

BLOOD TRANSFUSION

A VAMPIRE WALKS
INTO A HOSPITAL
AT 4:30 AM...

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BLOOD BANK

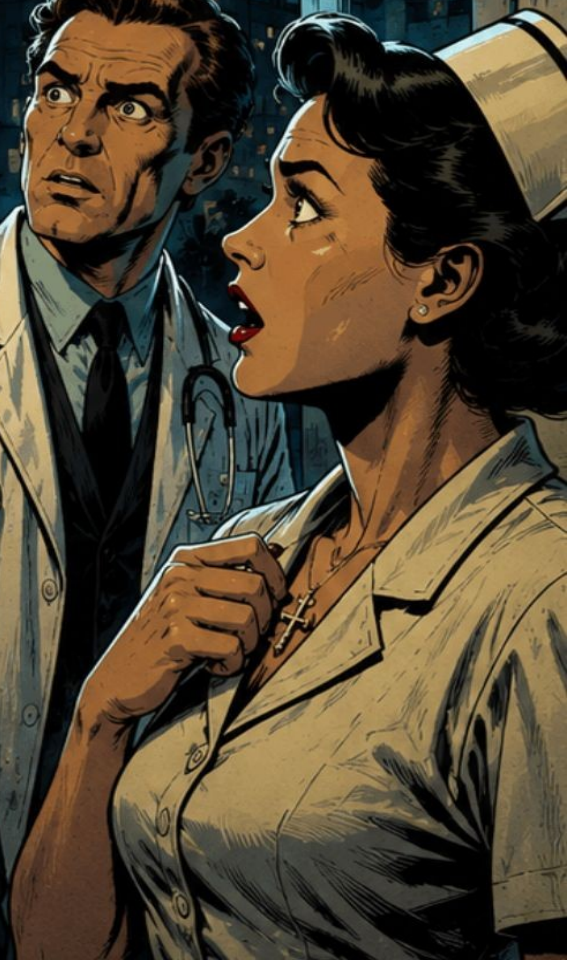


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Introductory Questions

1. Do you enjoy stories about vampires? Why or why not?
2. What do you already know about vampires from books, films or TV shows?
3. If vampires really existed, do you think they could live secretly among ordinary people? Why?
4. Imagine a vampire walked into a hospital asking for help. How do you think the doctors and nurses would react?
5. If you discovered that someone you knew was a vampire, what would you do?

Blood Transfusion

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At half past four in the morning, the automatic doors slid open and a tall man stepped inside. He wore a long black coat despite the mild weather, and although he appeared to be no older than forty, his face was ghostly pale.

He approached the reception desk with slow, careful steps.

“I need to see a doctor,” he said.

The receptionist looked up from her computer.

“What seems to be the problem, sir?”

“I’m anaemic.”

“You look very unwell. Can I take your name?”

“Ethan Vale.”

She typed quickly before picking up the telephone.

“A nurse will be with you in a moment.”

Within minutes, Nurse Emily Carter appeared. She smiled warmly and guided Ethan into a small examination room.

“Please take a seat, Mr Vale.”

As Ethan lowered himself onto the bed, Emily wrapped a blood pressure cuff around his arm.

“You’re freezing,” Emily said.

“I’m always cold,” Ethan replied.

She checked his pulse and frowned.

“It’s unusually weak.”

“I know.”

“How long have you felt like this?”

“A few days.”

“Have you lost blood recently?”

“No.”

“Have you been eating properly?”

Ethan hesitated.

“Not really.”

Emily made a note on her chart.

“I’m going to ask the doctor to see you. We’ll probably

need to run some blood tests.”

At the mention of blood, Ethan looked sharply towards the corridor.

Beyond it lay the pathology laboratory and the hospital’s refrigerated blood storage.

Emily noticed his expression.

“Is something wrong?” she asked.

“No,” Ethan replied quietly. “I just hope you can help me.”

A few moments later, she leaned closer with a small penlight.

“I’m going to check your eyes.”

As she did, the silver cross hanging around her neck slipped free from beneath her uniform.

For the briefest instant, Ethan stiffened.

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Then he deliberately looked away.

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“Everything seems normal.”

Ethan almost laughed.

