The Turn of the Screw

Book key

1 a governess, housekeeper, master, servant, stranger
   b dreadful, innocent, naughty, wicked
   c blow, stare
   d anger
2 a candle  b tower  c at once  d ghost
   e goodness  f screw  g among  h forward
3 a No
   b Mrs Grose
   c The boy and the girl that the governess looks after
   d No
   e In England
   f It's about ghosts
   g Open answer
   h Open answer
4 a ghost  b governess  c friends  d job  e brother
   f died  g loved  h problems  i again
5–6 Open answers
7 a friendly  b at school  c school  d doesn't read
   e naughty  f isn’t
8 a ×  b ×  c ✓  d ×  e ✓
9–11 Open answers
12 a looking  b free  c lake  d governess  e lovers
   f ghost  g naughty
13 a Open answer
   b Not really. Mrs Grose was afraid of him and says ‘he could do terrible things’ (in Chapter 4). But we never hear any details.
   c Open answer
14 a Open answer
   b Open answer
15 a ✓  b ×  c ✓  d ×  e ×  f ✓  g ✓
   h ✓  i ×
16–17 Open answers
18 a want  b wants  c leave  d school room
   e Flora  f seriously bad  g night  h school
   i wants
19–21 Open answers
22 a Mrs Grose  b The governess
   c Miles  d Mrs Grose  e The governess
   f The governess  g Mrs Grose
23 a women  b secrets  c asks  d ghost  e well
   f take  g ground  h cries
24 a Open answer
   b Because Flora is crying. She thinks the governess is frightening her. She shouldn’t talk about ghosts all the time.
   c She realizes that she can't help Flora. She thinks that the ghost of Miss Jessel has won.
25–26 Open answers
27 a see the governess again
   b see the uncle
   c tell her everything
   d but Miles doesn’t
   e burnt
   f stole things
   g said some bad things
   h but can’t
   i dead
28–39 Open answers

Discussion activities key

1–4 Open answers
5 Ghosts look like people in this story
6–7 Open answers
8 Possible answers: an isolated hunted house; a ghost; somebody who is sceptical; bad weather conditions; gloomy sceneries; unnatural events
9–12 Open answers
13 The governess sees Quint’s ghost. Next she goes to her bedroom and finds Flora is awake.
14 Open answers
15 a, c Open answers
   b 1 light from outside, at dawn
   2, 3 a candle
   4, 5 moonlight (full moon)
16 Open answers
17 Both governesses. The woman holding a paper in her hands is Miss Jessel, who was writing a letter.
18 Open answers. Referents are not clear. Mile’s attitudes and the governess’s feelings are ambiguous.
19–20 Open answers
21 a Yes.
   b No. It is Mrs Grose.
   c Flora’s, the governess’s and Miss Jessel’s.
   d No. She notices Flora’s absence in the afternoon and returns to the house in the evening.
   e Mrs Grose and Flora ask the governess; the governess asks Flora.
22–27 Open answers
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Activity worksheets key

1

Phrase: The turn of the screw

2 a. The book takes two days to arrive and the new governess takes two days to take the job.

b. The governess promises not to write to the children’s uncle.

c. The governess, with the children’s uncle.

d. Douglas liked the governess, 40 years ago.

3 A DEAD MAN WATCHES the governess from the ROOF and through the WINDOW; True

4 Agreement or disagreement: Open answers

a. the governess

b. Mrs Grose

c. the governess and Mrs Grose

d. Mrs Grose

e. the governess

5 a. The governess; the master

b. The governess; a man or Peter Quint; the master

c. The governor; Peter Quint

d. The governor

e. Mrs Grose; the governess

6 a. Flora stopped playing, was still, and then turned away from the lake.

b. Because of the way she looked at Flora.

c. Because she was dressed in black and was beautiful.

d. Because she was a lady and her lover was a servant or because something that is not told happened.

e. Mrs Grose did not want Miles to spend so much time with Peter Quint.

7 a–d No

8 a. one talks to the governess and the other goes outside: p. 19: Flora wakes her up and Miles goes out at midnight.

b. we don’t know; her suffering face suggests she is Miss Jessel

c. to wake the governess up

d. write to the children’s uncle

e. the governess

9 a. staring / looking  b. wicked  c. candlelight

d. dreadful  e. wonderful

10 a. Open answers

b. Page | Weather | Events
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21 | grey sky | the governess thinks that the children can see the ghosts
22 | bright, cold autumn weather | Miles asks about going back to school. They are outside the church.
24 | strong wind and heavy rain | The governess tell Mrs Grose about the ghost of Miss Jessel, and goes to Miles’s room
26 | Cold wind blows into the room | There are noises in the house; the governess thinks Miles is a wicked boy.

c. Possible answer: The weather is cold, windy and stormy when the ghosts come to the house, but sunny when the ghosts are not present; this creates different atmospheres.

11 a. the letters to the children’s uncle

b. Miles’s question about going back to school

c. ask the children’s uncle to come

d. write a letter to the children’s uncle

e. information (the fact that the governess does not want to write to the children’s uncle)

12 a, b, d Flora

c. the governess

13 a. She can not find Flora.

b. She thinks Mrs Grose can see the ghost of Miss Jessel.

c. She thinks she has lost Flora to the ghost.

d. Miles

14 Open answers

b, c, e, f – yes
a, d – no

15 a. ✗

b. ✓ Miles burned it.

c. ✗

d. ✓ He said things, we don’t know what.

e. ✗

16–17 Open answers

Progress test key

1 a. Douglas to his servant when he sends for the book.

b. Douglas’s interlocutor when he admits he liked the governess.
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c  The governess to Douglas when she told him the story.
d  The uncle to the governess when he describes de house in London.
e  The governess to the uncle when she takes the job.

2  a  T  b  F  c  F  d  T
3  a  2  b  3  c  4  d  1
4  a  read  b  each  c  dead  d  Peter Quint; red
5  a  died; No  b  lied; No  c  like; No  d  lake; No
6  a  Miss Jessel, Peter Quint
   b  Peter Quint, Miles
   c  Peter Quint, herself (Mrs Grose)
   d  Peter Quint, Miss Jessel
   e  Flora, Miles
7  a  1  b  2  c  1  d  1
8  a  the governess, she is thinking about the children and the ghosts
   b  the governess; she is thinking about Miles’ school
   c  the governess; she is thinking about Miles’ plan
   d  Mrs Grose and/or Miles, they are thinking about the governess’s letter to the children’s uncle
   e  the governess; she is thinking about Miles
9  a  X  b  ✓  c  X  d  X  e  ✓  f  ✓  g  f
10 a  Flora  b  Flora  c  Flora, Mrs Grose  d  Miles  e  Miles