



The Great Gatsby

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While reading

Chapter 1

1 Answer the questions about these sentences from the chapter.

- a *So I decided to go East and learn the bond business.*
What does Nick mean by East?
.....
- b *I intended to find rooms in New York City.*
What does the word *intended* tell you about this plan?
.....
- c *This time they were going to stay ... but I didn't believe it.*
Why not?
.....
- d *All the cars have one wheel painted black.*
Is this true? Why does Nick say it?
.....
- e *You will hear of them.*
Why does Nick say this?
.....
- f *I'm in training.*
What is Miss Baker in training for?
.....

Chapter 2

2 Write the names from the box in the right places.

Catherine Doctor Eckleburg George
Myrtle Nick Tom the McKees

- a Who is painted on a big board beside the road?
.....
- b Who owns the garage?
.....
- c Who goes to New York City?
.....
- d Who does Mrs Wilson invite to the apartment?
.....
- e Who tells Nick about her first meeting with Tom?
.....
- f Who hits Myrtle?
.....

Chapter 3

3 Choose the sentences (1–6) to support these statements.

- a Gatsby's parties made a lot of mess.
- b The food for the parties was not prepared in Gatsby's house.
- c Single men often stood by the drinks table at Gatsby's parties.
- d Many rich people at the time had shelves with fake books on them.
- e Nick fought in France during the Great War.
- f Jordan was a bad driver.
 - 1) 'I thought they were just for show – but they're *real*!'
 - 2) It was the only place where a single man could stand around without looking out-of-place.
 - 3) On Mondays, eight servants worked all day to clear up.
 - 4) She drove too close to some workmen on the road.
 - 5) We talked for a moment about some grey little villages in France.
 - 6) Wonderful food arrived with lots of waiters to serve it.

Chapter 4

4 Find evidence in this chapter which suggests these statements.

- a Gatsby may be telling the truth about his past.
.....
- b Gatsby has powerful friends.
.....
- c Meyer Wolfsheim is a criminal.
.....
- d Gatsby didn't want to talk with Tom Buchanan.
.....
- e Daisy didn't get on with her parents.
.....
- f Daisy got over the soldier quite quickly, or perhaps, didn't get over him at all.
.....

Chapter 5

5 Find the response to each sentence from this chapter. Write 1–7.

- a 'What day would suit you?'
- b 'You're selling bonds aren't you, old sport?'



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- c 'Nobody's coming to tea. It's too late.'
- d 'We've met before.'
- e 'This is a terrible mistake.'
- f 'It took me just three years to earn the money that bought it.'
- g 'Who's that?'
- 1) 'Don't be silly; it's just two minutes to four.'
- 2) 'I thought you were left your money by your father.'
- 3) 'That? That's Dan Cody, old sport.'
- 4) 'Trying to.'
- 5) 'We haven't met for many years.'
- 6) 'What day would suit *you*?'
- 7) 'You're just embarrassed, that's all.'

Chapter 6

6 Put these events in order relating to Gatsby's relationship with Dan Cody, 1-7.

- a Cody gave Gatsby a job on his boat.
- b Cody left Gatsby \$25,000 when he died.
- c Ella Kay came on board the boat in Boston.
- d Gatsby sailed three times around America with Cody.
- e He saw Dan Cody's boat on Lake Superior.
- f Ella Kay managed to take all the money, including Gatsby's.
- g He told Dan Cody that his name was Jay Gatsby.

Chapter 7

7 Who says each of these things? Explain the words in *italics*:

- a 'I hadn't seen *him* around and I was rather worried.'
Who:
Him:
- b '*He's* not really speaking into the telephone.'
Who:
He:
- c '*Her* voice is full of money.'
Who:
Her:
- d 'I've found out some things about *this man*.'
Who:
This man:

- e '*You* sounded well enough on the phone.'
Who:
You:

Chapter 8

8 Complete these sentences with one suitable word in each space.

- a The main to the accident was Michaelis.
- b Tom stopped his car when he realised there had been a
- c Tom found out that Myrtle had been by a big yellow car.
- d Tom told Wilson that he wasn't the yellow car.
- e Gatsby asked Nick about the accident but didn't seem to care about the of the woman.
- f Nick realised that Daisy was driving the

Chapter 9

9 This chapter moves around a lot in time and place. Put these headings in the order of the story, 1-7.

- a Afternoon: Gatsby's house
- b 4 a.m.: Gatsby's house
- c Lunchtime: New York City
- d Morning: Gatsby's house
- e Early evening: Gatsby's house
- f Night time in Wilson's garage
- g Wilson's movements

Chapter 10

10 Answer these questions.

- a Why didn't the story of Myrtle's affair come out?
.....
- b Why did Nick become responsible for handling enquiries about Gatsby?
.....
- c Why did Nick feel uncomfortable about Mr Gatz's hopes for his son?
.....
- d Why did Nick hang up on Klipspringer in disgust?
.....