“Does it?”

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He was an experienced physician with calm manners and decades of practice behind him.

“I’m Dr Miller,” he said, shaking Ethan’s hand. “Nurse Carter tells me you believe you’re severely anaemic.”

“I don’t believe it,” Ethan answered. “I know it.”

“Well, let’s find out.”

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More blood.

More questions.

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Hours passed.

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“I’m sorry,” she said. “The laboratory wants one final sample.”

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His body temperature remained impossibly low.

His bones were extraordinarily dense.

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Ethan nodded.

“Do you have some extremely rare inherited disease?”

“You could describe it that way.”

“What disease?”

“One that your medical books have never documented.”

Dr Miller folded his arms.

“That isn’t an answer.”

“It’s the only one I can give.”

“So tell me this instead. Why did you come to a hospital?”

Ethan looked at him steadily.

“Because I needed blood.”

“You believe a transfusion will cure you?”

“It won’t cure me.”

“But it will help?”

“It will save my life.”

Dr Miller sighed.

“We cannot administer blood products without a clear

diagnosis or medical necessity.”

“There is medical necessity.”

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“I have lived with it for a very long time.”

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Emily gasped.

Dr Miller stared in disbelief.

Ethan spoke through clenched teeth.

“Close them.”

Emily hurried to lower the blinds again.

The room fell back into shadow.

For several long seconds, nobody spoke.

Finally Dr Miller broke the silence.

“What are you?”

Ethan looked exhausted.

“A patient.”

“That is not what I meant.”

“I know.”

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The silver cross slipped from beneath her collar once more.

Ethan noticed it immediately.

His jaw tightened.

But he made no move towards her.

Instead, he spoke quietly.

“I came here because I did not want to hurt anyone.”

Dr Miller’s voice remained firm.

“If this is some kind of elaborate trick—”

“It isn’t.”

“We can’t simply give you blood because you demand

it.”

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Ethan’s expression was not angry.

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“I have followed your rules,” he said softly. “I registered at reception. I answered your questions. I gave you samples. I waited while your machines examined me.”

His voice became almost pleading.

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Reading Comprehension Questions

1. Where does the story take place?
2. What time does the story take place?
3. What is the name of the main character?
4. What medical problem does he say he has?
5. What is the name of the nurse who comes to help Ethan?
6. What does she notice about his temperature?
7. Is Ethan's pulse normal?
8. What questions does the nurse ask Ethan about his health?
9. What does she say will happen next?
10. What does Ethan do when the nurse talks about blood tests?
11. What does the nurse use to check Ethan's eyes?

12. What item slips from beneath her uniform?
13. How does Ethan react?
14. What is the doctor's name?
15. Is Dr Miller an experienced doctor?
16. What different tests do the doctors and nurses perform on Ethan?
17. How does Ethan appear by half past five?
18. Why is Ethan becoming increasingly worried?
19. What do the tests reveal about Ethan?
20. What does Dr Miller ask Ethan about his disease?
21. How does Ethan describe his disease?
22. Is this helpful to the doctor?
23. What does Ethan say he needs?
24. Why does Dr Miller refuse to give Ethan a blood transfusion?
25. What does the nurse do when she reenters the room?

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27. How do the doctor and nurse respond to this?
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29. What does the doctor ask Ethan?
30. How does Ethan respond?
31. Why does Ethan say he came to the hospital?
32. What does Dr Miller suggest Ethan might be doing?
33. What does the doctor say about giving blood to Ethan?
34. Why are Dr Miller and Emily surprised by how Ethan moves to the door?
35. What does the doctor try to do next?
36. What does Ethan do to the trolley?
37. How does Ethan's voice change in this part of the story?
38. What is happening outside?
39. What happens to Ethan's skin?

40. What do Emily and Dr Miller notice about Ethan's teeth?
41. Where is Ethan's focus at this part of the story?
42. What is Ethan demanding at this point in the story?
43. Does the doctor grant this?
44. What dilemma does Ethan give Doctor Miller and Emily?

Blood Transfusion — story in sections with reading comprehension questions

Go through the story and read it. Then go through all the questions and try to answer each one according to the context of the story.

You can find my own model answers at the end of the lesson.

