

THE GREAT GATSBY

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STAGE 5
C1
YOUNG ADULT READERS

ACTIVITY

Choose one word, A, B, C or D, that fits best in each space.

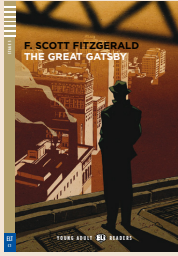
One 1 _____ late in July, at nine o'clock, Gatsby's 2 _____ car arrived at my door and 3 _____ its three-horn note. It was his 4 _____ visit to my house, 5 _____ I had enjoyed two of his parties, gone 6 _____ with him in his hydroplane and used his beach frequently.

"Good morning, old sport. I 7 _____ we could go up to New York for lunch today."

He 8 _____ that I was admiring his rich cream-colored car. "It's pretty, 9 _____, old sport?"

I had talked with him a few times in the past month and found that unfortunately he had 10 _____ to say. So my first impression that he was a man of importance had 11 _____; I now thought that we was 12 _____ the owner of a splendid house next door.

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| 1 | A time | B afternoon | C morning | D occasion |
| 2 | A generous | B magnificent | C shining | D rare |
| 3 | A hit | B pushed | C sounded | D rang |
| 4 | A usual | B frequent | C last | D first |
| 5 | A even though | B and so | C however | D because |
| 6 | A round | B up | C over | D through |
| 7 | A said | B wanted | C asked | D thought |
| 8 | A noticed | B knew | C understood | D spoke |
| 9 | A haven't you | B isn't it | C aren't I | D isn't that |
| 10 | A many | B much | C little | D something |
| 11 | A turned | B gone | C changed | D developed |
| 12 | A also | B simply | C again | D honestly |



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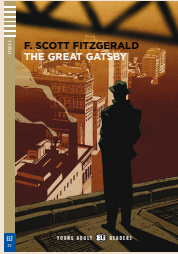
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TEST YOURSELF

Can you answer match the word with one of the characters in this book?

bored - hulking - solemn - honest - trembling
 colorful - gambler - suspicious - vitality
 unhealthy - insincere - gigantic

- 1 Jordan Baker _____
- 2 Tom Buchanan _____
- 3 Henry Gatz _____
- 4 Nick Carraway _____
- 5 Jay Gatsby _____
- 6 Dan Cody _____
- 7 Meyer Wolfsheim _____
- 8 Michaelis _____
- 9 Myrtle Wilson _____
- 10 George Wilson _____
- 11 Daisy Buchanan _____
- 12 Doctor T. J. Eckleburg _____



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CAE-style Activity

Fill in each space with one word only.

Next morning I telephoned Daisy and I _____ her to tea.

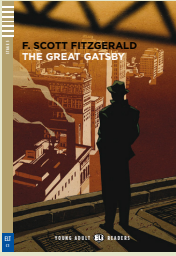
“Don’t bring Tom,” I told 2 _____ .

“Who’s Tom?” 3 _____ asked innocently.

On the day appointed, it poured 4 _____ rain. At eleven o’clock a man in a raincoat, pulling along a lawn-mower, knocked 5 _____ my door and said he had 6 _____ sent by Mr Gatsby to cut my grass.

I remembered 7 _____ my Finnish housekeeper was still out, 8 _____ I drove 9 _____ West Egg Village to find her and to buy some cups and lemons and flowers – although the flowers weren’t necessary. At two o’clock a greenhouse-full of 10 _____ arrived from Gatsby’s, as well 11 _____ plenty of vases.

An hour 12 _____, my front door opened nervously and Gatsby hurried in. He was wearing a white flannel suit, a silver shirt and a gold-colored tie.



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FOCUS ON...

LITERATURE IN LITERATURE

The *Great Gatsby* opens with a famous epigraph by the poet Thomas Parke D'Invilliers: "Then wear the gold hat, if that will move her/ If you can bounce high, bounce for her too/ Till she cry, "Lover, gold-hatted, high-bouncing lover / I must have you!" Haven't heard of him? That's because he doesn't exist. The character was a creation of Fitzgerald's in *This Side of Paradise*, his debut novel. John Green later stole this idea for the stunning epigraph for the bestseller *The Fault in Our Stars*, by the fictional Peter Van Houten. Nobody would have supposed this astonishing success after the though critics that his novel received. Although the sales did not go so well, the author's mood was raised by the reports of relevant writers as T. S. Eliot and Gertrude Stein.

