

The Most Dangerous Game

by Richard Connell

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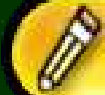
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General Zaroff enjoys the challenge of tracking the world's most dangerous animals.



So does his guest,
Sanger Rainsford.

What price is each man willing to pay for the thrill of the hunt?

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Literary Skills Focus: Foreshadowing

Suspense is the anxiety or dread you feel about what will happen next in a story. ▼



Suspense makes you want to keep reading—especially to see what happens to the characters.

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Literary Skills Focus: Foreshadowing

Writers use **foreshadowing** to help build suspense.



Coach Ruiz scanned the group of boys on the field. **He didn't see** his star forward, **Alex**. In fact, Coach thought, **he hadn't seen Alex in a few days**—not since he'd learned that **Alex's dad was returning to Mexico without Alex**.

When writers use foreshadowing, they plant clues to hint at events that will occur later in the plot.

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Literary Skills Focus: Foreshadowing

Coach's concerns about Alex foreshadow events that may happen later.

Coach didn't see Alex.

He hadn't seen Alex in a few days.

Alex's dad was returning to Mexico without Alex. ▼

If you feel a little worried or anxious about Alex, too, you're feeling the effects of suspense.

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Literary Skills Focus: Foreshadowing

The story you're about to read contains several examples of foreshadowing. Here is one:

"I've always thought," said Rainsford, "that the Cape buffalo is the most dangerous of all big game."

For a moment the general did not reply; he was smiling his curious red-lipped smile. Then he said slowly: "No. You are wrong, sir. The Cape buffalo is not the most dangerous big game." He sipped his wine. "Here in my preserve on this island," he said in the same slow tone, "I hunt more dangerous game."



As you read "The Most Dangerous Game," look for other hints about the action to come. [End of Section]

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Reading Skills Focus: Making Predictions

A **prediction** is a type of inference, a guess based on evidence. ▼

When you predict, you use evidence, including

- clues the writer plants, ▼
- your own life experiences, and ▼
- your understanding of how stories work. ▼



Listen to this passage from “The Most Dangerous Game.” Then, make a prediction about what will happen in the story.

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Reading Skills Focus: Making Predictions

Into Action: As you read, record foreshadowing clues that lead you to make predictions. ▼

Into Action: Prediction Chart

●	Page #	Clue	My Prediction
	17	"Ship-Trap Island"; "Sailors ... curious dread"	The ship will crash into the island.
	17	"The place has a reputation—a bad one."	
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Writing Skills Focus: Think as a Reader/Writer

Find It in Your Reading

Like all good storytellers, Richard Connell captures your attention at the beginning of the story. ▾

“Off there to the right—somewhere—is a large island,” said Whitney. “It’s rather a mystery.”

“What island is it?” Rainsford asked.



“The old charts call it Ship-Trap Island. . . .” ▾

Record the details that introduce the exotic setting. What elements of the setting play an important role in the story events?

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Writing Skills Focus: Think as a Reader/Writer

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As you read this story, think about the places and settings that you might plot on an interactive map of the story. ▼

The first slide would contain an image or map of an island. Other slides would be linked to spots on the map.



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- 💡 **receding** *v.* used as *adj.*: moving into the distance. ▼
- 💡 **disarming** *adj.*: removing suspicion or fear; charming. ▼
- 💡 **imprudent** *adj.*: unwise; foolish. ▼
- 💡 **surmounted** *v.*: overcame. ▼
- 💡 **invariably** *adv.*: without exception.

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The word **receding** is often used to describe someone's hairline.

If you have a **receding** hairline, the line where your hair starts growing is **moving away** from your face. ▼

Where is this man's hairline **receding** the *most*?



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The sound of the siren is **receding** as Matt arrives at the scene of the accident.

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- a. driving the ambulance.
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Disarming is based on the word **disarm**, which means “remove reasons for hostility” and “remove weapons.” ▼



Which mechanic has the more **disarming** expression? Which one is more likely to convince you to drop your defenses and trust him?

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The principal greets you and your friend with a **disarming** smile.

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Imprudent is the opposite of *prudent*, which means "wise." ▼



Which of these students is making an **imprudent** decision the night before a big test?



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If you ever **surmounted** an obstacle in your life, you **overcame** it or moved beyond it. ▼



Describe a time when you **surmounted** some obstacle or hurdle.

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Invariable is most often used to describe a situation or action that always or almost always happens. The situation or action can be said to occur **invariably**. ▾



What is something you **invariably** do when you wake up each morning?

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