Your answers may be slightly different but as long as they are true according to the context of the story this is no problem.

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Section 4

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19. What do the tests reveal about Ethan?

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Reading Comprehension Questions

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21. How does Ethan describe his disease?
22. Is this helpful to the doctor?
23. What does Ethan say he needs?

Section 7

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“We cannot administer blood products without a clear diagnosis or medical necessity.”

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Reading Comprehension Questions

24. Why does Dr Miller refuse to give Ethan a blood transfusion?
25. What does the nurse do when she reenters the room?
26. What happens to Ethan after she does this?
27. How do the doctor and nurse respond to this?

Section 8

Ethan spoke through clenched teeth.

“Close them.”

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His jaw tightened.

But he made no move towards her.

Instead, he spoke quietly.

“I came here because I did not want to hurt anyone.”

Reading Comprehension Questions

28. What instruction does Ethan give the nurse?
29. What does the doctor ask Ethan?
30. How does Ethan respond?
31. Why does Ethan say he came to the hospital?

Section 9

Dr Miller's voice remained firm.

"If this is some kind of elaborate trick—"

"It isn't."

"We can't simply give you blood because you demand it."

"I asked."

"And the answer is no."

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Reading Comprehension Questions

32. What does Dr Miller suggest Ethan might be doing?

33. What does the doctor say about giving blood to Ethan?

34. Why are Dr Miller and Emily surprised by how Ethan moves to the door?

35. What does the doctor try to do next?

36. What does Ethan do to the trolley?

Section 10

Neither hospital worker spoke.

Ethan's expression was not angry.

It was desperate.

"I have followed your rules," he said softly. "I registered at reception. I answered your questions. I gave you samples. I waited while your machines examined me."

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Reading Comprehension Questions

37. How does Ethan's voice change in this part of the story?

38. What is happening outside?

39. What happens to Ethan's skin?

40. What do Emily and Dr Miller notice about Ethan's teeth?

Section 11

Ethan's eyes settled on the refrigerated blood bank beyond the corridor.

"There is enough blood in this building to save me," he said quietly.

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"I can't authorise that."

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“You either give me a blood transfusion,” he said, “or I get it from you.”

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41. Where is Ethan’s focus at this part of the story?
42. What is Ethan demanding at this point in the story?
43. Does the doctor grant this?
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Essential Vocabulary

private hospital	before dawn	automatic doors
ghostly pale	reception desk	anaemic
examination room	blood pressure cuff	pulse
blood tests	pathology laboratory	refrigerated blood storage
penlight	silver cross	stiffened
physician	blood samples	X-rays
scans	laboratory	dramatically worse
trembled	body temperature	extraordinarily dense
inherited disease	transfusion	medical necessity
natural light	blinds	streamed
smoke curled	disbelief	clenched teeth
shadow	elaborate trick	emergency alarm
stainless-steel trolley	desperate	daylight
exposed skin	canine teeth	blood bank

Vocabulary Practice Exercise

Follow the steps below to help you learn and remember new words and phrases more effectively:

1. Write each new word or phrase in your vocabulary notebook.
2. Look up the meaning of each word in your dictionary. Write a clear and simple definition next to the word.
3. Create your own sentence using the word or phrase correctly. Try to make the sentence meaningful and connected to your own life or experiences.

Examples

Physician – *a medical doctor who is trained to diagnose and treat illnesses.*

Example sentence: *The physician examined the patient carefully before recommending further tests.*

Ghostly pale – *extremely pale in appearance, often making someone look frightened, ill or unnatural.*

Example sentence: *After staying awake all night, Jake looked ghostly pale when he arrived at work.*

Why do this?

Doing this regularly will help you improve all areas of your English—reading, writing, speaking and listening. By writing definitions and creating your own example sentences, you actively use the language, making it easier to remember and use confidently in the future.

True or False

Read each statement and write True or False.

Answer key at the end of the lesson.

1. The story takes place in a private hospital before dawn.
2. Ethan tells the receptionist that he has broken his arm.
3. Nurse Emily Carter notices that Ethan's body feels unusually cold.
4. Ethan says that he has recently lost a lot of blood.
5. Emily uses a penlight to examine Ethan's eyes.
6. A silver cross slips from beneath Emily's uniform while she is examining Ethan.
7. Dr Miller immediately agrees to give Ethan a blood transfusion.

