



The Great Gatsby

UPPER INTERMEDIATE

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Answers to Book activities

- 1 Open answers
 2 a golf, polo
 b whisky
 c lawn
 d bond
 e butler
 f bay
 g porch
 h drugstore
 3 a civilized
 b engaged
 c divorced
 d scorned
 e miserable
 f insisted
 4 a

Answers to Factsheet activities

Communicative activities

Activities before reading the book

Possible answers:
 important in society
 brave
 clever
 rich
 famous

Activities after reading a section

Chapters 1–2

- 1 Open answers
 2 Possible reasons:
 (a) to show the poverty of other people's lives ; to show the mess that the rich leave behind
 (b) perhaps the eyes represent God, seeing everything; perhaps advertising has become the new god
 3 Possible answers;
 her simplicity of mind
 her admiration of his wealth - which Daisy takes for granted
 her stupidity - he can dominate her and treat her badly

Chapters 3–4

Open answers

Chapters 5–6

Open answers

Chapters 7–8

Open answers

Chapters 9–10

Open answers

Student's activities

Activities before reading the book

- 1 A murder mystery? A love story?
 2 (a) Minnesota – which is in the mid-West
 (b) He joined the army.
 (c) While he was stationed – i.e. with the army – in Alabama.
 (d) She had a rich background – daughter of a judge
 (e) Because Fitzgerald couldn't get a good job – then he started to make good money from writing.
 (f) They had a very extravagant lifestyle?

- (g) He had money problems and he became an alcoholic; his books failed.
 (h) Three – plus a collection of short stories.
 (i) Because he caught the spirit of its age.
 (j) Because drinking alcohol was illegal in the USA at the time.

Activities while reading the book

CHAPTERS 1–3

Chapter 1

- (a) The East Coast of the USA.
 (b) It never happened.
 (c) Because he could direct people – he was no longer a stranger.
 (d) Perhaps he feels uncomfortable with poor people.
 (e) Because they never stayed long in any place.
 (f) No – he says it to make a joke about how much people miss her.
 (g) He is boasting – he wants Tom to believe he works for a company that will be famous.
 (h) A golf match.
 (i) He doesn't know how to behave in an East Coast way.
 (j) Because he has read a book which say coloured people will take over the world.
 (k) She wants to listen to the conversation Tom is having.
 (l) She believes only foolish women as happy.
 (m) She was pleased to believe that she belonged to the group of clever people in the world.
 (n) Because he hadn't recognised her just from her second name.
 (o) Because Tom was having an affair.
 (p) The Rise of the Coloured Empires – see answer j.

Chapter 2

- (a) Doctor Eckleburg – a face in an advertisement
 (b) George Wilson
 (c) Myrtle Wilson
 (d) Myrtle
 (e) Tom, Nick and Myrtle
 (f) Catherine and the McKees
 (g) Catherine
 (h) Myrtle
 (i) Tom and Myrtle
 (j) Tom

Chapter 3

- (a) It took the eight servants and the gardener a day to clear up afterwards.
 (b) Wonderful food arrived...
 (c) They stared at Nick in a surprised way when he asked where the host was.
 (d) It was the only place where a single man didn't look out of place.
 (e) They said 'Sorry you didn't win.'
 (f) She said 'You've changed the colour of your hair...'
 (g) The man was surprised that the books were real.
 (h) He talked with Gatsby about 'some wet grey little villages in France.'
 (i) The chapter is full of rumours about Gatsby.
 (j) He liked being with Jordan because she was famous.
 (k) He said 'Dishonesty in a woman is a thing you learn to accept.'
 (l) She drove too close to some workmen.

Chapter 4

Possible answers

- (a) He has a medal with his name on it.
 (b) He knows a very rich man and the Chief of Police.
 (c) He was involved in a scandal, he should be in prison and he was there when another man was killed.
 (d) He disappeared after shaking hands with him.
 (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.
 (h) The wedding presents to Daisy.
 (i) She told Jordan to tell people that she had changed her mind.
 (j) It was just across the bay.
 (j) He asked Jordan to ask Nick to invite her to tea, but not tell her about Gatsby.

Chapter 5

(a) Suppose we have a swim in the pool, old sport?	(v) It's too late.
(b) What day would suit you?	(xii) What day would suit you?
(c) How about the day after tomorrow, at four o'clock?	(iv) I want to get the grass cut.
(d) You don't make much money, do you?	(vii) Not very much.
(e) You're selling bonds aren't you, old sport?	(x) Trying to.
(f) You might pick up a nice bit of money.	(vi) I've got my hands full.
(g) Nobody's coming to tea. It's too late.	(i) Don't be silly; it's just two minutes to four.
(h) Why did I have to come alone?	(ix) That's a secret.
(i) We've met before.	(xi) We haven't met for many years.
(j) This is a terrible mistake.	(xiii) You're just embarrassed, that's all.
(k) It took me just three years to earn the money that bought it.	(iii) I thought you were left your money by your father.
(l) Who's that?	(viii) That? That's Dan Cody, old sport.
(m) I'm all out of practice.	(ii) Don't talk so much, old sport. Play!



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Chapter 6

- 1 The correct order is:
He saw Dan Cody's boat on Lake Superior.
He borrowed a rowboat and rowed out to Dan Cody's boat.
He told Dan Cody that a wind might catch his boat and break it up.
He told Dan Cody that his name was Jay Gatsby.
Cody asked Gatsby some questions.
Cody gave Gatsby a job on his boat.
Gatsby sailed three times around America with Cody.
Ella Kaye came on board the boat in Boston.
Dan Cody died.
Cody left Gatsby \$25,000 when he died.
Ella Kay managed to take all the money, including Gatsby's.
- 2 At first he didn't realise that Gatsby knew Daisy – when he did, he became angry.
- 3 Possible answer:
First he 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 to Gatsby.

Chapter 7

- (a) Nick says it about Gatsby.
(b) Daisy says it about Tom.
(c) Daisy says it about her daughter.
(d) Gatsby says it about Tom (or Tom's house)
(e) Daisy says it about Gatsby.
(f) Gatsby says it about Daisy.
(g) Tom says it about Gatsby.
(h) Tom says it about George Wilson.
(i) Tom says it about Daisy and Gatsby.
(j) Tom says it about Daisy.
(k) Tom says it about Gatsby.
(l) Tom says it about Gatsby.

Chapter 8

- (a) witness
(b) rushed
(c) disappeared
(d) crash
(e) crowd
(f) killed
(g) driving
(h) drive
(i) death
(j) car

Chapter 9

The correct order:
4 a.m. – Gatsby's house
How Gatsby met Daisy
Gatsby's war
Daisy's marriage
Morning – Gatsby's house
Lunchtime – New York City
Night time in Wilson's garage
Wilson's movements.
Afternoon – Gatsby's house
Early evening: Gatsby's house.

Chapter 10

- Possible answers:
(a) Because Myrtle's sister insisted she wasn't having an affair.
(b) Because nobody else was interested.
(c) Because he couldn't get involved in murder.
(d) Because he didn't have his telephone number or address.
(e) Because it was so big and expensive.
(f) Because he wasn't helping his country, he was a criminal.
(g) Because he just wanted to pick up his shoes – not to come to Gatsby's funeral.

Activities after reading the book

Possible answers:
Gatsby :
was about the same age as Fitzgerald
was from the same sort of background
joined the army in 1917
fell in love with a beautiful girl from a rich background which he was in the army separated from her at the end of the war – because he was too poor to marry her