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1 Match the name with the description or action. You can choose more than one.

- a Nick
 - b Jay Gatsby
 - c Daisy
 - d Tom
 - e Jordan
 - f Myrtle
 - g George
- 1) This person lives in East Egg.
 - 2) This person is from Louisville.
 - 3) This person lives in West Egg.
 - 4) This person is a professional golf player.
 - 5) This person lives between West Egg and New York.
 - 6) This person has fought in World War I.
 - 7) This person dies in the story.

2 Which word from the box best describes each character?

clever	dishonest	honest	innocent
jealous	miserable	selfish	scornful

- a Tom Buchanan
- b Daisy Buchanan
- c Jordan Baker
- d Nick Carraway
- e Jay Gatsby
- f Myrtle Wilson
- g George Wilson
- h Meyer Wolfsheim

3 Put these events in order, 1–5.

- a Gatsby met Dan Cody.
- b Gatsby met Meyer Wolfsheim.
- c Gatsby met Daisy.
- d Gatsby met Nick.
- e Gatsby went to the war.

4 Who says these?

- a 'I'm glad it's a girl. And I hope she'll be a fool – that's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool.'
- b 'You can't live for ever.'
- c 'You ought to drive more carefully.'
- d 'I hate careless people. That's why I like you.'
- e 'Can't repeat the past? Why of course you can!'

f 'All this "old sport" business. Where'd you get it from?'

5 Choose the right answer.

- a Why does Nick move to New York?
 - 1) To become a lawyer.
 - 2) To learn about the bond business.
 - 3) To attend medical school.
- b Why does Gatsby throw his weekly parties?
 - 1) To impress Daisy.
 - 2) To hide his illegal activities.
 - 3) To attract women from East Egg.
- c Where does Gatsby recognise Nick from?
 - 1) Nick was in Oxford during the months Gatsby studied there.
 - 2) Nick works at the bond house where Gatsby's stolen securities were taken from.
 - 3) Nick and Gatsby fought in the same battle in World War I.
- d Where is Daisy originally from?
 - 1) Louisville.
 - 2) New York.
 - 3) Chicago.
- e What does Gatsby call Nick?
 - 1) My friend.
 - 2) Old chap.
 - 3) Old sport.
- f What is Gatsby?
 - 1) He is a murderer.
 - 2) He is a German spy.
 - 3) He is a bootlegger.
- g At the end of the story, who does Daisy choose to be with?
 - 1) Gatsby.
 - 2) Tom.
 - 3) Nick.

6 Which one of these sentences is true (T)? Which one is not true (NT)?

- a Nick is from Chicago.
- b Tom has affairs with women.
- c Gatsby has received a diploma from Oxford.
- d Nick marries Jordan Baker.
- e Gatsby tells Tom about his affair with Daisy.
- f Gatsby gets killed in a car accident.
- g Nick doesn't attend Gatsby's funeral.
- h Very few people attend Gatsby's funeral.



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Book key

1–3 Open answers

- 4 **a** Distant relatives
b Husband and wife
c Close friends since childhood
d Neighbours
e Husband and wife
f Lovers
- 5 **a** He feels restless in the dull Middle West. He goes to the east coast to learn the bond business.
b Jordan is a well-known golf player, and Nick has seen her photograph in newspapers and magazines.
c He wants to see ‘his girl’, Mrs Myrtle Wilson, and arrange to meet her.
d Because she believes she has a right to say Daisy’s name over and over again.
- 6 Possible answers:
 Nick says:
a It seemed like the rough edge of the world.
b They make up a strange society. West Egg is less fashionable.
c It’s small and ugly, but with a view of the water and part of Gatsby’s lawn. The rent is reasonable.
d He is very wealthy; has a very powerful, cruel body; is restless; has a scornful manner, a rough speaking voice and a bad temper; was hated by many at university; is proud of his house; is uninterested in books and ideas but supports the ideas in a book that says white people are better than other people; doesn’t care if everyone knows about his girlfriend; gives Myrtle orders and hits her when she upsets him.
e She has an exciting voice, is interested in news about herself, says the first thing that comes into her head, feels hopeless, seems insincere.
f It is surprisingly large and grand.
g She takes no notice of Nick; seems lazy and rude; has a tired voice; is interested in the scandal that surrounds Tom and Daisy.
h He is a pale, miserable, spiritless man.
i She is not beautiful but with an animal life force that makes her attractive; she is bold because she has an affair with Tom and doesn’t always do what he tells her to do.

