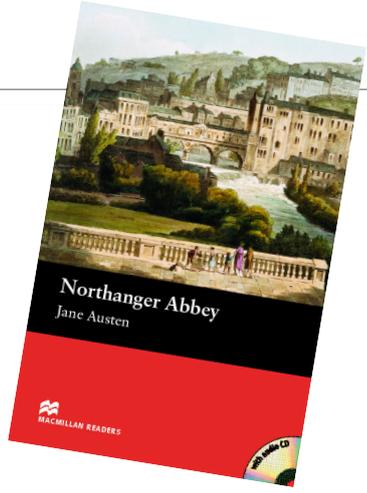


Northanger Abbey
by Jane Austen

Chapter One: Catherine Goes to Bath

LISTENING SKILLS TEACHER'S NOTES

Author: Adrian Tennant
Level: Beginner – pre-intermediate
Age: Teenagers / adults
Time needed: 30 minutes approx
Preparation: Activity 1 – 1 bingo card per student.



Activity 1

- 1 Give each student a 'Bingo card' with five words on it.
- 2 Tell students you will play all of Chapter One. The students should listen and whenever they hear a word that is on their card, they should cross it off.
- 3 If they manage to cross off all the words, they should put their hands up.
- 4 Give students time to read the words on their card.
- 5 Play the recording.

Bingo cards

excited	village
cold	goodbye
six weeks	
stay	slim
handsome	clothes
daughter	
city	dance
curly	father
journey	
beautiful	family
warm	leather
seventeen	

pretty	happy
dark	lived
carriage	

Activity 2

- 1 On the board write up the following words in two columns:

beautiful	nights
cold	man
handsome	girl
pretty	clothes
warm	city
- 2 Explain that you will play the recording again and that you want students to match the adjectives (in the left column) with the corresponding noun (in the right column).
- 3 Play the recording.
- 4 Put students in pairs and get them to compare their answers.
- 5 Play the recording again to check the answers.

Answers: beautiful – city; cold – nights; handsome – man; pretty – girl; warm – clothes

Activity 3

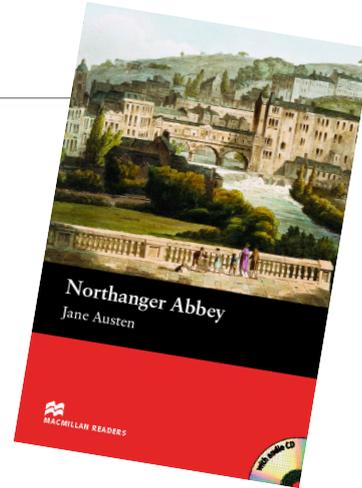
- 1 Tell students you are going to play part of Chapter One again and all you want them to do is listen. Tell them to put their pens down and relax.



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- 2 Play the recording from *Catherine Morland was seventeen... until she had dark curly hair*.
- 3 Put students in pairs and ask them to try to remember as much of the story as possible.
- 4 Ask them to write down everything they can remember.
- 5 Pair the pairs and have them compare their ideas of the story.
- 6 Continue in this pyramid formation, so that the groups of four make groups of eight etc. Each time ask students to compare their stories.
- 7 Finally, play the recording again and ask them to listen and silently compare it to their version(s).

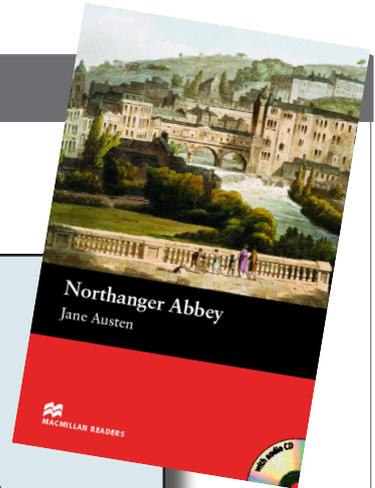
Note: This is a form of dictogloss. The idea behind a dictogloss is that it encourages students to pool their ideas and knowledge together and helps them discover things they hadn't noticed themselves. It is important to emphasise that you are not looking for a verbatim transcript, but simply a summary of the story / text.

Extension: Adjectives

Ask students to write five sentences using the adjectives from Activity 2. Tell them the sentences don't need to be about Northanger Abbey; they can be about anything at all as long as the adjectives are used correctly.

Chapter One: Catherine Goes to Bath

Transcript



It was January 1802. Miss Catherine Morland was very excited. She was going to stay in the city of Bath for six weeks. She was going to stay with her friends, Mr and Mrs Allen.

'Bath is a beautiful city,' Mrs Allen said. We will enjoy ourselves in Bath, Catherine. The best people in Society will be there. We will dance at balls and we will go to plays.'

'Will I meet a handsome young man?' Catherine asked herself.

Catherine Morland was seventeen years old. She was a pretty, happy girl. She was slim and she had dark curly hair.

Catherine lived with her family in the village of Fullerton. Her father was the clergyman of the church.

It was the day of the journey. Catherine put her clothes in leather cases. Her mother helped her.

'Take some warm clothes,' Mrs Morland said. 'The nights will be cold!'

Soon, everything was ready. Mr Morland gave his daughter some money. Catherine got into the Allens' carriage. She said goodbye to her family. And Catherine Morland started on her journey to Bath!