8. The doctors carry out several tests, including blood tests, X-rays and scans.
9. When the blinds are opened, Ethan appears to be harmed by the morning sunlight.
10. Ethan bends a stainless-steel trolley with his bare hand.
11. Emily and Dr Miller notice Ethan's unusually long canine teeth.
12. At the end of the story, Ethan tells the doctor that he will leave peacefully even if he receives no blood.

What is the Correct Synonym

Match each word with the correct synonym.

Word	Synonym
1. anaemic	a. doctor
2. ghostly	b. weak from lack of blood
3. physician	c. unusual
4. trembled	d. pale
5. dramatically	e. urgent
6. desperate	f. shook
7. scans	g. tests
8. extraordinarily	h. extremely
9. unusual	i. remarkably
10. examination	j. inspection

What is the Correct Antonym

Match each word with its opposite meaning.

Word	Antonym
1. private	a. strong
2. before	b. ordinary
3. natural	c. after
4. weak	d. closed
5. lower	e. public
6. quietly	f. artificial
7. darkness	g. desperate
8. opened	h. daylight
9. calm	i. raise
10. unusual	j. loudly

Words and Meanings

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition.

Word	Meaning
1. pathology laboratory	a. a covering used over a window
2. transfusion	b. a room where medical samples are analysed
3. pulse	c. the regular beating of the heart
4. blood bank	d. a supply of stored donated blood
5. blinds	e. a medical procedure in which blood is given to a patient
6. penlight	f. a small handheld torch used during examinations
7. emergency alarm	g. a device used to summon immediate help
8. body temperature	h. how hot or cold the body is
9. stainless-steel trolley	i. a metal cart used in hospitals
10. canine teeth	j. the pointed teeth near the front of the mouth

Gap Fill Exercise

Complete each sentence using the words in the box.

Word Box:

reception desk • corridor • blood samples • silver cross • blinds • shadow • blood bank • penlight • body temperature • emergency alarm

1. Emily uses a _____ to examine Ethan's eyes.
2. Ethan's _____ remains unusually low throughout the story.
3. Ethan first speaks to the receptionist at the _____.
4. A _____ slips from beneath Emily's uniform.
5. Dr Miller instinctively reaches for the _____ when he feels threatened.
6. After they are closed again, the room falls back into

_____.

7. He looks towards the _____ when blood tests are mentioned.

8. The laboratory asks for several _____ during the investigation.

9. Ethan keeps looking towards the hospital's _____.

10. Emily opens the _____ to let in natural light.

Discussion Questions

1. What did you think of Ethan when he first arrived at the hospital?
2. At what point did you begin to suspect that Ethan was hiding something unusual?
3. Why do you think Ethan chose to go to a hospital instead of finding blood somewhere else?
4. Do you think Nurse Emily treated Ethan fairly? Why or why not?
5. How would you describe Dr Miller's attitude towards Ethan?
6. If you were Dr Miller, would you have agreed to give Ethan a blood transfusion? Explain your answer.
7. Do you think Ethan is a good person, a bad person, or something in between? Why?
8. Was Ethan justified in threatening the doctor and

nurse at the end of the story?

9. How do you think the story ends after Ethan says, “Your choice”?
10. If you were Emily, how would you react after seeing Ethan’s unusual teeth and strength?
11. Why do you think Ethan never directly explains what he really is?
12. Which scene in the story did you find the most suspenseful or memorable?
13. If supernatural creatures really existed, should hospitals be required to treat them?
14. Should doctors always help a patient, even if they are frightened by them?
15. Is it ever acceptable to threaten someone if your own life is in danger?
16. If Ethan had calmly explained everything at the beginning, do you think the doctors would have believed him?
17. What clues in the story suggest that Ethan is not an

ordinary human being?

18. Why do you think stories about mysterious creatures and vampires remain popular today?
19. Which do you think is stronger in this story: fear, sympathy, or curiosity? Explain your answer.
20. If you could change one part of the ending, what would you change and why?

