

12.5 Reading for pleasure

An extract from *Les Misérables*

- 1 Match the words in the box to the illustrations. Check any new words in your dictionary.

a bishop a candlestick a fire a plate a prison
a prisoner



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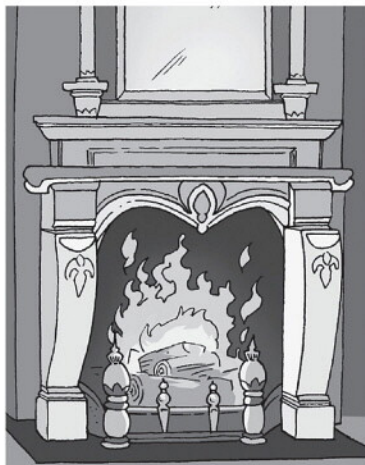
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- 2 Read an extract from *Les Misérables*, a novel by the French writer Victor Hugo. The novel is set in France at a time when life is very hard for poor people.

‘Come in,’ said the bishop. The bishop was a kind man; everyone in the town of Digne knew that. Poor people, hungry people, miserable people – they all came to the door of the bishop’s house.

The bishop’s sister looked at the man at the door that night, and she was afraid.

‘Look at him!’ she whispered to the bishop. ‘He is a big man and a dangerous one. He carries a yellow card, so he was once a prisoner – a bad man.’

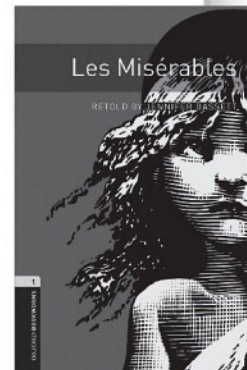
But the bishop did not listen. ‘Come in, my friend,’ he said to the man at the door. ‘Come in. You must eat dinner with us, and sleep in a warm bed tonight.’

The man stared at the bishop. ‘My name is Jean Valjean,’ he said. ‘I was a prisoner in Toulon for nineteen years. Here is my yellow card, see? People everywhere shut their doors in my face – but not you. Why not?’

‘Because, my friend, in the eyes of God you are my brother,’ said the bishop, smiling. ‘So, come in, and sit down by our fire.’ The bishop turned to his sister. ‘Now, sister, our friend Jean Valjean needs a good dinner. Bring out the silver dinner plates. It’s a special night tonight.’

‘Not the silver plates!’ whispered the bishop’s sister. Her eyes went quickly to Jean Valjean, then back to the bishop’s face.

‘Yes, the silver plates,’ said the bishop. ‘And the silver candlesticks, too.’



Text extract from *Oxford Bookworms: Les Misérables*.

- 3 Complete the text with one word in each space.

afraid bishop’s candlesticks dinner kind open
prison sister

Valjean leaves the ¹ prison in Toulon and goes to a town called Digne. He arrives at the ² _____ house. People don’t usually ³ _____ their doors when Valjean arrives at their house, but the bishop is different. He is a ⁴ _____ person and he helps lots of people. The bishop lives with his ⁵ _____. She is ⁶ _____ of Valjean, but the bishop invites Valjean to have ⁷ _____ with them. He tells his sister to use the silver plates and ⁸ _____ for their dinner.

Review: Units 11 and 12

Grammar

1 Correct the sentences.

- They're going to organizing a charity race.
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- I'm saving money for buy a new bicycle.

- He's ever used a GPS before.

- Is your mum going teach you to drive?

- We've been to a concert last night.

- Have you ever ate Peruvian food?

- We're going to go to the hospital visit Kim.

- You aren't having a lot of time tomorrow.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in (brackets). Use the correct form of *going to*, the past simple, the present perfect simple or an infinitive of purpose.

- A What ¹ *are* you and Mel *going to do* (do) for the hospital charity day next week?
- B Mel is organizing a collection ² _____ (buy) new hospital equipment, but I ³ _____ (not have) any good ideas. What about you?
- A Phil and I ⁴ _____ (make) some cakes. We ⁵ _____ (sell) them to hospital visitors. We ⁶ _____ (buy) all the ingredients last night.
- B ⁷ _____ Phil ever _____ (make) a cake before?
- A No, he hasn't, but he ⁸ _____ (borrow) a recipe book from the library yesterday to practise.
- B Right, well, I'm going to call Mel ⁹ _____ (see) if she needs help with the collection.

Vocabulary

3 Choose the correct options.

- I'm looking *(after)* / *with* my neighbour's cats this week.
- You should plant some flowers in your *garden* / *garage*.
- Did you *do* / *make* these sandwiches?
- Janet's husband *plays* / *sings* the guitar in a band.

- Do you want to see this *film* / *cinema*? I've heard it's very good.
- We went to the *theatre* / *play* last week.

4 Choose one word from each pair to complete the text.

a science fiction film/an animation app/text
awful/excellent comedies/dramas forget/forgotten
freezing/delighted ~~go/been~~ tablet/GPS very/really

I haven't ¹ *been* to the cinema for a long time. The last time was a couple of years ago and I've ² _____ the name of the film and the main actor. It was ³ _____ about a group of people living in space, and it was ⁴ _____ - one of the worst films I've seen! I saw it just before Christmas. It was minus 10°C outside and the cinema was ⁵ _____. The only thing I liked was the big screen - it was ⁶ _____ huge. However, I prefer to watch films at home on my ⁷ _____ computer. I downloaded a film ⁸ _____ a few months ago and now I can watch all the latest films. ⁹ _____ are my favourite - I like funny films.

Speaking

5 Complete the missing words.

- A These books are really heavy.
B *S hall* I carry them f _____ you?
- A W _____ you like me to get you a drink?
B Yes, please. I'd love a cup of tea.
- A Could I h _____ your number, please?
B Yes, it's 01745 3 ...
- A Hello. C _____ I speak to the manager, please?
B I'm afraid he's unable to take your call at the moment.
- A Can you ask Mark to call me b _____ ?
B Yes, of course.
- A I haven't got enough time to finish this report.
B Why d _____ I help you with it?
- A Hi, Yasmine, it's Sara. Is Mum there?
B H _____ on. I'll just get her.
- A I need to get to the railway station.
B L _____ me give you a lift.