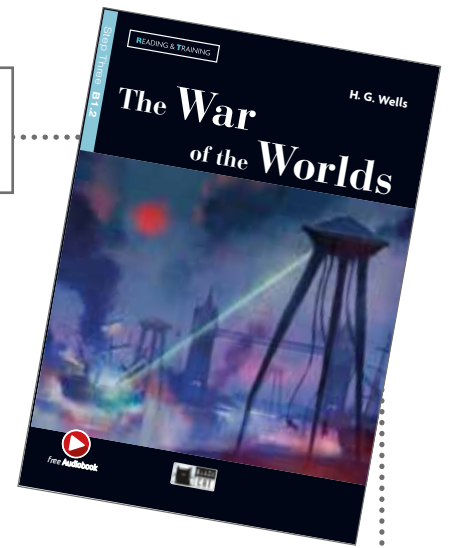


# LISTENING ACTIVITY

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## THE WAR OF THE WORLDS

1  Listen to the audio and complete the text.  
Choose the word/s from the basket below.

- ugly • horrible • escaped • happened • mysterious
- visible • curiosity • curve • including • dusk

I felt a strange kind of interest in the Martians and I wanted to see them again. I was afraid and curious, but in the end my 1 ..... won. I wanted to look into the hole, so I walked in a big 2 ..... until I could see tentacles, like the arms of an octopus, waving near the cylinder. I saw a Martian lift a thin stick with something that looked like a mirror on one end, which turned and moved. What were the creatures doing? Most of the people were standing in groups and I noticed a neighbour of mine. 'What 3 ..... creatures,' he said over and over again. 'What strange men from Mars.' We stood watching side by side and then I climbed a small sand hill to get a better view. As the sun disappeared people started walking slowly towards the hole. They moved, stopped and moved again. I went a little closer. A larger group of people, 4 ..... Ogilvy, Stent and Henderson were moving towards the cylinder carrying a white flag. They had decided these creatures were intelligent, despite their 5 ..... appearance. They wanted to show the Martians that humans were intelligent too. Suddenly there were three flashes of light and some green smoke. I could hear a hissing sound, which changed to a humming noise and a black shape rose up out of the cylinder. There were some strange flashes of heat and many people in the group carrying the flag were turned to flame. I saw them fall. Each man lay dead on the dark, smoking earth. The others ran away. Then the hissing and humming stopped and the black shape disappeared. It had all 6 ..... so quickly as I stood silent and still. The flashes of light had killed so many people, but I was still alive. I couldn't see any Martians and the only 7 ..... thing was the stick with a mirror on the end. Suddenly I felt real fear. I turned and ran. I was afraid of the Martians, but also of the 8 ..... and the stillness around me. I ran crying silently like a child and I did not look back, afraid that this 9 ..... death, fast as light, could jump out and kill me. I thought about the heat-ray as I hurried home. It could kill quickly and silently by using intense heat to destroy. About forty people lay dead near the hole, but many had 10 ..... Later, people from neighbouring towns, who hadn't heard about the deaths, came to see the cylinder. The Martians attacked them too, but they were lucky. A low sand hill saved them when the Martians turned the heat-ray on the crowd. The heat-ray went above their heads setting the tops of the trees on fire.

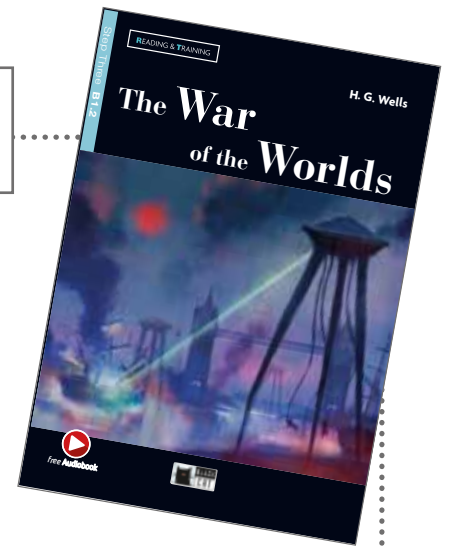
(from Chapter Two)

1 **rise up** : move to a higher position.



## LISTENING ACTIVITY

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### 2 Choose the correct answer—a, b or c.

**1. How was the narrator feeling?**

- a. interested
- b. upset
- c. curious

**2. What could the narrator see in the hole?**

- a. darkness
- b. tentacles
- c. flames

**3. How did the neighbour describe the Martians?**

- a. ugly
- b. tall
- c. frightening

**4. What sounds did the narrator hear?**

- a. crying
- b. hissing and humming
- c. screaming

**5. What happened to the people who were carrying the white flag?**

- a. They ran away quickly.
- b. They sat down near the hole.
- c. They were turned to flame.

**6. What did the narrator think about as he hurried home?**

- a. about the heat-ray
- b. about the dead people near the hole
- c. about the cylinder

