

## A Reading: The Black Dinner

### 1 Read the text and make a list (English – German) of the words you don't know.

Welcome to the fifteenth century! There was a boy who was only six years old when he became King of Scotland: James II.

In the year 1440, an awful thing happened. At that time it was not unusual to kill people who were in somebody's way. Read this legend, which is more than 500 years old.



This is James II, King of Scotland. He's ten years old.



This is William Douglas, the 6th Earl of Douglas. His family is very rich and powerful\*.



This is David Douglas, William's younger brother.

### 1 In 1440 ...

Look, William!  
We've got a letter.

Wow, that's great!  
Who sent us the letter?



### 2 A few minutes later ...

What a surprise! The letter is from the King of Scotland. We aren't friends. Our families don't like each other. They think we are too powerful. But now the King is inviting us to come to Edinburgh Castle.



\* powerful = mächtig

3 A few days later ...

Will everything be all right, William? I'm a bit nervous.

Of course, David. We'll be fine. We're the King's guests. Nobody hurts their guests. That's the rule!



4 At Edinburgh Castle ...

I'm so happy you came. Talking and playing with you is so much fun. It's great to have some young people around me. You are my first friends.

Thank you for the invitation. We're having a great time too. And the food is delicious.



5 After the dinner somebody brings in a black bull's head. It's a sign that means a person will die soon.

Oh, no! What's this? That can't be true! Whose idea was this? Who wants to kill my new friends? I must help them!

I can't believe it. They want to kill us!



- 6 A moment later some soldiers come in. They take William and David with them.  
King James II can't do anything about it because one of the soldiers holds him.

Stop it right now! You can't do this! This isn't right! Why aren't you listening to me?

Help! Help!



- 7 The sad ending ...



I really liked William and David.  
I can't believe they're dead now.  
Why did they kill them? Who told them to do it?  
I'm so sad! I'm not proud to be the King of Scotland.  
I don't want to be king any more.  
I've never felt like this before!

Who was Sir William Crichton?

James II was very young when he became King of Scotland. That's why a man called Sir William Crichton decided everything for him.

Sir William Crichton thought that the Douglas family were enemies of the King because they owned lots of land and were very rich and important. He was afraid that the Douglas family would get more powerful than himself and the King.

It was his plan to invite the Douglas brothers to Edinburgh Castle and kill them. He wrote the invitation in the King's name.

King James II didn't know about the plan and couldn't do anything about it.

2 Right or wrong? Tick (✓) the correct box for each sentence.

Richtig oder falsch? Hake für jeden Satz das korrekte Kästchen ab.

	right	wrong
1. James II was eight years old when he became king.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The legend of the Black Dinner is more than 500 years old.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. William is David's older brother.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. James II and William have been friends for a long time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. David is nervous before their trip to Edinburgh Castle.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. William likes the food.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. The boys don't know what the black bull's head means.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 Answer the questions on the text. You don't have to write complete sentences.

Beantworte die Fragen zum Text. Du musst keine ganzen Sätze schreiben.

1. What does William think of the invitation?

it's a

2. William tells his brother about the guest rule. What does the rule say?

nobody

3. Where is the Black Dinner?

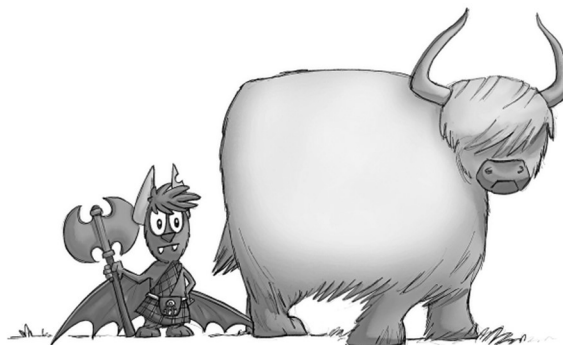
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4. Why does King James II like his guests? Give 2 examples.

they are

5. Why can't the King help his new friends?

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● **4 Who is it? Complete each sentence with the right name.**

Wer ist es? Ergänze jeden Satz mit dem richtigen Namen.

King James II (1x)

William Douglas (2x)

Sir William Crichton (2x)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ came from a very rich family.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ thought the Douglas family was too powerful.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ didn't have any friends before.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ was a guest at Edinburgh Castle.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ really wrote the invitation.

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● **5 Find the right word from the text for each sentence.**

Finde für jeden Satz das richtige Wort aus dem Text.

1. King James II and the Douglas brothers lived in the fifteenth \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Black Dinner is a legend in which an \_\_\_\_\_ thing happens.
3. After the dinner James II wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ to be king any more.
4. Sir William Crichton \_\_\_\_\_ everything for the King because James II was still a boy.
5. Sir William Crichton thought the Douglas family were his \_\_\_\_\_.

## B A short biography: Levi Strauss

- a) Find information in German about Levi Strauss in on the internet. Take some notes. (Finde im Internet Informationen auf Deutsch zu Levi Strauss. Mach' dir Notizen.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Geboren wann? \_\_\_\_\_

Geboren wo? \_\_\_\_\_

Mit 18 Jahren ausgewandert wohin? \_\_\_\_\_

Erfindung? \_\_\_\_\_

Gestorben wo? \_\_\_\_\_

Gestorben wann? \_\_\_\_\_

- b) Now, write a short biography about Levi Strauss. Use the biography phrases and tips from your folder. Write on a lined sheet of paper. Write down the number of the task and a headline. (Schreibe nun eine kurze Biographie von Levi Strauss. Nutze die Hinweise und Tipps in deinem Hefter. Schreibe die Aufgabe und eine Überschrift dazu.)

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1. Read pages 62 to 65 in your students' book.
2. Do task 64/5.
3. Do WB p. 48-48/1-3
4. Do task 65/5a in your students' book.