



Pictures

1. Look at the pictures in chapter 1. Answer the questions.

- 1) Do you think the story takes place in the 20th century?
- 2) What do you think is the relationship between the two men in the first picture?
- 3) Where are they?
- 4) Where is the man in the second picture from?

Words

2. Complete the table with the names of the members of a family.

FEMALE	MALE
	son
mother	
aunt	
	niece
cousin	cousin

CHAPTER 1

Exiled from London

Dear Will, do you remember me? I am Frank Osbaldistone and I want to narrate the adventurous story of my early life.

It was the year 1714 and I was about twenty. My father ordered me to come back from Bordeaux, France, where I worked and to return to London. My father was the founder of the business house Osbaldistone & Tresham with offices in Crane Alley, London. He was a tall man, full of energy, with dark, penetrating eyes. He had a fiery spirit, full of initiative and acute powers of analysis. He never used a word in vain, and he never got really angry, but when he was displeased, he spoke in a brusque manner.

My father wanted me to become his successor in the family business, but I preferred to study literature and write poems. He tried everything to convince me to change my mind and eventually threatened:

“I have a brother in Northumberland and he too has children, Frank. I will ask one of your cousins to take your place in the business, if you do not obey me.”





Exiled from London

Check your comprehension

3. Choose the correct definition.

This story is written as...

- a) a letter.
- b) a diary.

4. Answer the questions.

- 1) Who is the protagonist of the story?
- 2) What did he do in Bordeaux?
- 3) Who founded the company Osbaldistone & Tresham?
- 4) What does Mr Osbaldistone threaten to do?
- 5) What does Frank want to become?
- 6) Why does Mr Osbaldistone send Frank away?
- 7) Where does Mr Osbaldistone send his son?
- 8) Who does Frank meet on the road to York?

Words

5. Write the opposites of these adjectives using the prefix un-.

unhappy

- 1) happy _____
- 2) easy _____
- 3) pleasant _____
- 4) popular _____
- 5) real _____
- 6) kind _____

6. Match the adjectives to their opposites.

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| 1) tall | a) empty |
| 2) full | b) light |
| 3) dark | c) useful |
| 4) displeased | d) happy |
| 5) useless | e) short |
| 6) sad | f) light |
| 7) heavy | g) pleased |

Language

IRREGULAR VERBS

We spoke of many different matters.
I had many prejudices against the inhabitants of Scotland.

7. Read chapter 1 again and write all the irregular verbs you can find in the table. Write the three forms, infinitive, past simple and past participle, and the Italian translation.

INFINITIVE	PAST SIMPLE	PAST PARTICIPLE	ITALIAN TRANSLATION
be	was, were	been	essere
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

8. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition of place.

from to in at

- 1) I spent a weekend _____ London last month.
- 2) They will fly _____ Italy on their honeymoon in two days.
- 3) They live _____ a big American city.
- 4) Sometimes Father goes _____ office by car.
- 5) Let's meet _____ he cinema at 4 p.m.
- 6) I'd like to go _____ Spain for a holiday.
- 7) Frank arrived _____ Osbaldistone Hall with Diana
- 8) He rode all the way _____ London to Bristol.