While reading

Story One, Part 1

1 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.
   a Mr. and Mrs. Button wanted their baby to be born in a house.  
   b Mr. Button felt very angry after he talked to the doctor.  
   c Mr. Button’s son wanted his father to buy him a coat.  
   d Benjamin’s parents colored his hair black. 
   e Mr. Button brought home some books for Benjamin. 
   f Benjamin wanted to do more amusing activities. 
   g Benjamin’s father didn’t want his son to wear his suit in the street. 

2 Put a word or words on the left with a word or words on the right.
   busy food  
   serious noise  
   loud milk  
   gray city  
   shop look  
   warm window  
   simple beard  
   soft games

Story One, Part 2

3 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.
   a lady shoes The wore beautiful gold dance 
   b A people Hildegarde lot thought mad of was 
   c party town Benjamin every in went every to 
   d the Benjamin mirror his looked in face at 
   e house Roscoe Benjamin want his didn’t in 
   f made boxes Benjamin things pictures from drew and 
   g ladies to Benjamin The wanted to older talk

4 Are the sentences right (√) or wrong (✗)?
   a It was raining when Benjamin and his father went to the country house.  √
   b Hildegarde knew that Benjamin was Mr. Button’s son.  √
   c Benjamin’s father liked to talk about business.  √
   d Hildegarde was happy that Benjamin was getting younger.  √
   e Roscoe didn’t want Benjamin to call him by his first name.  √
   f Benjamin told Roscoe that he was going to camp Mosby.  ◯
   g The kind officer at the camp was riding a horse.  ◯

Story Two, Part 1

5 Finish the sentences with the right words.
   hoped help spent made knew picked understand
   a Clark’s old car .......... a noise like a cough. 
   b Clark .......... a lot of time with young men. 
   c Nobody .......... who the Confederate boys were. 
   d Sally Carrol .......... that Harry’s parents liked her. 
   e A rich, old lady’s father .......... up the trash in the town. 
   f The girl from the South didn’t .......... the people in the North. 
   g Sally Carrol wanted to .......... the boys make a snowman.

6 Answer the questions.
   a Who gave Clark money to have fun? 
   b Why was nobody in Tarleton in a hurry? 
   c How long did Harry plan to stay in Tarleton? 
   d When did Margery Lee die? 
   e What did Sally Carrol drink on the train? 
   f How old was Harry’s brother Gordon? 
   g How long did Harry have for a vacation?
Story Two, Part 2

7 What’s first? Number the sentences 1–6.
   a  ☐ Sally Carrol and Harry see a poor man in the street.
   b  ☐ Sally Carrol can’t find Harry in the underground passage.
   c  ☐ Clark takes Sally Carrol swimming for the second time.
   d  ☐ Sally Carrol meets Roger Patton.
   e  ☐ Margery Lee talks to Sally Carrol.
   f  ☐ A lot of people go into the ice palace.

8 Find the right words in Story Two Part 2.
   a  It is similar to the word “think.” (p. 38)
   b  A material used to make clothes. (p. 41)
   c  The opposite of wide. (p. 42)
   d  Another word for strange. (p. 45)
   e  Something that women wear but men usually don’t. (p. 46)
   f  To make a loud noise when you are angry or afraid. (p. 46)
   g  A part of the body that moves blood around. (p. 46)

Story Three, Part 1

9 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.
   a  Ardita’s uncle thought she was little more as than a child.
   b  The white man climbed quickly quick up the ladder.
   c  The pirates were running from through the law.
   d  Ardita wasn’t interested interesting in money.
   e  Carlyle put all his money onto into a business idea.
   f  Carlyle was enjoying enjoyed his life very much.
   g  Ardita looked up and saw an island in on the ocean.

10 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.
   a  Ardita didn’t hear the sound of her uncle’s tposefots.
   b  A black man called Babe seemed to be Carlyle’s main tistasnas.

11 Circle the right word or words.
   a  Ardita went swimming in the warm / cold water.
   b  A lot of men wanted to hurt / marry Ardita.
   c  Carlyle saw the revenue boat from the top of a hill / Narcissus.
   d  Carlyle took a ring from an old / a pretty woman with red hair.
   e  Babe / Carlyle sent a message to Mr. Moreland.
   f  A thief / detective took the ring from a woman called Mimi.
   g  There was Florida gold / sand in the bags.