Vampire Myth Brainstorm

Split the class into small groups. Ask them to discuss the following:

1. What powers do vampires usually have?
2. What weaknesses do vampires have?
3. How do people become vampires?
4. Where do vampires sleep during the day?
5. Can vampires fall in love?
6. Are vampires always evil?
7. Which vampire films, books or TV shows do you know?

After 10 minutes, each group shares its ideas with the class.

Blood Transfusion – Role Play (Radio Drama)

Characters

Ethan Vale – A mysterious patient who urgently needs help.

Nurse Emily Carter – A kind and professional nurse.

Dr Miller – An experienced doctor who wants evidence before making decisions.

Scene

Ethan has been examined, but the tests have produced strange results. Dr Miller and Nurse Emily enter the room to speak with him.

Emily: Mr Vale, we've received some of your test results.

Ethan: And?

Emily: They don't explain why you're so weak.

Dr Miller: We need more information before we can treat you.

Ethan: I don't have much time.

Dr Miller: Then help us understand your condition.

Ethan: You wouldn't believe me if I told you.

Emily: Try us.

Ethan: I need blood. That's the only thing that will help me.

Dr Miller: We can't give you a transfusion without a medical reason.

Ethan: Staying alive is a medical reason.

Emily: Why are you so interested in the hospital's blood bank?

Ethan: Because it contains exactly what I need.

Dr Miller: Are you hiding something from us?

Ethan: Yes.

Emily: Then tell us.

Ethan: Some secrets are dangerous.

(Emily walks to the window and opens the blinds slightly.)

Emily: We could use some natural light in here.

Ethan: Close them!

Dr Miller: What's wrong?

Ethan: Please... just close them.

(Emily quickly shuts the blinds again.)

Emily: Your hand... it looks burned.

Dr Miller: Mr Vale, what are you?

Ethan: A patient who doesn't want to hurt anyone.

Dr Miller: That isn't an answer.

Ethan: It's the only one I can give.

Emily: Doctor, maybe we should listen to him.

Dr Miller: I can't authorise a blood transfusion without evidence.

Ethan: Then you leave me with no choice.

Emily: What do you mean?

Ethan: I came here peacefully.

Dr Miller: And if we refuse?

Ethan: You either give me a blood transfusion...

(Ethan slowly reveals his unusually long canine teeth.)

Ethan: ...or I get it from you.

Emily: Doctor...

Dr Miller: Nobody move.

Ethan: The choice is yours.

After performing the role play, discuss the following questions with your partner or group.

1. Which character do you sympathise with the most?
Why?
2. Do you think Ethan is a victim, a villain, or something in between?

3. Should Dr Miller have agreed to give Ethan a blood transfusion? Explain your answer.
4. Did Nurse Emily make the right decision by trying to help Ethan? Why or why not?
5. How would you feel if you were locked in the room with Ethan?
6. What clues in the conversation suggest that Ethan is not an ordinary human being?
7. If you were Dr Miller, what would you do after Ethan's final threat?
8. How do you think the story continues after the role play ends?
9. Do you think Ethan was telling the truth when he said he did not want to hurt anyone?
10. If you could change the ending of the story, what would you make happen instead?

Blood Transfusion – Creative Writing Exercise

Write Your Own Vampire Story

Imagine that vampires really exist, but they live secretly among ordinary people. Write a short story of 300–500 words. Try to include dialogue, descriptions, and an interesting ending.

You may use one or more of the prompts below to inspire your story.

Prompt 1 – The Night Shift

A doctor or nurse working the night shift discovers that one of their patients is not an ordinary human being. What happens next?

Prompt 2 – The Blood Bank

A series of mysterious disappearances from a hospital blood bank puzzles the police. Who is taking the blood,

and why?

Prompt 3 – A Vampire in Your Town

Imagine that a vampire has quietly lived in your town or city for many years. How does it survive without anyone discovering its secret?

Prompt 4 – An Unusual Friendship

A lonely teenager becomes friends with a mysterious neighbour who only comes outside after sunset. One day, the teenager learns the truth.

Prompt 5 – The Last Request

A dying vampire asks a doctor for one final favour before sunrise. The doctor must decide whether to help or refuse. What decision is made, and what are the consequences?

