Jonathan Harker's Diary

Count Dracula

My story began about seven years ago, in 1875. My name is Jonathan Harker, and I live and work in London. My job is to buy and sell houses for other people. One day a letter arrived for me from a very rich man who lived in Transylvania. He wanted to buy a house in England and he needed my help. The man was Count Dracula, and I agreed to help him.

I found a house for him, and he asked me to take all the papers to Transylvania. I did not know then of the terrible danger waiting for me in Transylvania...

On 4th May, I arrived at a little town called Bistritz. Transylvania was a strange and beautiful country. There were mountains, trees and rivers everywhere. And somewhere high in the mountains was the Count's home, Castle Dracula. I had six hours to wait before the coach came to take me there, so I went into a little hotel. Inside the hotel it was warm and friendly. The people there were all laughing and talking.

"Where are you going?" they asked me.

"To Castle Dracula," I replied.

Suddenly the room was silent and everyone turned to look at me. I could not understand why they all looked afraid.

"Don't go there," someone said.

"But I have to," I answered. "It's business."

Slowly, the hotel keeper's wife took the gold cross from her neck and put it into my hand. "Take this to protect yourself," she said." There is danger at Castle Dracula. Perhaps this will help you."

Adapted from Dracula by Bram Stoker.

Vocabulaire: diary: journal intime cross : croix

I True or false ? Dites si la phrase est vraie ou fausse en justifiant vos réponses en anglais. (CAP :6 pts / BEP : 4 pts)

- 1) Jonathan Harker's job is to build houses for other people.
- 2) He agreed to work for Count Dracula.
- 3) When he entered the hotel, everyone stopped laughing and talking.
- 4) A woman gave him a cross.

II Répondez en anglais en faisant des phrases complètes. (CAP : 5pts / BEP : 7,5 pts)

- 1) When did Jonathan's story start?
- 2) Where did Dracula want to buy a house?
- 3) What was Transylvania like?
- 4) Why did all the people suddenly look afraid in the hotel?
- 5) Why did the hotel keeper's wife give Jonathan a cross?

III Recopiez le texte suivant en mettant les verbes entre parenthèses au temps qui convient. (CAP : 4 pts / BEP : 2 pts)

A long time ago, Jonathan Harker (leave) London for Bistritz, Transylvania. It (be) a long journey and when he (arrive) there, he (feel) tired.

- 1) He works in London.
- 2) He found a house for Count Dracula.
- 3) He had six hours to wait.

à "...the Count' home, Castle Dracula." (CAP: 2 pts / BEP: 2 pts)

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IV Posez les questions se rapportant aux mots soulignés. (CAP : 3 pts / BEP : 4,5 pts)

V Traduisez les trois lignes du texte allant de: "On 4th May I arrived in a little town..."