12 Write questions for these answers.
   a  What? A palace in Afghanistan.
   b  Who? Catherine of Russia.
   c  How? Twenty-five.
   d  How? Less than a mile.
   e  Where? At the back of the boat.
   f  Where? In Carlyle’s pocket.

13 Finish the sentences.
   a  Ardita was always happy when she was near the …………………………………………
   b  Carlyle and the black musicians didn’t rob a …………………………………………
   c  Ardita liked Carlyle’s looks and his dark …………………………………………
   d  Carlyle and Ardita danced under the moonlight and the …………………………………………
   e  The revenue boat had six-inch guns at the front and the …………………………………………
   f  The revenue men were looking at the break in the …………………………………………
1 Finish the sentences with the right names.
Sally Carrol Mr. Moreland Clark Roger Button
Harry Bellamy Roger Patton Ardita Hildegard
Benjamin Button Curtis Carlyle

a ................................ wanted his son to go to Yale College.
b ................................ didn’t want to go to parties with her husband when she was old.
c ................................ tried to become a soldier and fight in Europe.
d ................................ had an old car and liked to go swimming.
e ................................ left her home town and went to the North of the United States.
f ................................ said bad things about the people from the South.
g ................................ was a professor and liked reading.
h ................................ often had angry conversations with her uncle.
i ................................ grew up in a poor area and played the piano.
j ................................ had a son called Toby and was a friend of Mr. Farnham.

2 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?
a The nurse laughed because Benjamin looked like an old man. ✓
b Hildegard didn’t like talking to young men. x

c Roscoe wanted his father to call him “Uncle.” ✓
d The weather was very hot in Tarleton. x

e Sally Carrol didn’t like Clark because he was lazy and didn’t work. x

f Sally Carrol traveled to the North in Clark’s old car. ✓
g Harry’s mother didn’t like Sally Carrol’s hair or clothes. x

h Sally Carrol thought she was going to die in the ice palace. x

i Curtis Carlyle and his black musicians didn’t make much money. x

j There was a river on Babe’s island. x

3 Answer these questions.
a What clothes did Mr. Button buy for his new born child?
.......................................................... 
b What did Mr. Button see Benjamin doing in his bedroom?
.......................................................... 
c Where did Benjamin’s parents send him when he was five?
.......................................................... 
d Where did Benjamin first meet Hildegard?
.......................................................... 
e Who did the Confederate boys die for in the war?
.......................................................... 
f Where did Sally Carrol hear the voice of Margery Lee?
.......................................................... 
g What did the black man change on the Narcissus?
.......................................................... 
h What language was Ardita’s book written in?
..........................................................
i Who said the revenue ship was near the island?
..........................................................
j Where Carlyle say he took the ring off a woman?
..........................................................

4 Finish the sentences with the right word.
strange cold nervous true crazy different
pleased excited lonely angry

a Mr. and Mrs. Button were very ........ about the birth. x

b Mr. Button was ........... when Benjamin broke the window. x

c There were many ............. stories about Benjamin in the town. x

d There was something ............ about Harry’s mother. x

e Sally Carrol was ............ when Harry talked about the people from the South. x

f The boys in the North were very ............ to the Southern boys. x

g Sally Carrol thought the city in the North was a very ............. place. x

h Carlyle and the pirates were singing a very ............. song. x

i Ardita was very ............ when she saw Carlyle. x

j Carlyle told Ardita only two ............. things. x

5 Circle the right word or words.
a The young Benjamin had a brown / gray beard. ✓
b Benjamin was smoking his mother’s / father’s cigarettes. x

c Benjamin’s father was a funny / practical man. x
d Sally Carrol took Harry to a school / church yard. ✓
e Some of the graves didn’t have a date / name on them. x

f There was a summer / winter carnival in Harry’s town. x

g Ardita liked reading / drawing pictures. ✓
h Ardita and Carlyle liked selfish / honest people.

i Carlyle spent the war fighting / playing music. x

j Ardita thought her uncle was a stupid / clever old man. x
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Book key

1.1 Open answers
(a) He wrote *This Side of Paradise*, *The Beautiful and Damned*, *The Great Gatsby*, *Tender is the Night* and *The Last Tycoon*, and many short stories.
(b) He came from the United States.
(c) Most of his stories were written in the 1920s and 1930s.

