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English exercises for: Dracula
“No Child is fully educated or
Adequately prepared to live in an
Increasingly technological world
Without understanding the meaning
And beauty transmitted by the Arts.”
-J.P. Getty Trust

Before watching the play

Activity 1:

Go over the following vocabulary. Look up the words in the dictionary if necessary.

To take care	To get carried away
To stand	To examine
To get married	Nightmare
To realize	Immortality
Church	Pill
Necklace	To take long
Gorgeous	Overwhelming
Aisle	To vanish
Ring	Wish
To achieve	Command
Bracelet	To come back
To look for	To kill
Count	To be possessed
To sound/look familiar	To lie
Envelope	To prevent someone from doing something
Kindly	To be obsessed
Attendance	Selfish
Properties	Right away
Lawyer	Power
To manage	Sunset
To generate	Daylight
Profits	Peg
Impatiently	Awful
Regards	Repentance
To fear	Fast
To be back	Weak
Wedding	Mercy
Fur coat	To repeat oneself
Deal	To embrace
Crucifix	To ask someone to do something
To take something off	To suffer
To toast	Bride
To scare	
To bite	

Activity 2: Go over Stoker's life:

Put the verbs in brackets into their correct form:

Abraham "Bram" Stoker _____ (to be born) in 1847 and _____ (to die) in 1912 at the age of 65, after suffering a number of strokes. Some biographers _____ (to attribute) the cause of death to syphilis. He _____ (to be) an Irish novelist and short story writer, best known today for his 1897 horror novel Dracula. During his lifetime, he _____ (to be) better known as the personal assistant of actor Henry Irving and business manager of the Lyceum Theatre in London, which Irving _____ (to own).

Stoker _____ (to supplement) his income by writing novels; the best known being the vampire tale Dracula which _____ (to be) published in 1897. Before writing Dracula, Stoker _____ (to spend) several years researching stories of vampires. Dracula is a novel, written as collection of diary entries, telegrams, and letters from the characters, as well as fictional clippings from the Whitby and London newspapers. Stoker's inspirations for the story, in addition to Whitby, may _____ (to include) a visit to Slains Castle in Aberdeenshire, and a visit to the crypts of St. Michan's Church in Dublin.

Activity 3: Read the passage above and answer the following questions:

1. How did Bram Stoker die?
2. What was his profession?
3. What did people mostly know about his occupation?
4. What was the most popular work of his?
5. What kind of previous work did he do to write Dracula?
6. What does Dracula novel consist of?
7. Have you ever read Bram Stoker? Does vampire's topic catch your attention?

Activity 4:

Look for the following words on the grid:

Count

Crucifix

Immortality

Sunset

Daylight

Peg

Church

Nightmare

Wedding

Power

Mercy

Overwhelming

A	S	E	R	G	H	J	U	I	L	P	Q	W	O	B	N
R	H	C	R	U	H	C	J	K	L	P	O	V	U	Y	R
V	E	W	E	D	D	I	N	G	O	L	E	E	T	T	O
O	E	W	A	E	P	S	C	K	A	R	C	I	P	A	M
L	A	S	O	D	L	F	U	R	W	O	L	S	L	T	T
Z	X	C	O	P	A	B	G	H	U	A	C	K	E	L	H
S	U	N	S	E	T	U	E	N	T	C	P	E	G	R	G
Y	R	T	E	U	I	L	T	R	N	Z	I	X	C	V	I
C	N	M	D	K	M	O	O	E	W	U	A	F	S	Q	L
R	R	T	S	I	M	M	N	O	J	P	R	W	I	E	Y
E	Q	U	N	M	M	I	O	N	C	V	B	N	M	X	A
M	W	G	I	I	T	E	R	A	M	T	H	G	I	N	D

Activity 5: Put the verbs into the present simple or present perfect tenses:

- 1) Mina and Jonathan _____ (to be) fiancées.
- 2) Count Dracula _____ (to be) from Transylvania and _____ (never/to visit) London before.
- 3) Dracula _____ (to want) to conquer Mina's heart.
- 4) Dracula _____ (not/to care) about what he _____ (to have) to do as long as it is for Mina.
- 5) Mina _____ (not/to want) Jonathan to go to Dracula's castle because of what people _____ (to say) about him.
- 6) Dracula _____ (to scare) Jonathan since he arrived.
- 7) Van Helsing _____ (not/to like) Dracula at all, but he _____ (to investigate) him.
- 8) Van Helsing _____ (to study) a lot in order to become a doctor.
- 9) Jonathan and Van Helsing _____ (to get along) very well.
- 10) Mina _____ (never/to train) herself in self-defence but she _____ (to be) very good at it.

