

ANSWER KEY | The Count and the Wedding Guest

Pre-reading Activity 1: Focus on Specific Language Features

Part 1: Categorize the Words

| Verb (V.) | Noun (N.) | Adjective (Adj.) |
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| * <i>laugh</i> * <i>love</i> * <i>smile</i> * <i>cry</i> | <i>death</i> * <i>laugh</i> <i>sadness</i> * <i>tear</i> * <i>love</i> * <i>cry</i> * <i>smile</i> | <i>kind</i> <i>afraid</i> <i>happy</i> |



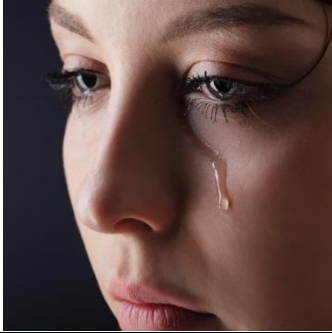


*These words can be both verbs and nouns.

Part 2: Identify the Word Class

1. "**Laugh** and the world **laughs** with you," she said, "but the world is not interested in **sadness**." (p. 68)
V V
N
2. I was **afraid** they were going to fight. (p. 69)
Adj
3. I should not keep you from your friends who can **smile** and enjoy things with you. (p.69)
V
4. It was wise, bright—the face of a strong, **happy** man who could be a leader of other men. (p. 69)
Adj
5. There never was a man in **love** with me. All the other girls had men in **love** with them. (p. 71)
N N
6. And then, suddenly, she put her head against his shoulder and began to **cry**. She held his arm, and her **tears** wet the black dress. (p. 71)
N V

Pre-reading Activity 2: Analyzing Images

Part 1: Learn the Vocabulary

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| <p>Directions: Read the words in the word bank and review the pictures. Match the words with the pictures. Write the word under the corresponding picture. Then, complete the sentences below.</p> <p>Word Bank: Sad Happy Laughing Rich Crying</p> | | |
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| <p><u> Sad </u></p> | <p><u> Laughing </u></p> | <p><u> Crying </u></p> |
|  |  | |
| <p><u> rich </u></p> | <p><u> happy </u></p> | |

Part 2: Use the Vocabulary

1. Andy Donovan wanted to make Miss Conway *laugh*.
2. Count Fernando Mazzini had a lot of money. He was very *rich*.
3. Andy Donovan thought Miss Conway loved another man. He was *sad*.
4. Miss Conway was very sad and she started to *cry*.
5. When she told the truth, Andy Donovan was very *happy*.

While-reading Activity 1: Describe and Draw

Part 1: Find the Descriptions

| Page Number | Character Description |
|-------------|--|
| | Miss Maggie Conway |
| 67 | 1. Miss Conway was small and <i>quiet</i> . |
| 68 | 2. She was wearing a <i>night-black</i> dress of soft, thin cloth. |
| 68 | 3. Her rich <i>golden</i> hair lay <i>soft</i> and thick at the back of her neck. |
| 68 | 4. Her face was not really <i>pretty</i> but her large <i>gray</i> eyes almost made it beautiful. |
| 69 | 5. I have his <i>picture</i> here. I wear it on a <i>chain</i> around my neck. |
| | Big Mike Sullivan |
| 70 | 1. He is the most <i>important</i> man in New York. |
| 70 | 2. He is a mile high and as <i>broad</i> as the East River. |
| 70 | 3. Big Mike is as good a <i>friend</i> to a little man as he is to a big man. |
| | Andy Donovan |
| 67 | 1. Mr. Donovan had a <i>smile</i> that everyone liked. |
| | Count Fernando Mazzini |
| 68 | 1. He was a real <i>Count</i> . He had <i>land</i> and a big house in Italy. |
| 69 | 2. The <i>face</i> of Count Mazzini commanded interest. |
| 69 | 3. It was wise, <i>bright</i> – the face of a strong, <i>happy</i> man who could be a leader of other men. |

Part 2: Draw the Characters

Answers will vary.

While-reading Activity 2: Sequence of Events

| Order of events | Events from the Story |
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| 1. | Mr. Andy Donovan meets a new guest, a young lady, Miss Maggie Conway. |
| 2. | <i>Two weeks later, Andy sees Maggie again wearing all black.</i> |
| 3. | <i>Andy invites Maggie for a walk, and Maggie tells Andy her sad story.</i> |
| 4. | <i>Maggie plans to marry Count Fernando Mazzini, but her father is against it.</i> |
| 5. | After Maggie's father finally agrees to the marriage, Fernando goes to Italy to prepare for the wedding. |
| 6. | <i>Maggie receives a letter from Italy saying that Fernando has been killed.</i> |
| 7. | <i>Maggie shows Andy the picture of Fernando, and Andy decides to take Fernando's place in Maggie's heart.</i> |
| 8. | After a month, Andy and Maggie decide to get married. |
| 9. | <i>A week later, Andy has a sad face all day because he cannot invite Big Mike Sullivan to his wedding for a reason he won't tell.</i> |
| 10. | <i>Maggie tells Andy the real story about the Count who was never real.</i> |
| 11. | <i>After Maggie tells the truth, Andy is happy again and ready to get married.</i> |

Post-reading Activity 1: Reading Comprehension Questions

1. Why does Miss Conway wear black at the beginning of the story?

B. She says she is mourning her lover, Count Fernando Mazzini, who has died.

2. What does Mr. Donovan want to do?

A. He wants to make Miss Conway's heart live again.

3. At the end of story, why does Mr. Andy Donovan have a sad face?

D. Big Mike Sullivan cannot come to the wedding.

4. Miss Conway says that the man in the picture is Count Fernando Mazzini. But who is the actual man in the picture that Miss Conway has in her room and on a chain around her neck?

B. Big Mike Sullivan

5. What did Miss Conway tell Andy Donovan that wasn't true?

D. All of the above.

6. Write a short summary of the story "The Count and the Wedding Guest".

*Andy Donovan falls in love with Miss Conway and they plan to get married. Andy wants to Miss Conway to admit that the Count does not exist. The pictures she has been showing are really of a local friend of Andy's, Big Mike Sullivan. At the end, she does tell the truth and it ends happily. **

*Answers to Question 6 may vary.

Post-reading Activity 2: Character Trait Web

Answers may vary. See below for suggested answers.

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| <p><i>She looked up at Mr. Donovan and spoke his name, and then began to eat again. (p. 67)</i></p> | <p>Maggie <i>quiet</i></p> |
| <p><i>He would keep smiling. (p. 69)</i></p> | <p>Andy <i>friendly happy</i></p> |
| <p><i>“Fernando wanted to give me several thousand dollars for new clothes, and my father said no.” (p. 69)</i></p> | <p>Maggie’s father <i>proud</i></p> |
| <p><i>“He came up to me to shake my hand,” Andy said. (p. 70)</i></p> | <p>Big Mike <i>bright friendly</i></p> |
| <p><i>“Fernando wanted to give me several thousand dollars for new clothes, and my father said no.” (p. 69)</i></p> | <p>Fernando <i>kind</i></p> |
| <p><i>“Shall we take a little walk in the park? It might be good for you.” (p. 68)</i></p> | <p>Andy <i>kind friendly</i></p> |