

# Dangerous Game

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## Chapters 1–2

### Before reading

- 1 Look at the pictures on pages 7 and 9.  
Find five differences. Write them down.  
For example: You can't see the photograph of the woman in the picture on page 9.

- a .....
- b .....
- c .....
- d .....
- e .....

### After reading

- 2 What do you find out about the writer of the book in Chapter 1? Write the answers.

a First name	<i>William</i>
b Surname	
c Status: tick (✓) one	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
d Wife's name (if any)	
e Length of marriage (if any)	
f Age	
g Job	
h Hobbies and interests	
i Friends and family	

- 3 Complete the crossword using information in Chapter 1 to find the key word.

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- a If you like playing games and doing funny things, you are ...
- b The room where the games happen.
- c The name of the thing in William's room.
- d In some games you have to ... a ball to another player.

- e Football is a ...
- f The adjective from clue i.
- g It might be a dead person who has come back to life.
- h William's was called Julie.
- i Louis is William's ...
- j Listen! Can you hear that ...?
- k William thinks part of his house is ...  
The key word is the name for the thing in this story.

## Chapters 3–4

### Before reading

- 4 Match the words.

- |              |           |
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| a chess      | angrily   |
| b playful    | sign      |
| c real       | board     |
| d happen     | character |
| e shouted    | world     |
| f long       | knock     |
| g switched   | darkness  |
| h secret     | off       |
| i usual      | discovery |
| j clear      | suddenly  |
| k wooden     | floor     |
| l foot       | message   |
| m soft       | game      |
| n important  | shadows   |
| o fat, black | time      |
| p complete   | steps     |
| q dark       | cat       |

### After reading

- 5 In your notebook, make sentences about the story using the words in activity 5.

## Chapters 5–6

### After reading

- 6 There are a lot of questions in Chapter 5.

#### Complete the questions.

- a How is a 'good' game different from a .....
- b Why did Poldy begin to play .....
- c 'Why did Poldy want to .....
- d Who is .....
- e 'Is Poldy the ghost of .....
- f 'Is Poldy just part of .....
- g 'How could I ..... bad games?'
- h 'Why don't you sell your house and .....
- i ..... the socket?

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- j 'What ..... I do?'
- k 'What's the ..... with you, William?'
- l 'Have I tried to ..... Louis about Poldy?'

**7 Finish the sentences about the game in Chapter 6 with the words.**

across after at away before behind  
in inside of off on onto round  
towards under up

- a Poldy surprised him ..... the beginning of the game.
- b I heard a knock at the other side ..... the room.
- c Then he began to walk ..... my bed.
- d He shook my bed ..... I put the plug in.
- e Suddenly I felt evil ..... the air.
- f I covered my head with the bed clothes but a hand pulled them ..... my bed.
- g The bed clothes flew ..... the room.
- h I ran ..... them.
- i But when I tried to reach them, they moved ..... from me.
- j I said 'Please give me my bed clothes' and they flew ..... my bed.
- k 'Now' I said 'I'll count ..... to ten and you can hide.'
- l While I was counting, I heard footsteps ..... me.
- m I turned ..... but there was nothing.
- n Poldy was hiding – perhaps ..... my bed –
- o – or even ..... one of my pockets.
- p I tried to find him but in the end I sat ..... the chair and went to sleep.

**Chapters 7–8**

**After reading**

**8 Find 10 words connected to Julie.**

H	P	D	L	R	I	L	J	E
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A	C	I	V	S	E	L	A	T
R	T	W	E	L	V	E	L	L
T	U	L	D	H	E	R	O	S
F	R	I	E	N	D	S	U	U
M	E	M	O	R	I	E	S	E
T	S	K	I	L	L	E	D	R
D	O	C	T	O	R	S	T	E

**9 Write the answers in your notebook.**

- a What did William see in Chapter 8?
- b What did he do?
- c What then?
- d Why didn't William put the plug back in and end the game?
- e Why didn't he leave the room?
- f What did he see outside the window, and what did he do then?
- g What did he find when he finally got the plug into the socket?
- h What was 'the shadow of death'?

**Chapters 9–10**

**Before reading**

**10 At the end of Chapter 8, William says he is in the shadow of death. Will he die, do you think?**

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**After reading**

**11 Is Louis certain about these things from Chapter 10, or not? Tick (✓) each sentence that he is certain about or put '?' if he is not certain.**

- a William died on January 25th, 2000.
- b He died about an hour after going to bed.
- c There was a knocking sound one day when they were playing chess.
- d William was crazy.
- e William had a wonderful imagination.
- f William murdered Julie.
- g William loved Julie.
- h William was jealous of Julie.
- i Julie died on January 25th, 1988.
- j The phone was dead on the night of William's death.
- k William's story is true.
- l William's imagination killed him.
- m William was frightened when he died.
- n There was the shape of a hand on the pillow.

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## Chapters 1–2

1 Are these sentences true (T), false (F) or you don't know (?)

- a William Harris's friend is Filber Wiley.
- b William's friend does not know about the poltergeist.
- c Julie was William's wife. She died twelve years ago.
- d When William takes the plug of the bedside light out of its socket, the poltergeist appears.
- e The poltergeist appears for the first time before the death of Julie.
- f Julie enjoyed a quiet life.
- g William calls the poltergeist Poldy.
- h After a year, Poldy makes knocking sounds as a sign of his presence. William is always happy when he hears them.
- i Poldy thinks William is fun to play with.
- j Poldy appears during the day.
- k For the first year, Poldy is noisy.
- l William hates Poldy's jokes.
- m Poldy wants the bedroom to be dark.

2 What is William like? Write about him.

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## Chapters 3–4

3 Find the correct endings to these sentences.

- a William doesn't tell Louis .....
- b Louis cannot hear .....
- c Poldy follows William .....
- d The coat .....
- e William couldn't .....
- f The curtain moved .....
- g The room was in .....
  - 1) the knocking sound.
  - 2) the truth about the poltergeist.
  - 3) close the curtain.
  - 4) across the window.
  - 5) takes the plug from William.
  - 6) complete darkness.
  - 7) around the bedroom.

## Chapters 5–6

4 Circle the correct words.

- a William tries to escape from the *good / bad* games.
- b Poldy *touches / speaks to* William for the first time.
- c William *starts / stops* writing about Filbert Wiley.
- d Poldy hides *in / under* William's bed.
- e The *wardrobe / bed* falls over.
- f The picture of Julie moves off the *wall / table*.

5 How are good games and bad games different?

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## Chapters 7–8

6 The name of Chapter 7 is 'The Truth'. What is 'the truth'? Why didn't William tell the truth before?

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7 Answer the questions.

- a William said he killed Julie out of love and not – what? .....
- b When William was married, what did he never enjoy? .....
- c Why was William jealous of his friends? .....
- d When Julie died, what disappeared? .....
- e What does William know is going to kill him? .....

## Chapters 9–10

8 Why didn't William leave the house? Why didn't he phone Louis?

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9 Did the poltergeist really exist, or did Poldy exist only in William's imagination?

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