Dangerous Game

Chapters 1–2
Before reading
1 Look at the pictures on pages 7 and 9. Find five differences. Write them down. For example: You can't see the photograph of the woman in the picture on page 9.

a ..............................................
b ..............................................
c ..............................................
d ..............................................
e ..............................................

After reading
2 What do you find out about the writer of the book in Chapter 1? Write the answers.

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3 Complete the crossword using information in Chapter 1 to find the key word.

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a  If you like playing games and doing funny things, you are … .
b  The room where the games happen.
c  The name of the thing in William’s room.
d  In some games you have to … a ball to another player.
e  Football is a … .
f  The adjective from clue i.
g  It might be a dead person who has come back to life.
h  Williams was called Julie.
i  Louis is William’s … .
j  Listen! Can you hear that … ?
k  William thinks part of his house is … .
The key word is the name for the thing in this story.

Chapters 3–4
Before reading
4 Match the words.

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After reading
5 In your notebook, make sentences about the story using the words in activity 5.

Chapters 5–6
After reading
6 There are a lot of questions in Chapter 5. Complete the questions.

a  How is a ‘good’ game different from a … .?

b  Why did Poldy begin to play … .?

c  ‘Why did Poldy want to … .?’

d  Who is … .?

e  ‘Is Poldy the ghost of … .?’

f  ‘Is Poldy just part of … .?’

g  ‘How could I … .’ bad games?’

h  ‘Why don’t you sell your house and … .?’

i  … . the socket?
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7 Finish the sentences about the game in Chapter 6 with the words.

across after at away before behind
in inside of off on onto round
towards under up

a Poldy surprised him ........... the beginning of the game.

b I heard a knock at the other side ........... the room.

c Then he began to walk ........... my bed.

d He shook my bed ........... I put the plug in.

e Suddenly I felt evil ........... the air.

f I covered my head with the bed clothes but a hand pulled them ........... my bed.

g The bed clothes flew ........... the room.

h I ran ........... them.

i But when I tried to reach them, they moved ........... from me.

j I said ‘Please give me my bed clothes’ and they flew ........... my bed.

k ‘Now’ I said ‘I’ll count ........... to ten and you can hide.’

l While I was counting, I heard footsteps ........... me.

m I turned ........... but there was nothing.

n Poldy was hiding – perhaps ........... my bed –

o – or even ........... one of my pockets.

p I tried to find him but in the end I sat ........... the chair and went to sleep.

Chapters 7–8

After reading

8 Find 10 words connected to Julie.

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9 Write the answers in your notebook.

a What did William see in Chapter 8?

b What did he do?

c What then?

d Why didn’t William put the plug back in and end the game?

e Why didn’t he leave the room?

f What did he see outside the window, and what did he do then?

g What did he find when he finally got the plug into the socket?

h What was ‘the shadow of death’?

Chapters 9–10

Before reading

10 At the end of Chapter 8, William says he is in the shadow of death. Will he die, do you think?

After reading

11 Is Louis certain about these things from Chapter 10, or not? Tick (✓) each sentence that he is certain about or put ‘?’ if he is not certain.

a William died on January 25th, 2000. [✓]

b He died about an hour after going to bed. [✓]

c There was a knocking sound one day when they were playing chess. [✓]

d William was crazy. [✓]

e William had a wonderful imagination. [✓]

f William murdered Julie. [✓]

g William loved Julie. [✓]

h William was jealous of Julie. [✓]

i Julie died on January 25th, 1988. [✓]

j The phone was dead on the night of William’s death. [✓]

k William’s story is true. [✓]

l William’s imagination killed him. [✓]

m William was frightened when he died. [✓]

n There was the shape of a hand on the pillow. [✓]
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Chapters 1–2

1. Are these sentences true (T), false (F) or you don't know (?)
   a. William Harris's friend is Filber Wiley.  
   b. William's friend does not know about the poltergeist.  
   c. Julie was William's wife. She died twelve years ago.  
   d. When William takes the plug of the bedside light out of its socket, the poltergeist appears.  
   e. The poltergeist appears for the first time before the death of Julie.  
   f. Julie enjoyed a quiet life.  
   g. William calls the poltergeist Poldy.  
   h. After a year, Poldy makes knocking sounds as a sign of his presence. William is always happy when he hears them.  
   i. Poldy thinks William is fun to play with.  
   j. Poldy appears during the day.  
   k. For the first year, Poldy is noisy.  
   l. William hates Poldy's jokes.  
   m. Poldy wants the bedroom to be dark.

2. What is William like? Write about him.

Chapters 3–4

3. Find the correct endings to these sentences.
   a. William doesn’t tell Louis ….
   b. Louis cannot hear ….
   c. Poldy follows William ….
   d. The coat ….
   e. William couldn’t ….
   f. The curtain moved ….
   g. The room was in ….
      1) the knocking sound.
      2) the truth about the poltergeist.
      3) close the curtain.
      4) across the window.
      5) takes the plug from William.
      6) complete darkness.
      7) around the bedroom.

Chapters 5–6

4. Circle the correct words.
   a. William tries to escape from the good / bad games.
   b. Poldy touches / speaks to William for the first time.
   c. William starts / stops writing about Filbert Wiley.
   d. Poldy hides in / under William's bed.
   e. The wardrobe / bed falls over.
   f. The picture of Julie moves off the wall / table.

5. How are good games and bad games different?

Chapters 7–8

6. The name of Chapter 7 is ‘The Truth’. What is ‘the truth’? Why didn’t William tell the truth before?

7. Answer the questions.
   a. William said he killed Julie out of love and not – what?
   b. When William was married, what did he never enjoy?
   c. Why was William jealous of his friends?
   d. When Julie died, what disappeared?
   e. What does William know is going to kill him?

Chapters 9–10

8. Why didn’t William leave the house? Why didn’t he phone Louis?

9. Did the poltergeist really exist, or did Poldy exist only in William’s imagination?