Activity 6: Choose 5 (five) verbs from the vocabulary list and make sentences with the following people and tenses:

- 1) Dracula – Present Simple:
- 2) Mina & Jonathan – Present Simple:
- 3) Dracula & Mina – Present Continuous:
- 4) Dracula & Jonathan – Past Simple:
- 5) Van Helsing – Past Simple:
- 6) Mina – Present Perfect:

Activity 7: What kind of story would you read about if you had the chance to choose from the following? Why?

Love Story: Yes – No

Why?

Scary Story: Yes – No

Why?

Science Fiction Story: Yes – No

Why?

Funny Story: Yes – No

Why?

Activity 8: Fill in the blanks with the words from the list:

Coffin – Blood – Teeth – Love – Hatred – Peg – Crucifix – Garlic – Vampire – Castle

- 1) I got really frightened when I saw the dog baring its _____.
- 2) The _____ is considered by some to be one of the most effective means of averting or opposing a _____.
- 3) I can't help it! I faint at the sight of _____!
- 4) When she got to the funeral she saw his body lay in the _____.
- 5) I almost fainted when she breathed _____ all over me.
- 6) I don't care! I _____ her as I would my own daughter.
- 7) You have to knock that _____ into the ground to get that fixed.
- 8) I told you she doesn't like me! Last time she gave me a look of absolute _____.
- 9) Yorkshire is beautiful! In the afternoon we went around a _____.

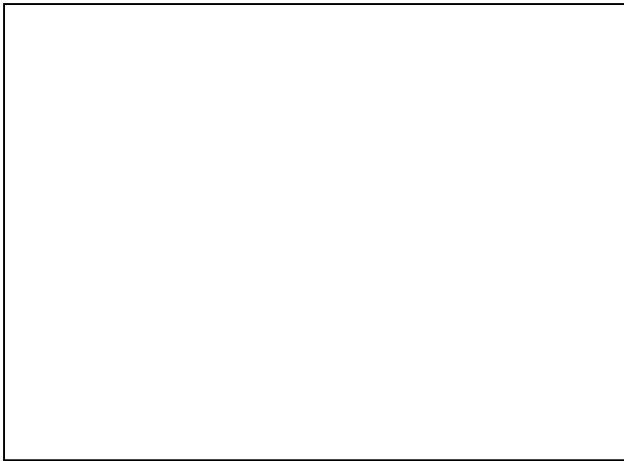
DISCUSSION WITH THE ACTORS

After watching the play

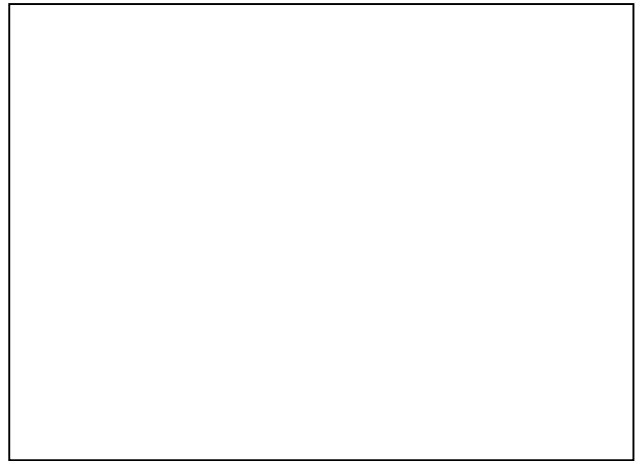
Activity 1: Draw the story using the following guidelines:

- 1) Old Mina dies after drinking poison.
- 2) Dracula receives Jonathan in his castle.
- 3) Dracula bites Mina.
- 4) Mina kills Dracula.

