

Great Expectations

Book key

- 1 Open answers
- 2 a handcuffs, convict b guardian, allowance
c cloak, veil d blacksmith, apprentice, forge
e merchant, catalogue, stock f tenant, dispute
- 3 a 5 b 8 c 7 d 2 e 6 f 3 g 1 h 4
- 4 a Philip Pirrip b die c churchyard d beaten
e convict f caught g play h wedding
i heart j cry
- 5 a 5 b 7 c 2 d 3 e 6 f 8 g 4 h 1
- 6–8 Open answers
- 9 a ✓ b ✗ c ✗ d ✓ e ✓ f ✗ g ✗ h ✗
i ✓ j ✗
- 10 a Pip lies about his experiences at Satis House because he is confused by his visit to Miss Havisham's and ashamed that he is just a common boy. He cannot explain what happened to Mrs Joe and Mr Pumblechook, so he lies to them.
b Pip is miserable on his first working day because he is afraid that Estella will see him at his dirtiest and commonest. He does not want to be a blacksmith any more.
c Joe fights Orlick because Orlick is rude to Mrs Joe.
d Biddy comes to live with the Gargerys to care for Mrs Joe after she is injured.
e Pip wants to be a gentleman so that Estella will respect and love him.
f Mr Jaggers brings news of Pip's 'great expectations'. He will be Pip's guardian.
g Pip goes to London so that he can be brought up as a gentleman.
- 11 a Pip loves Joe and knows that he is a good man, but he is embarrassed by him. He is ashamed of Joe's simple life and lack of education and manners.
b Pip admires Estella because she is beautiful and not common, although she is often cruel to him and makes him unhappy.
c Pip trusts Biddy and tells her his secrets. He knows that she is wise and kind and wishes that he could love her instead of Estella.
d Pip thinks that Mr Pumblechook is a fool. He recognises that Pumblechook pretends to have more influence than he really has.
- 12–13 Open answers
- 14 a Wemmick b Herbert Pocket c Miss Havisham
d Herbert Pocket e Mr Matthew Pocket

- f Joe Gargery g Miss Havisham h Orlick
i Estella j Clara
- 15 a adopted b wild c father's second wife
d accountants e uncomfortable f rude
g love h uncertain i contempt j unsettled
- 16–18 Open answers
- 19 a debts b dies c teacher d business partner
e jealous f hard g his benefactor h guilty
- 20 a ... he tries to copy Pip's expensive lifestyle.
b ... his sister dies.
c ... attend his sister's funeral.
d ... Pip is twenty-one, so he has come of age.
e ... buy a business partnership for Herbert.
f ... is jealous and angry.
g ... she thinks that Estella doesn't love her.
h ... support Pip.
i ... being caught and put to death by the authorities.
j ... he abandoned them when he came to London to be a gentleman.
- 21–23 Open answers
- 24 a Provis -> (Abel) Magwitch
b sailor -> farmer
c heavier -> lighter
d loved -> betrayed
e Pip -> (Bentley) Drummle
f permanently -> temporarily
g horse -> boat
h lunch -> dinner
i sister -> mother
j uncle -> father
- 25 a Provis makes Herbert swear on the Bible to keep his presence a secret.
b Provis and Compeyson were arrested for spending stolen bank notes.
c Wemmick's note warns Pip that his rooms are being watched by the people who want to arrest Provis.
d Pip and Herbert plan to take Provis to safety on a boat.
- 26–27 Open answers
- 28 a P b H c Pr d H e Pr f J g P h J
- 29 a The first letter is from Wemmick and the second letter is from Orlick.
b The first letter suggests that Pip helps Provis to escape by Wednesday at the latest. The second letter sends Pip to the marshes, where he will find out more about his benefactor.

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- c Pip reads and burns the first letter, then he and Herbert make arrangements for Provis's escape. After reading the second letter, Pip leaves a note for Herbert and sets off for the marshes.

30–40 Open answers

Discussion activities key

1–4 Open answers

- 5 It's Pip, the adult who's talking about when he was a child. We aren't told how old he is.

6–7 Open answers

- 8 She probably meant that she used to hit both Pip and her husband. She was a very violent woman.

9–14 Open answers.

15 Open answers;

Pip lies because:

- he wants to feel less common/important.
- he wants to see whether his relatives know Miss Havisham.

16 Open answers

17 Possible answer:

because Estella is pleased that Pip beat the pale young gentleman.

18–20 Open answers

- 21 Open answers. Miss Havisham may change her mind all of a sudden. She seems to be mad.

22 Pip knew that Orlick hated his sister.

23–29 Open answers

30 Possible answers:

- a 'All sorts of men are drawn to/by me. Can I help it?' Notice what she calls men and how she sees herself.
- b 'I began fully to know how ruined I was, and how all my hopes had come to an end.'

