

## Mr Hyde, I think?

Hyde • How Stevenson presents Hyde when Utterson meets him for the first time

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### Do Now

1. What is Mr Utterson's job?

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2. On which day of the week do Utterson and Enfield take their walks?

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3. In Chapter 1, how much money does Hyde agree to pay the girl's family?

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4. In which city is the novella mostly set?

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5. Which document in Utterson's safe worries him at the start of Chapter 2?

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### Read

Utterson meets Hyde • Robert Louis Stevenson • 1886 • Chapter 2 (Search for Mr Hyde)

1 Mr. Utterson stepped out and touched him on the shoulder as he passed.

"Mr. Hyde, I think?"

Mr. Hyde shrank back with a hissing intake of the breath. But his fear was only momentary; and though he did not look the lawyer in the face,

5 he answered coolly enough: "That is my name. What do you want?"

"I see you are going in," returned the lawyer. "I am an old friend of Dr. Jekyll's—Mr. Utterson of Gaunt Street—you must have heard of my name; and meeting you so conveniently, I thought you might admit me."

"You will not find Dr. Jekyll; he is from home," replied Mr. Hyde,

10 blowing in the key. And then suddenly, but still without looking up,

"How did you know me?" he asked.

"On your side," said Mr. Utterson "will you do me a favour?"

"With pleasure," replied the other. "What shall it be?"

"Will you let me see your face?" asked the lawyer.

15 Mr. Hyde appeared to hesitate, and then, as if upon some sudden reflection, fronted about with an air of defiance; and the pair stared at each other pretty fixedly for a few seconds. "Now I shall know you again," said Mr. Utterson. "It may be useful."

### Check your understanding

1. What does Utterson do as Hyde passes him?

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2. Hyde says Dr Jekyll is “from home”. What does that mean?

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3. In which part of London does Hyde say he lives?

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4. What does Utterson ask to see?

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### Quotation explosion

**“Mr. Hyde shrank back with a hissing intake of the breath”**

**AO1** What does Hyde’s first reaction show about him?

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**AO2** What does the verb “shrank” suggest?

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**AO2** What is the effect of “hissing”?

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**AO3** Why would Stevenson’s first readers find Hyde’s animal behaviour frightening?

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### Zooming in on one word

Pick one word from a quotation and say what it suggests. Two or three ideas about one word are worth more than a long quotation.

*fronted about with an air of defiance; and the pair stared*

**Your task:** Zoom in on “defiance”. Write two sentences about what it suggests about Hyde.

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## The question

Read the following extract from Chapter 2 of *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* and then answer the question that follows.

In this extract, Mr Utterson has been waiting by the door in the by-street and meets Mr Hyde for the first time.

Starting with this extract, how does Stevenson present Hyde as a frightening outsider?

Write about:

- how Stevenson presents Hyde in this extract
- how Stevenson presents Hyde in the novel as a whole.

Today: plan your answer in 8 minutes. No essay.

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| My argument (thesis) |  |
| Point 1 + quotation  |  |
| Point 2 + quotation  |  |
| Point 3 + quotation  |  |
| Context to use       |  |

## Have a go

Read Enfield's attempt to describe Hyde in Chapter 1. Answer in two or three sentences.

Enfield tries to describe Hyde · Robert Louis Stevenson · Chapter 1 (Story of the Door)

- 1 "He is not easy to describe. There is something wrong with his appearance; something displeasing, something down-right detestable. I never saw a man I so disliked, and yet I scarce know why. He must be deformed somewhere; he gives a strong feeling of deformity, although I
- 5 couldn't specify the point. He's an extraordinary looking man, and yet I really can name nothing out of the way. No, sir; I can make no hand of it; I can't describe him. And it's not want of memory; for I declare I can see him this moment."

Enfield and Utterson both struggle to say what is wrong with Hyde. Why might Stevenson keep Hyde's appearance so vague? Use one quotation.

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- ☐ My thesis answers the question in one sentence, using its words.
- ☐ Each point has a short quotation and one word I could zoom in on.
- ☐ At least two points come from outside the extract.
- ☐ I linked context to a point, not as a separate fact.

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