1)



2)



3)



4)



Activity 2: Write next to each statement its corresponding speaker (Dracula, Mina, Jonathan or Van Helsing):

1. I am very interested in buying some properties that I would like you, as a lawyer, to manage for me.
2. It is not the first time I hear of these strange nightmares and wolves...
3. Don't ask me to help you kill Dracula because I won't!
4. Let your heart get carried away by your true feelings, Mina.
5. You are not a monster! You are a man deeply in love with a woman, Dracula!
6. Do you really think what Dracula feels for you is true love Mina!?
7. I need to talk to! Damn it! I can't stand this any longer! I need you to let me go, please!
8. I can imagine you entering the church like a shining star, all along the aisle

Activity 3: Match the following adjectives with each character:

Serious Brave Weak Strong Bad Evil Good Tall Short Clever Smart Nervous Young
Old Annoying Relaxed Bothering Selfish Generous Passionate Cold Calculating

Dracula

Mina

Jonathan

Van Helsing

Activity 4: Match the words in the left column with their definitions in the right:

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| 1. Blocking | a) Selecting which actors will play which roles/characters. |
| 2. Casting | b) What happens in a play; the order of events; what happens rather than what it means. |
| 3. Characters | c) The area where the actors perform the play. |
| 4. Costumes | d) The pattern of movement actors follow while on stage. |
| 5. Playwright | e) The point of highest dramatic tension or a major turning point in the action of the play. |
| 6. Plot | f) A part/character/person written by a playwright. |
| 7. Stage | g) The environment of the play; scenery and furniture. |
| 8. Set | h) The personalities or parts that actors become in a play; roles played by actors in a play. |
| 9. Role | i) The individual who writes a play. |
| 10. Climax | j) The clothing worn by the actors who play the characters. |

Activity 5: Choose 6 (six) words from the list above and make sentences in present simple, present perfect and past simple tenses.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Activity 6: Choose 7 (seven) statements from Activity 2 and put them in the positive or negative form depending on the sentence you choose:

Example:

“Don’t ask me to help you kill Dracula because I won’t!”

Ask me to help you kill Dracula because I will!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Activity 7: No Gaps!

Put spaces in the right places, and make sure the punctuation is correct:

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Activity 8: Put the following conversation between Dracula, Van Helsing and Mina in order:

Dracula's voice: Don't do this to me, Mina!

Van Helsing: Is any person who loves another capable of doing such a thing? He is obsessed with you Mina! He doesn't love you! He thinks you are his old love, but you aren't! You are somebody different!

Mina: Don't ask me to help you kill Dracula because I won't!

Dracula's voice: I care for you...

Van Helsing: Do you really think what Dracula feels for you is true love Mina!?

Mina: That's not true! You are lying! I love Dracula and he loves me! And there's no way anyone can prevent us from loving each other!

Van Helsing: It is the only way you can get your life back and Jonathan his. It is up to you Mina! Look deep into your heart and make a decision! But do it now or there won't be time for repentance.

Mina: He cares for me...

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Mina: What do you want me to do?

Dracula's voice: Don't pay attention to him, Mina!

Van Helsing: Mina, you are half possessed! Can you realize about that?

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Mina: That's awful!

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Mina: How are you planning to kill him?

Van Helsing: We know his powers are weak during daylight. We have to find him before the sunset and as soon we do so I will have to drive this peg right into his heart to finish with him forever!

Mina: Let's go!

Van Helsing: Dracula and you have a very big connection. You can take me to him! You can find him and together we can defeat him!

Mina: I am not sure I will be able to do it!

Activity 9: Imagine you are a great playwright!

Write a short dialogue between a minimum of 2 (two) and a maximum of 4 (four) characters:

Activity 10: How much did you like the play and why?

In your own words write a short paragraph telling us how much you liked the play and explain some reasons:

Answers for: Dracula

Activity 1:

Activity 2:

Was

Died

Attribute

Was

Was

Owned

Supplemented

Was

Spent

Include

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2. What was his profession? **He was an Irish novelist.**
3. What did people mostly know about his occupation? **People mostly know he was the personal assistant of actor Henry Irving.**
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5. What kind of previous work did he do to write Dracula? **He spent several years researching stories of vampires.**

What does Dracula novel consist of? **It consists of a collection of diary entries, telegrams and letters**

Activity 4:

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

Activity 5:

1. are
2. is / has never visited
3. wants
4. doesn't care / has
5. doesn't want / Say
6. has scared

7. doesn't like / investigates
8. has studied
9. Get along
10. Has never trained / Is

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Free answers

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Activity 3: Free Answers

Activity 4:

1-d; 2-a; 3-h; 4-j; 5-i; 6-b; 7-c; 8-g; 9-f; 10-e

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