

## The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

### Book key

#### 1.1 1 Open answers

(a He wrote *This Side of Paradise*, *The Beautiful and Damned*, *The Great Gatsby*, *Tender is the Night* and *The Last Tycoon*, and many short stories.

b He came from the United States.

c Most of his stories were written in the 1920s and 1930s.)

2 Open answers (a husband and wife b friends from schooldays c girlfriend and boyfriend)

#### 1.2 Open answers

2.1 1 oldest 2 older 3 younger

2.2 a 7 b 3 c 1 d 4 e 6 f 2 g 9 h 5 i 8

2.3 1 strangely 2 calmly 3 noisily 4 impatiently  
5 quickly 6 politely

#### 2.4 Open answers

3.1 1 happy 2 love 3 excited 4 worried  
5 difficult 6 understands 7 forgets 8 baby

3.2 1 C to D 2 D to G 3 G to D 4 C to D  
5 A to F 6 E to B

3.3 1 social activities 2 flowering plants  
3 murderous eyes 4 endless stories  
5 important subjects 6 sunny streets  
7 successful businessman 8 colored paper

#### 3.4 Open answers

4.1 1 Sally Carrol 2 Clark 3 Harry 4 Clark  
5 Margery 6 Sally Carrol 7 Harry 8 Harry

4.2 1 ... it is too cold. 2 ... everyone is cold.  
3 ... in a taxi. 4 ... old and large.  
5 ... shaped like an egg. 6 ... in the library.  
7 ... in the street. 8 ... in the North.

4.3 1 because 2 because 3 , so 4 because  
5 because 6 , so 7 , so 8 because

#### 4.4 Open answers

5.1 1 friendly 2 winter sports 3 some 4 sad  
5 fear 6 Roger

5.2 A more than 3 B to see 2 C go swimming 4  
D wonderful weather 1

5.3 1 either 2 too 3 either 4 too 5 too  
6 too 7 either

#### 5.4 Open answers

6.1 Possible answers: 1 uncle 2 reading 3 hear  
4 orange 5 angry 6 rich

#### 6.2 Correct answers:

1 Ardita is more interested in the man than the ring.

4 Ardita is interested in Carlyle's stories.

5 Carlyle takes her to an island.

#### 6.3 Possible answers:

1 ... he will give her the gold and silver ring.

2 ... the white man lifts his hand, ...

3 ... Carlyle will take her to the island.

4 ... Carlyle tells his story ...

5 ... another boat passes the island, ...

6 ... nobody will see it.

#### 6.4 Open answers

**Talk about it** Open answers

**Write about it** Open answers

**Project** Open answers

### Discussion activities key

1 Benjamin: I'm hungry. Can you get me a hamburger?

Mr. Button: A hamburger! Babies don't eat hamburgers. You should drink milk.

BB: I don't like milk, I'll have a beer instead.

Mr. B: You are a strange baby.

BB: Also I want some clothes. I can't wear this blanket when I'm walking in the street or going to parties to meet girls.

Mr. B: Oh, what am I going to do?

2–5 Open answers

6 head, hair, eyes, hand, heart, back, nose, face, arm.

7–8 Open answers

9 He is handsome. He was a musician. He has stolen some money. He has some black friends. He is a nice person.

10 Open answers

11 Ardita is lying on a sofa. The pirates sing a song about wind. The pirates take the men prisoners. The pirates are running from the law. The pirates paint a new name on the boat. Ardita falls asleep when Carlyle talks to her. Ardita thinks Carlyle is playing a trick.

Carlyle jumped onto a sandy beach.

12–15 Open answers

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### Activity worksheets key

- 1 a house > hospital  
 b angry > worried/afraid  
 c coat > hat  
 d black > brown  
 e books > toys  
 f amusing > difficult  
 g suit > glasses
- 2 busy – city  
 serious – look  
 loud – noise  
 gray – beard  
 shop – window  
 warm – milk  
 simple – games  
 soft – food
- 3 a The beautiful lady wore gold dance shoes.  
 b A lot of people thought Hildegarde was mad.  
 c Benjamin went to every party in town.  
 d Benjamin looked at his face in the mirror.  
 e Roscoe didn't want Benjamin in his house.  
 f Benjamin made things from boxes and drew pictures.  
 g The older ladies wanted to talk to Benjamin.
- 4 a ~~X~~ b ~~X~~ c ✓ d ~~X~~ e ✓ f ~~X~~ g ✓
- 5 a made b spent c knew d hoped e picked  
 f understand g help
- 6 a His parents.  
 b Because the weather was very hot.  
 c Four days.  
 d In 1873.  
 e A cup of coffee.  
 f About thirty years old.  
 g A week.
- 7 a 2 b 4 c 6 d 1 e 5 f 3
- 8 a guess b wool c narrow d foreign e skirt  
 f scream g heart
- 9 a as b quick c through d interesting e onto  
 f enjoyed g on
- 10 a footsteps b assistant c romantic d theaters  
 e officers f careless

- 11 a warm b marry c top of a hill d a pretty  
 e Babe f detective g sand
- 12 a What did Carlyle want to buy?  
 b Who did the ring belong to?  
 c How old was Curtis Carlyle?  
 d How far away was the revenue boat?  
 e Where were the two gray-haired men sitting?  
 f Where was the package with the ring? / Where did Carlyle keep the ring?
- 13 a ocean b bank c hair d stars e back  
 f cliff

### Progress test key

- 1 a Roger Button  
 b Hildegarde  
 c Benjamin Button  
 d Clark  
 e Sally Carrol  
 f Harry Bellamy  
 g Roger Patton  
 h Ardita  
 i Curtis Carlyle  
 j Mr. Moreland
- 2 a ~~X~~ b ✓ c ✓ d ✓ e ~~X~~ f ~~X~~ g ✓ h ✓  
 i ~~X~~ j ~~X~~
- 3 a A child's party costume.  
 b Smoking a cigarette.  
 c To a kindergarten.  
 d At a dance at the Shevlin's country house.  
 e The people in the South.  
 f In the passage of the ice tunnel.  
 g It's name from *Narcissus* to *Hula Hula*.  
 h French.  
 i His friend, Babe.  
 j In the tea room of an expensive hotel in Palm Beach.
- 4 a nervous b pleased c crazy d cold e angry  
 f different g lonely h strange i excited j true
- 5 a gray b father's c practical d church e name  
 f winter g reading h selfish i playing music  
 j stupid