



EASY CLASSICS



# THE Charles Dickens CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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## Vocabulary List

<b>apprentice</b>	a person who is learning a trade from a skilled employer, working for a fixed period of time at low wages
<b>benefactor</b>	a person who gives money or other help to a person or cause
<b>blacksmith</b>	a person who makes and repairs things in iron by hand
<b>confiscated</b>	taken or seized by someone with authority
<b>estuary</b>	the tidal mouth of a large river, where the tide meets the stream
<b>fugitive</b>	a person who has escaped from captivity or is in hiding
<b>magistrate</b>	a civil officer who administers the law
<b>lawyer</b>	a person who practises or studies law

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Write numbers **1** to **8** in the boxes to order the events.

Pip moves to London to live with Herbert and Matthew Pocket, who help Pip to dress better, to behave better, to speak French, and to ride a horse. All the things a gentleman should do.

Pip lives with his sister and her husband, Joe. One day, a big grey man approaches Pip when he visits his parents' graves. The man asks Pip to bring him food and a file to cut off the cuffs on his ankles.

Pip returns to the village where he grew up and visits the ruins of Sati's House. There he is reunited with Estelle, who is now a lot nicer to Pip.

Pip meets Miss Havisham and Estelle at Sati's House. Although Estelle is cold towards him, he visits regularly for a few years before his apprenticeship starts and Estelle leaves for London.

Pip later learns that his mysterious benefactor is in fact the escaped prisoner, Abel Magwitch. Once he was released, he made money farming in Australia in order to fund Pip. Alongside this, Pip learns that Sati's House caught fire and Miss Havisham died.

Pip agrees and later finds out that the man is an escaped convict from a nearby prison ship. The police find the man and Pip makes sure he knows that he never told on him.


Although he's ashamed to be funded by a criminal, Pip helps Abel return to Australia. However, when their boat is stopped by the police, Abel falls overboard and eventually dies in hospital, bringing Pip's funding to an end.

One evening in a pub, Pip and Joe are approached by a lawyer, who tells them Pip has a mysterious benefactor and is to learn to become a gentleman. Pip thinks that it must be Miss Havisham and that she wants him to marry Estelle.

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Create a comic strip using speech bubbles to retell the story!

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## Reading Comprehension Sheet

1. What signalled that a prisoner had escaped?  
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2. Why is the prisoner interested to know that Joe is a blacksmith?  
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3. What does Pip find strange about Miss Havisham when he first sees her?  
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4. What time was Miss Havisham's clock stopped at and why?  
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5. Turn to page 65. Find an example of personification.  
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6. Why did the ex-prisoner illegally return to London?  
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7. What do you think the clicking sound in Magwitch's throat means?  
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8. What happens to Pip after Magwitch dies?  
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10. What differences does Pip see in Estella compared to when they were younger?  
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Score: / 10