7–8 Open answers

- 9 **a** T **b** F **c** T **d** T **e** F **f** T **g** F **h** F

10 **a** big and expensive

b rather ordinary

c believe

d very fast

e a clever criminal

f upset

g unsure

h be near Daisy Buchanan

- 11 **a** The air becomes alive with talk and laughter, people dance, voices become higher and louder, laughter is easier minute by minute. The fat, middle-aged man is amazed that the books in the library are real.
b After two glasses of champagne, Nick begins to enjoy himself. The scene at the party changed before his eyes into something deep and meaningful.
c Jay Gatsby doesn’t drink alcohol at his parties.
d Daisy doesn’t drink. Jordan notes that it’s a great advantage not to drink among hard-drinking people.
- 12 Possible answers:
a Jordan Baker says she wasn’t responsible for the fact that a car she borrowed got wet in the rain, but she was responsible. She also cheats in a golf match by illegally moving her ball in order to win.
b Nick writes weekly letters to the girl back home, therefore encouraging her to believe that she is still his girlfriend. But he seems interested in Jordan Baker at this time.
c Gatsby only wants to make friends with Jordan and Nick because they can get him in contact with Daisy. From Nick’s reaction and from the way he tells his stories, we get a clear impression that Gatsby is making up, or at least exaggerating, the facts about his past.
d Gatsby tells Nick that Wolfsheimer is responsible for the scandal but is too clever to be caught.
e Daisy is obviously not happy about marrying Tom on the night before her wedding. She has a letter that has upset her and she drinks a bottle of wine although she is a non-drinker.
f Tom Buchanan is a dishonest husband because he has relationships with other women.
- 13 **a** Jay Gatsby, because he hasn’t introduced himself to Nick Carraway.
b Jordan Baker, to excuse her own carelessness.
c A policeman, because Gatsby has given him a reason to excuse him from a speeding ticket.
d Daisy before her wedding to Tom, because she is drunk and doesn’t want to marry him.



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- e Jordan Baker, because Gatsby wants to meet Daisy at Nick's house.
- 14 Lake Ontario, Lake Michigan, Lake Erie, Lake Superior
- 15 Open answers
- 16 a swim b work c tea d house e cry/sad
f past/beginnings g angry h party
- 17 a 4 b 10 c 7 d 9 e 1 f 5 g 8 h 3
i 6 j 2
- 18 a Nick is embarrassed. He is interested in Gatsby's suggestion because he realises it could change his life. But he believes it is an unacceptable offer because Gatsby is trying to repay him for arranging the meeting with Daisy.
- b Gatsby is very nervous before Daisy arrives and then uncomfortable and embarrassed. But after he and Daisy start talking and have some time alone together, he is very happy.
- c He shows that he thinks he is better than Gatsby and does not treat him politely.
- d He feels angry and worried about Daisy going around alone.
- e She was happy when she was with Gatsby at the party but didn't have a good time when she wasn't with him.
- f He is upset because Daisy didn't have a good time and because she didn't seem to understand him in the same way as she had in the past.
- 19–21 Open answers
- 22 a J b T c J d J e T f T g J h T
i J j J
- 23 a Michaelis
b Around seven o'clock
c Towards Long Island
d Outside Wilson's garage
e Myrtle Wilson
f Myrtle Wilson ran into the road.
g Big and yellow
h Daisy Buchanan
- 24 Gatsby and Nick join Daisy, Jordan and Tom at the Buchanans's house on a hot summer day. Tom observes how Daisy and Gatsby act when they are near each other. They stare at each other. Her comments make it clear that she loves Gatsby.
- 25 Tom is jealous when he learns that Daisy has been going around alone. Then he is more jealous when he sees her and Gatsby together at his house, and when she says that she loves Gatsby and had met him almost five years ago.
- Gatsby is jealous because Daisy has married Tom and because she says that she loved him when she married him.
- Mr Wilson is jealous because he has found out that something is happening; but he doesn't know that his wife has been seeing Tom.
- Myrtle Wilson is jealous when she sees Tom in a car with another woman. It is Jordan Baker, but she thinks it is his wife.
- Jealousy often destroys love and makes people behave in crazy ways.
- 26–28 Open answers
- 29 1 b 2 f 3 e 4 c 5 a 6 d
- 30 a Catherine
b Nick Carraway
c Daisy and Tom Buchanan
d Parke
e Henry C. Gatz
f Klipspringer
g Meyer Wolfsheimer
h Jordan Baker
i Tom Buchanan
- 31 Open answers
- 32 a He feels angry, and half in love with her, and enormously sorry. At the same time, he doubts that the story of her engagement is true, and he does not seem to regret that their friendship is coming to an end.
- b Nick seems amazed when Daisy and Tom leave Long Island without saying anything to anyone, especially because he knows that Daisy is responsible for Myrtle Wilson's death. As he says to Gatsby, 'They're no good, any of them!', referring to the Buchanans and their fashionable friends. He finds it unbelievable that Tom told George Wilson that Gatsby killed Myrtle.
- 33 The Dutch sailors, when they reached the new world, and Gatsby, when he moved to West Egg, faced a new world, full of promise. The green trees are a sign of a bright future for the sailors and the green light at the end of Daisy's sea wall is a sign of hope for Gatsby. Both the sailors and Gatsby have a short, magic moment when they think that their dreams will come true.
- 34–43 Open answers