31 Open answers

32 He's very confused and very depressed. Open answers.

33 Open answers. He's definitely running a great risk: he'll be hanged if he's caught.

34–35 Open answers

36 Possible answer:

She wanted Estella to 'practise' how to break men's hearts with Pip. Open answers.

37 Open answers

38 Abel can be considered a victim both of society and of Compeyson. He had no parents to look after him and when he stole something, as a child, it was because he was hungry. Compeyson, a much more learned man than Magwitch, 'used' him to commit crimes and lay the blame on him. Like Cain in the Bible, Compeyson destroyed Magwitch's life.

39–44 Open answers

45 Possible answers:

Pip treats Provis with great tenderness. He even holds his hand during the trial. He's not ashamed of sitting next to him. He then tells Provis about his daughter to make him happy.

46 Possible answers:

There was nobody else to do so, as Herbert was already in Cairo. It teaches Pip – and us readers – a lesson: the man Pip was so much ashamed of is the one that looks after him with loving care.

47 Possible answers:

She had suffered a lot with Drummle. He had treated her with great cruelty and meanness and was now dead. She had practically no money left.

'Suffering has taught me to understand what your heart used to be. I have been bent and broken, but – I hope – into a better shape.'

48–49 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

1 Open answers

2 The tasty **bread**

The wonderful piece of **cheese**

The **sugared fruits**

The bottle of **whisky**

The **bone** with some **meat** on it

The beautiful **round meat pie**

And last but not least: the **file!**

3 'You can't get to be uncommon through lying.' (Joe)

'You will please consider me your guardian.'

(Mr Jaggers)

'And are you adopted by a rich person?'

(Miss Havisham)

'Break their hearts, my pride and hope.'

(Miss Havisham)

'No favouring in this shop.' (Orlick)

'I want to be a gentleman.' (Pip)

'Come and fight.' (the pale young gentleman)

'Am I insulting?' (Estella)

4 Estella: insulting, proud, cruel, rude

Biddy: common, pleasant, sweet-tempered, humble

5 Open answers

6 a Her father told her when his second wife died.

b Because he wasted his money and got very much into debt.

c Because he was the only one who told her the truth.

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- d Because he had already taken all her money from her, in agreement with her half-brother.
e They were partners in crime.
- 7 a Herbert Pocket b Miss Havisham c Joe
d Estella e Pip f Estella
- 8 a 1 b 1 c 2 d 2 e 3
- 9–10 Open answers
- 11 Provis: 2, 7
Miss Havisham: 1, 3
Estella's mother: 6, 8, 9
Estella: 4, 5
- 12 Open answers
- 13 a Orlick thinks that he lost his job at Satis House and Biddy's love because of Pip.
b Because Pip's behaviour had made him wish to take revenge on him. Pip was always favoured and he always ignored.
c They found the note/letter that Pip had dropped.
d Compeyson.
e He still hated Compeyson and still wished to kill him.
f Because Provis's possessions would be taken by the government.
g To be his clerk in Cairo.
h That his daughter is a beautiful lady and that he loves her.
- 14 Possible answer:
A connection which isn't very believable is the one between Estella and her mother, Mr Jaggers' servant.
- 15 Possible answers:
The day Pip left for London. He felt ashamed of Joe and didn't want him to say goodbye to him in public.
The day Joe went to visit him in London and Pip again felt ashamed of him.
The day he met Magwitch and he treated him so badly.
- 16 Suggested answers: True: a, c, d, e, f, h
- 17 Open answers

Progress test key

- 1 a Joe to Pip
b The other convict to Pip
c Uncle Pumblechook to Pip's sister
d The soldiers to Joe
e The convict to the sergeant
f Joe to Pip
g Miss Havisham to Pip
h Estella to Pip
i Miss Havisham to Pip
j Estella to Pip
- 2 a He walks Miss Havisham round and round the room.
b Because it has been on the table since Miss Havisham's wedding day.
c Because as soon as Pip hits him the pale young gentleman falls on his back twice.
d Because she's proud of him.
e To break men's hearts.
f That Estella should see him at the forge, with a black face and hands.
- 3 a Herbert Pocket b Pip c Joe to Pip
d Orlick to Pip e Estella to Pip
f Herbert Pocket to Pip g Estella to Pip
- 4 a False; it's his own lifestyle which makes him run into debt.
b True
c True
d False; it's Wemmick who does so.
e False; she's not because she feels Estella doesn't love her.
f False; Drummle does know Estella.
- 5 a 3 b 4 c 8 d 2 e 6 f 9 g 5 h 7 i 1
- 6 a returned
b the other convict
c rich
d fever
e prison
f wedding
g eleven
h separated