

## DAVID COPPERFIELD – OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

### CHAPTERS 1 TO 7

#### A. Complete the sentences below with words from the list. There are more words than you need.

realised ungrateful pretended previous red-eyed  
even though stepfather godmother childhood as if

1. Miss Betsey Trotwood wanted to be the baby's .....
2. David's memories of his early ..... were of his mother and Peggotty.
3. Mr Murdstone was David's .....
4. Miss Murdstone told David's mother that she was .....
5. David's mother watched ..... as he left for school.
6. Mr Mell put the sign on David's back ..... there was no one at school to see it.
7. Emily ..... not to know David when she returned from school.
8. David's second visit to the Peggottys was not like the ..... one.

#### B. Who does each pair of sentences describe? Fill in the correct name from the list.

Emily Mr Wickfield Mr Murdstone Clara Peggotty Mr Micawber

1. .... was quite fat. She was a good friend to David and his mother.
2. .... had beautiful black hair and whiskers. Peggotty didn't like him.
3. .... was a beautiful little girl with blue eyes. Everyone wanted to please her.
4. .... was a good man. He was always optimistic that something would 'turn up'.
5. .... was a grey-haired lawyer with black eyebrows. He drank too much alcohol.

#### C. Change the following quotes to indirect speech.

1. "I'll never forget you, Davy, and I'll take care of your mother," said Peggotty.  
Peggotty told Davy  
that .....
2. "Tell Peggotty that Barkis is willing," said the carriage driver.  
The carriage driver told  
David .....
3. "The sign is for you – because you bit your stepfather," Mr Mell said to David.  
Mr Mell told David  
that .....
4. "Copperfield, my friend, I know that something will turn up," Mr Micawber said.  
Mr Micawber said to David  
that .....
5. "The house hasn't been the same since you left, Trotwood," remarked Agnes.  
Agnes remarked to Trotwood  
that .....

#### D. Match I to II to form sentences.

I II

1. David's stepfather hit him ..... a. to London to work in the wine business.
2. Mr Murdstone sent David ..... b. to school in Canterbury.

3. Uriah Heep invited ..... c. David travelled to Yarmouth.
4. Aunt Betsey sent David ..... d. for not knowing his lessons.
5. When he finished school, ..... e. David to tea.

## CHAPTERS 8 TO 13

### A. Match the words in I with their definitions in II.

#### I II

1. employer ..... a. talk about
2. former ..... b. people living nearby
3. immediately ..... c. previous
4. discuss ..... d. right away
5. hard ..... e. a few
6. several ..... f. difficult
7. neighbours ..... g. very sad
8. heartbroken ..... h. boss

### B. Change the following sentences from the active to the passive.

1. Mr Spenlow changed Aunt Betsey's will.

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2. Mr Wickfield will make Uriah Heep his partner.

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3. Miss Murdstone finds David's letters to Dora.

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4. David gave Ham a letter from Emily.

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5. David is accompanying the Micawbers and the Peggottys to their ship to Australia.

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6. Dan Peggotty brought David a letter from Mr Micawber.

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### C. Write True or False next to each sentence.

1. Aunt Betsey wanted David to become a proctor. ....
2. Miss Murdstone and David agreed not to mention their past to the Spenlows. ....
3. Steerforth's mother was happy to see David, Peggotty and Dan. ....
4. Uriah Heep was sorry that Aunt Betsey had lost all her money. ....
5. Mr Micawber worked for Mr Wickfield and Uriah Heep. ....
6. Dan Peggotty and Emily decided to emigrate to Australia. ....
7. Aunt Betsey seized Uriah Heep by the neck and shouted at him. ....

8. Ham rescued some people trapped on a ship in a storm. ....

**D. There are three false sentences in exercise C above. Correct them.**

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