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Discussion activities key

1 Possible answers:

Perhaps this person did something great.

- Perhaps he achieved something.
- A person can be great if they are brave, clever, important in society, rich and / or famous.

2–3 Open answers

4 Possible answers:

Perhaps her society does not value intelligence in women.

She knows that she should pretend to be beautiful and foolish in order to live easily.

5 Possible answers:

Nick Carraway – He is the narrator of this story. He's from the Midwest, came to New York to learn about the bond business.

Tom Buchanan – He and Nick went to the same school. He is also from Midwest. He is from a wealthy family. He has an extramarital lover.

Daisy Buchanan – She is Nick's distant relative.

Jordan Baker – She is a friend of Daisy. She's a well-known professional golf player.

Mr Gatsby – He is Nick's next-door neighbour. He lives in a grand mansion.

6 Possible answers:

- To show the poverty of other people's lives, to show the mess that the rich leave behind.
- Perhaps the eyes are a reminder that someone is always watching everything; Perhaps the eyes represent God.

7 Possible answers:

- He has a huge party every weekend.
- He doesn't socialize much, so people don't know much about him.
- Rumours are going around about Gatsby.

8 Possible answers for facts:

- He and Nick were in the same unit in France during the war.
- He has a remarkable smile.
- He's not a very good host.

Possible answers for rumours:

- He killed a man once.
- He worked for the Germans during the war.
- He was in the American army.

9 Possible answers:

- The readers can attain his reputation first, and then it's easy to build up his image.

- Perhaps the author wanted to make him mysterious at the beginning of the story.

10 Possible answers:

- Because she drove too close to some workmen on the road.
- She might be safe, but it is very selfish.
- She said, 'That's why I like you.'
- He's going to break up with the girl he's been writing letters once a week.

11–12 Open answers

13 Possible answers:

- In America, some people use the word 'college' to mean 'university.'
- Perhaps Wolfsheim doesn't know anything about Oxford University.
- It foreshadows that there's something about Gatsby's story on Oxford days.

14 Possible answers:

- The green light is symbolic of Gatsby's longing for Daisy.
- To him, it's his dream for the future.

15–16 Open answers

17 Possible answers:

- Perhaps Daisy is coming to the party.
- Perhaps Tom is also coming.

18 Possible answers:

Perhaps he doesn't like the people at the party. He probably looks down on the new rich in West Egg. Perhaps he is annoyed with Daisy being so friendly with Gatsby.

First, Nick was with Tom and Daisy then Gatsby joined them. Then he watched Daisy and Gatsby dancing. Then he walked over to his own house with Daisy and Gatsby and left them alone for half an hour. He returned to the party and had supper with Daisy and some other people, then he sat on the front steps of Gatsby's house waiting for Daisy and Tom's car. Then he stayed at the party and talked with Gatsby.

19 Open answers

20 Possible answers for the facts:

- He was born James Gatz.
- He lived in North Dakota.
- He invented Jay Gatsby at the age of seventeen.
- He was working along the south shore of Lake Superior, where he met Dan Cody.
- Dan Cody gave him a job.



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- When Dan Cody died, he left him money – but somehow he couldn't get any.

