run away? No but she wanted to at first
9. What does the ghost think he is supposed to do? Rattle his chains, groan through keyholes, walk about at night
10. What is a blunderbuss? It is an old gun, very big
11. What happened to Eleanor? She got shot
12. How did Sir Simon die? Eleanor's brothers starved him to death, he was bricked up behind a wall
13. What does the ghost want to do? To sleep
14. Where can the ghost go to rest? In the graveyard, under the willow tree

Lay down your head and rest: pages 35-38

1. What does Virginia read? The Canterville riddle
2. Does she understand it? No
3. What does Virginia have to do so that the ghost can rest in peace? She has to ask the angel of death for mercy
4. When did the family notice that Virginia was missing? At dinnertime
5. Where did they look? Her bedroom. The fishpond, the station, the villages nearby
6. When did Virginia come back? At midnight
7. What is behind the fireplace? Sir Simon's bones
8. What gift did the ghost give to Virginia? A box of jewels
9. Is the grave where the ghost wanted it to be? yes
10. Who sings a song at the funeral? Virginia
11. What is the song called? Lay down your head and rest
12. What does Mr Otis want to give to Lord Canterville? The jewels from the box
13. Why does Virginia want the box? To remember the ghost by
14. Was the Canterville Ghost ever seen again? No...but other ghosts might still be there...

## ***The Canterville Ghost's GHASTLY GRAMMAR!***

M L M O O D E K L A T T M  
F I I L H O K F R U O T T  
E V E W E N T I E X L H H  
D E E V A G A P L L D G G  
E D O F R P L W V L T U U  
I G W M D L K U A S E O O  
R H A P P E N E D I E D B  
T O S I E B D E I R U B V

# Searching for Treasure!

(Over,Down,Direction)

ACCIDENT (1,6,S)

BLUNDERBUSS (5,1,SE)

CHAINS (6,6,NW)

CHIMNEY (8,2,SE)

DAUGHTER (15,15,NW)

DIPLOMAT (14,15,W)

FIREPLACE (10,8,W)

FRIGHTEN (1,5,E)

GHOST (12,5,N)

GRAVEYARD (11,4,SW)

HOUSEKEEPER (7,1,S)

JEWELS (6,10,SW)

PORTRAIT (14,7,SW)

RIDDLE (6,14,W)

SON (3,6,E)

SOUVENIR (2,12,N)

STAIRCASE (15,11,N)

TRAP (3,11,NE)

TREASURE (7,12,NE)

WARNING (4,13,E)

S	+	+	+	B	+	H	+	+	+	+	T	+	+	+
+	N	+	+	+	L	O	C	+	+	+	S	+	+	+
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E	L	D	D	I	R	T	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A
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## Crossword

