

MRS DALLOWAY VIRGINIA WOOLF

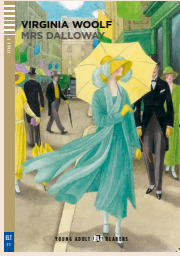
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ACTIVITIES

Put the verb in brackets in the correct tense and form.

'What 1 _____ ((they) look at)?' said Clarissa Dalloway to the maid who 2 _____ (to open) her door. The hall of the house 3 _____ (to be) cool. Mrs Dalloway 4 _____ (to hear) the swish of Lucy's skirts. The cook 5 _____ (to whistle) in the kitchen. She 6 _____ (to hear) the click of the typewriter. It 7 _____ (to be) her life; she 8 _____ (to feel) blessed and purified. Meanwhile Lucy 9 _____ (to stand) by her, 10 _____ (to try) to explain how 'Mr Dalloway, ma'am'— Clarissa took the telephone pad and read, 'Lady Bruton 11 _____ (to wish) to know if Mr Dalloway 12 _____ (to lunch) with her to-day.' 'Mr Dalloway, ma'am, 13 _____ (to tell) me 14 _____ (to tell) to tell you he 15 _____ (to lunch) out.' 'Dear!' said Clarissa, and Lucy 16 _____ (to share) her disappointment, as she intended her to.

ANSWERS:
1 are they looking at; 2 opened; 3 was; 4 heard; 5 was whistling / whistled; 6 heard; 7 was; 8 felt; 9 stood; 10 trying; 11 wishes; 12 will lunch / will be lunching; 13 told; 14 to tell; 15 would be lunching; 16 shared.



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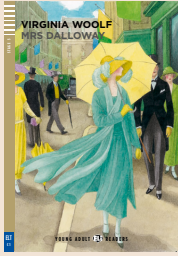
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TEST YOURSELF

Match the places and shops in London that Clarissa goes to on the morning of the party.

- A** Big Ben
- B** Victoria Street
- C** Piccadilly
- D** St James's Park
- E** Westminster
- F** Bond Street
- G** Mulberry's
- H** Hatchards
- I** Buckingham Palace

- 1** The part of central London where Clarissa lives.
- 2** Busy street in Central London, named after a famous British queen.
- 3** The famous bell in the houses of Parliament; rings every quarter of an hour.
- 4** The official home of the king or queen of England.
- 5** Park opposite the Houses of Parliament.
- 6** Clarissa watches the buses here.
- 7** A bookshop Clarissa looks into.
- 8** Street with fashionable clothes shops; Clarissa looks at gloves there.
- 9** The flower shop that Clarissa visits



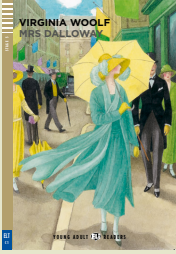
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CAE - Speaking

Work in pairs. Think about the life of Mrs Dalloway. Talk to each other, comparing her life with yours. Use the prompts to help you.

- lives central London
- extremely rich
- has servants
- enjoys shopping
- spends her time thinking about social events
- worries about her position in society
- worries about what people think of her



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The Importance of the Garden in Virginia Woolf's Life

Many English and American authors took inspirations in their striking and restful garden. One of them was Virginia Woolf who wrote in an undisturbed sanctuary, a wooden “writing lodge” tucked into the orchard garden of the Monk’s House. Here she could give life to ingenious thought. Virginia did not fall in love with horticulture but Leonard, her husband, did. The story of this garden is captivating. It was started in 1919 and its creation illustrates the satisfaction, love and challenges that a garden provides as well as the friction occasionally generated. Today is a touristic destination for all Virginia Woolf enthusiasts.