21–22 Open answers

23 Possible answers:

Tom is annoyed because American people don't use the expression 'old sport'. Perhaps he picked up the phrase while he was overseas (could be during his Oxford days), and he decided to use this expression to fake his status.

24–25 Open answers

26 Possible answers:

- She thought that Tom was driving the yellow car as she had seen it during the day.
- Tom doesn't drive Gatsby's car.
- Gatsby's car has enough petrol so that Tom doesn't stop at George's garage.
- George doesn't suspect about Myrtle's affair.

27–28 Open answers

29 Possible answers:

- Jay Gatsby and George Wilson share the fact that they both lose their loved one because of Tom.
- Both Gatsby and Wilson die because of the woman they love.

30–34 Open answers

35 Possible answers:

This paragraph shows how significant the past is to the dreams of the future. People struggle to achieve their goals by moving beyond the past and re-creating the past.

36 Possible answers:

- Gatsby tried to transform his dream into reality all through his life. That makes him 'great.'
- The title is ironic because Gatsby is a criminal even though Nick thinks he's 'great' and because he is not really Gatsby; he was born James Gatz.

37 Possible answers:

- Gatsby meeting Daisy at Nick's: Pouring rain illustrates the reunion is embarrassing and miserable. The rain stops when their love revives.
- At the Plaza Hotel: It was a very hot afternoon when the meeting between Gatsby and Tom takes place.
- Gatsby at the swimming pool: There was a touch of autumn in the air, and the gardener was going to empty the pool. Then Gatsby wanted to use the pool just like he wanted to stop time and 'fix everything just the way it was before.'

38 Some information on Fitzgerald:

- He was born in Minnesota.
- He joined the army in 1917.
- While he was stationed in Alabama.
- She was from a rich family. She was the daughter of a judge.
- Because he was too poor to make her happy, but then he started to make good money from writing.
- They had a lavish lifestyle.
- In the last years of his life, he always had money problems, he became an alcoholic, and his books were not successful.
- He died of heart attack at the age of 44.
- Four novels (The fifth one was unfinished) and some short stories.
- *This Side of Paradise, The Beautiful and the Damned, The Great Gatsby, Tender is the Night, (The Last Tycoon).*

39 Possible answers:

Both Gatsby and Fitzgerald:

- joined the army in 1917.
- fell in love with a beautiful girl from a rich family while they were in a military camp in the South.
- were separated from the girl because they were too poor to marry her.

40–41 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

- a The east coast of the United States.
 - b It never happened.
 - c Because they never stayed long in any place.
 - d No, it's not true. He says it to make a joke about how much people miss her.
 - e He wants Tom to believe he works for a company that will be famous.
 - f A golf match.
- a Doctor Eckleburg
 - b George
 - c Tom, Nick and Myrtle
 - d Catherine and the McKees
 - e Myrtle
 - f Tom
- a 3 b 6 c 2 d 1 e 5 f 4
- Suggested answers:

 - a He has a medal with his name on it.
 - b He knows a the Chief of Police.
 - c He was involved in a sport scandal.
 - d He disappeared after shaking hands with him.



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- e They stopped her from going to see off a soldier.
f She was happy a few months later, but then very unhappy after getting a letter, probably from the soldier.
- 5 a 6 b 4 c 1 d 5 e 7 f 2 g 3
6 a 3 b 6 c 5 d 4 e 1 f 7 g 2
7 a Who: Nick, *Him*: Gatsby
b Who: Daisy, *He*: Tom
c Who: Gatsby, *Her*: Daisy
d Who: Tom, *This man*: Gatsby
e Who: Tom, *You*: George
- 8 a witness b crash c killed d driving
e death f car
- 9 a 6 b 1 c 3 d 2 e 7 f 4 g 5
- 10 a Because Myrtle's sister insisted she wasn't having an affair.
b Because nobody else was interested.
c Because he wasn't helping his country, he was a criminal.
d Because he just wanted to pick up his shoes – not to come to Gatsby's funeral.

Progress test key

- 1 a 3, 6
b 3, 6, 7
c 1, 2
d 1
e 2, 4
f 5, 7
g 5, 7
- 2 a scornful b selfish c dishonest d honest
e innocent f jealous g miserable h clever
- 3 a 1 b 4 c 2 d 5 e 3
- 4 a Daisy b Myrtle c Nick d Jordan e Gatsby
f Tom
- 5 a 2 b 1 c 3 d 1 e 3 f 3 g 2
- 6 a NT b T c NT d NT e T f NT g NT
h T