2 Open answers (a) husband and wife  b) friends from schooldays  c) girlfriend and boyfriend

1.2 Open answers

2.1 Open answers
(a) oldest  
(b) older  
(c) younger

2.2 a) 7  b) 3  c) 1  d) 4  e) 6  f) 2  g) 9  h) 5  i) 8

2.3 a) strangely  
(b) calmly  
(c) noisily  
(d) impatiently  
(e) quickly  
(f) politely

2.4 Open answers

3.1 a) happy  
(b) love  
(c) excited  
(d) worried  
(e) difficult  
(f) understands  
(g) forgets  
(h) baby

3.2 a) C to D  
(b) D to G  
(c) G to D  
(d) C to D  
(e) A to F  
(f) E to B

3.3 a) social activities  
(b) flowering plants  
(c) murderous eyes  
(d) endless stories  
(e) important subjects  
(f) sunny streets  
(g) successful businessman  
(h) colored paper

3.4 Open answers

4.1 a) Sally Carrol  
(b) Clark  
(c) Harry  
(d) Clark  
(e) Margery  
(f) Sally Carrol  
(g) Harry  
(h) Harry

4.2 a) it is too cold.  
(b) everyone is cold.  
(c) in a taxi.  
(d) old and large.  
(e) shaped like an egg.  
(f) in the library.  
(g) in the street.  
(h) in the North.

4.3 a) because  
(b) because  
(c) so  
(d) because  
(e) because  
(f) so  
(g) so  
(h) because

4.4 Open answers

5.1 a) friendly  
(b) winter sports  
(c) some  
(d) sad  
(e) fear  
(f) Roger

5.2 a) more than  
(b) to see  
(c) go swimming  
(d) wonderful weather

5.3 a) either  
(b) too  
(c) 3  
(d) too  
(e) 5  
(f) either

5.4 Open answers

6.1 Possible answers: 1 uncle  
2 reading  
3 hear  
4 orange  
5 angry  
6 rich

6.2 Correct answers:
1 Ardita is more interested in the man than the ring.
4 Ardita is interested in Carlyle’s stories.
5 Carlyle takes her to an island.

6.3 Possible answers:
1 … he will give her the gold and silver ring.
2 … the white man lifts his hand, …
3 … Carlyle will take her to the island.
4 … Carlyle tells his story …
5 … another boat passes the island, …
6 … nobody will see it.

6.4 Open answers

Talk about it  Open answers
Write about it  Open answers
Project  Open answers

Discussion activities key

1 Benjamin: I’m hungry. Can you get me a hamburger?
Mr. Button: A hamburger! Babies don’t eat hamburgers. You should drink milk.

BB: I don’t like milk, I’ll have a beer instead.
Mr. B: You are a strange baby.
BB: Also I want some clothes. I can’t wear this blanket when I’m walking in the street or going to parties to meet girls.
Mr. B: Oh, what am I going to do?

2–5 Open answers

6 head, hair, eyes, hand, heart, back, nose, face, arm.

7–8 Open answers

9 He is handsome. He was a musician. He has stolen some money. He has some black friends. He is a nice person.

10 Open answers

11 Ardita is lying on a sofa. The pirates sing a song about wind. The pirates take the men prisoners. The pirates are running from the law. The pirates paint a new name on the boat. Ardita falls asleep when Carlyle talks to her. Ardita thinks Carlyle is playing a trick.

Carlyle jumped onto a sandy beach.

12–15 Open answers
# The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

## Activity worksheets key

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## Progress test key

| 1 | a | Roger Button | b | Hildegarde | c | Benjamin Button | d | Clark | e | Sally Carrol | f | Harry Bellamy | g | Roger Patton | h | Ardita | i | Curtis Carlyle | j | Mr. Moreland |
| 2 | a | ✓ | b | ✓ | c | ✓ | d | ✓ | e | ✓ | f | ✓ | g | ✓ | h | ✓ | i | ✓ | j | X |
| 3 | a | A child’s party costume. | b | Smoking a cigarette. | c | To a kindergarten. | d | At a dance at the Shevlin’s country house. | e | The people in the South. | f | In the passage of the ice tunnel. | g | It’s name from Narcissus to Hula Hula. | h | French. | i | His friend, Babe. | j | In the tea room of an expensive hotel in Palm Beach. |
| 4 | a | nervous | b | pleased | c | crazy | d | cold | e | angry | f | different | g | lonely | h | strange | i | excited | j | true |
| 5 | a | gray | b | father’s | c | practical | d | church | e | name | f | winter | g | reading | h | selfish | i | playing music | j | stupid |