The Crown

Book key

1.1 1 holiday
       quiet
       hotel
       walks
       sea
       evenings
       talking

2  Possible answers:
   places in the story: a beach, the sea, a hotel, shops
   places not in the story: an airport, a river, a bus station, a cinema

1.2 1 town

2 1 beach

3 at night

4 a hotel

5 talking

6 afraid

2.1 d 2 e 3 g 4 a 5 h 6 b 7 f 8 c

2.2 a church
       b bicycle
       c crown
       d gravestone
       e spade
       f picture

1 F 2 E 3 C 4 D 5 B 6 A

2.3 1 with

2 near

3 in

4 for

5 about

6 on

7 to

8 at

2.4 story

interesting

questions

family

dead

protects

crown

find

3.1 B 2 D 3 A 4 D 5 C 6 B 7 C 8 A

3.2 1 Paxton has William Agers's book in his hands.

2 William Agers had no sons and no daughters/didn't have any sons or daughters/didn't have a son or a daughter.

3 Agers lived in a small house near the sea.

4 Paxton goes to Agers's house on his bicycle.

5 Agers didn't have any friends/had no friends.

6 Agers was never in his house, always on the hill/always on the hill, never in his house.

3.3 I went

2 had

3 was

4 listened

5 came

6 answered

3.4 Possible answers: 1 B 2 A 3 B 4 A 5 B

6 A 7 A 8 B

4.1 1 old

2 doesn't want

3 doesn't put

4 book

5 afraid

6 black

7 hill

8 spade

4.2 1 C 2 G 3 E 4 H 5 D 6 I 7 B

8 A 9 F

4.3 Possible answers:

1 The crown was beautiful.

2 The story was interesting.

3 The job was difficult.

4 Paxton was afraid.

5 The shadow was dark.

6 The bag was black.

4.4 1 The writer, Long and Paxton.

2 The writer and Long.

3 The crown.

4 They are going to put the crown back in the ground.

5 He can see a dark shadow.

5.1 d 2 e 3 g 4 a 5 h 6 b 7 f 8 c

5.2 a hotel, quickly

b far away, hill, animal

c crown, danger, afraid, shadow

5.3 a 4 is opening

b 2 is moving

c 1 are walking

d 3 is putting

5.4 beautiful

shadow

holiday

meet

café

beach

danger

6.1 1 C 2 H 3 F 4 B 5 G 6 E 7 A 8 D

6.2 a 3 'Wait for us, Paxton!'

b 1 'Paxton! Are you in there?'

c 4 'What's this footprint?'

d 2 'He went to the beach.'

6.3 1 We didn't shout to Paxton.

2 Paxton didn't wait for us at the hotel.

3 Paxton didn't go back to the hill.

4 The person on the beach didn't have shoes.

5 It wasn't a man's footprint.
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6.4 Open answers

Talk about it  Open answers

Write about it

holiday
beach
people
garden
church
crowns
last
bookshop
family
remember
bicycle
questions

Project

1 About Seaburgh: a small quiet town; old buildings; long beach; interesting walks; an old church; far away from London; a good book shop

About The Three Crowns Hotel: a new holiday hotel; ten bedrooms; good food; open all year; good for families; near the beach; a beautiful garden

+ Open answers

2 Possible answers: Seaburgh is a small quiet town. It has a lot of old buildings. It has a long beach. You can go for interesting walks and visit an old church. It is far away from London but it has a good book shop. The Three Crowns Hotel is a new holiday hotel. It has ten bedrooms and good food. It is open all year. It is good for families. It is near the beach and has a beautiful garden.

3–4 Open answers

Discussion activities key

1 Open answers

2 In his introduction to the Collected Ghost Stories, M. R. James explains that Seaburgh is Aldeburgh in Suffolk. It may be interesting to find out whether modern Aldeburgh looks like the town in the story.

3–8 Open answers

Activity worksheet key

1–5 Open answers

6 Suggested answers:
Lady: It’s £3. It’s an old book
Paxton: Here’s the money, thank you.
Lady: Thanks, and here’s the address. It’s near the sea.
Paxtons: Thanks very much. Goodbye.

7 I had a lot of QUESTIONS. How old was the crown? Was it light or HEAVY? Paxton put the crown BACK in the BLACK bag. He went to the DOOR, but then HE stopped. ‘Wait! Go before me and LOOK in your room,’ he said. ‘But why?’ Long said. ‘We’re the only visitors in this HOTEL!’

8 Open answers

9 Suggested answers:
Shadow behind men at the hotel. Who is it? Who was on the hill last night?

10 a The writer to Paxton
b Paxton to the two men.
c The hotel worker to the two friends.
d Long to the writer

11–15 Open answers

Progress test key

1 Last April, I was in Seaburgh. Seaburgh is a small town. There is a long nice beach, but the sea is usually cold. My friend Long was in town with me. One day, we were in the hotel, and there was a noise at the door. It was a man.

‘are you OK, sir?’ I asked.

‘No, I am afraid,’ he said.

2 a the writer  b the writer  c Long  d Paxton  
  e the writer  f the old man  g Paxton  
  h the old man

3 a were  b because  c an  d didn’t  e behind  
  f his

4 a 4  b 5  c 3  d 2  e 7  f 1  g 8  h 6

5 1 c 2 b 3 d 4 e 5 a

6 a ✓
  b ✗ – They put on their coats.
  c ✗ – Paxton did.
  d ✓
  e ✗ – He put it on the ground and then in the ground.
  f ✓
  g ✓
  h ✗ – He went to his room.

7 a The writer  b Long  c Paxton  d Paxton  
  e The hotel worker

8 a ✗ – Long and the writer did.
  b ✓
  c ✗ – Paxton’s eyes looked up at Long and the writer.
  d ✓
  e ✓
  f ✓