Writing Tips

Give your story a clear beginning, middle and ending.
Include at least two characters.

Use dialogue to make the story more interesting.

Describe the setting and atmosphere.

End your story with a surprise, a twist or an important decision.

Reading Comprehension Questions — model answers

1. The story takes place in a private hospital.
2. The story takes place at half past four in the morning, before dawn.
3. The main character is Ethan Vale.
4. Ethan says that he is anaemic.
5. The nurse who comes to help Ethan is called Emily Carter.
6. She notices that Ethan is extremely cold.
7. No, Ethan's pulse is unusually weak.
8. The nurse asks Ethan how long he has felt unwell, whether he has lost blood recently, and whether he has been eating properly.
9. She says that she will ask the doctor to see him and that they will probably run some blood tests.

10. Ethan looks sharply towards the corridor when the nurse mentions blood tests.
11. The nurse uses a small penlight to check Ethan's eyes.
12. A silver cross slips from beneath her uniform.
13. Ethan stiffens, stares at the cross, and then deliberately looks away.
14. The doctor's name is Dr Miller.
15. Yes, Dr Miller is an experienced physician with many years of practice.
16. The doctors and nurses perform blood tests, X-rays, and additional scans on Ethan.
17. By half past five, Ethan looks much weaker, with pale lips, sweat on his forehead, and trembling hands.
18. Ethan is becoming increasingly worried because he believes he is running out of time.
19. The tests reveal that Ethan's blood is highly unusual, his body temperature is extremely low, and his bones are extraordinarily dense.
20. Dr Miller asks Ethan whether he has some

extremely rare inherited disease.

21. Ethan describes his disease as one that medical books have never documented.
22. No, Ethan's answer is not helpful because it does not explain his condition clearly.
23. Ethan says that he needs blood.
24. Dr Miller refuses to give Ethan a blood transfusion because there is no clear diagnosis or demonstrated medical necessity.
25. The nurse suggests opening the blinds to let in some natural light and then opens them.
26. Ethan cries out, shields himself from the sunlight, and the exposed skin on his hand begins to smoke.
27. Emily gasps in shock, and Dr Miller stares at Ethan in disbelief.
28. Ethan tells the nurse to close the blinds.
29. The doctor asks Ethan what he is.
30. Ethan replies that he is a patient.

31. Ethan says that he came to the hospital because he did not want to hurt anyone.
32. Dr Miller suggests that Ethan may be carrying out some kind of elaborate trick.
33. The doctor says that he cannot simply give Ethan blood because Ethan demands it.
34. Dr Miller and Emily are surprised because Ethan moves across the room so quickly that they hardly see him.
35. The doctor instinctively reaches for the emergency alarm.
36. Ethan bends a stainless-steel trolley with one hand as though it were made of soft clay.
37. Ethan's voice becomes soft and almost pleading in this part of the story.
38. Outside, the daylight continues to grow stronger.
39. Small burns begin to appear on Ethan's exposed skin.
40. Emily and Dr Miller notice that Ethan has unusually long canine teeth.

41. Ethan's focus is on the hospital's refrigerated blood bank.
42. Ethan is demanding that the doctor give him a blood transfusion.
43. No, Dr Miller refuses to authorise the blood transfusion.
44. Ethan forces Dr Miller and Emily to choose between giving him a blood transfusion or risking him taking blood from them by force.

What is the Correct Synonym – answers

Answer Key

1. b

2. d

3. a

4. f

5. h

6. e

7. g

8. i

9. c

10. j

What is the Correct Antonym – answers

Answer Key

1. e (public)
2. c (after)
3. f (artificial)
4. a (strong)
5. i (raise)
6. j (loudly)
7. h (daylight)
8. d (closed)
9. g (desperate)
10. b (ordinary)

Words and Meanings – answers

Answer Key

1. b

2. e

3. c

4. d

5. a

6. f

7. g

8. h

9. i

10. j

Gap Fill Exercise – answers

Answer Key

1. penlight
2. body temperature
3. reception desk
4. silver cross
5. emergency alarm
6. shadow
7. corridor
8. blood samples
9. blood bank
10. blinds

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