

## The figure in the graveyard – Worksheet 5a

**Activity:** Work with a partner. Complete the activities below as quickly as possible.

1. For each phrase below, brainstorm ways to give the writing the scary atmosphere of gothic horror. Consider similes, metaphors and adjectival phrases, as well as the choice of vocabulary.

A dark and deserted house

A dark, misty and silent wood

A tall, lean and murderous man

A dusty and forgotten wooden box

2. Look at the five groups of words below. Which is the odd one out in each group? Circle your choice, then explain your reasons to your partner.

a. **devilish**    *heavenly*    ghoulish    deadly

b. *bleak*    deserted    soft    **harsh**

c. treacherous    *hideous*    beauteous    dangerous

d. *derelict*    **crumbling**    pretty    dismal

e. freakish    **scary**    *delightful*    monstrous

3. In a few words, describe a typical setting for a gothic horror film.

4. List three well-known superstitions.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_