

The Convict

Word Galaxy:

- **Explicit:** stated clearly
- **Give it a mouth:** to express in speech
- **Ravenously:** extremely hungry
- **File and wittle:** tools used to shape down a metal
- **Yonder:** over there; at some distance

Questions & Answers

Q.1 Why was the narrator called 'Pip'?

Ans: Pip's father's family name was Pirrip and his Christian name was Philip. His infant tongue could not properly understand or pronounce the name. He could say nothing longer than 'Pip'. So, the Narrator called himself Pip and came to be called as Pip.

Q.2 Describe the appearance of the man who Pip met at the marshes.

Ans: The man was fearful, all in coarse grey, with a great iron on his leg. A man with no hat, and with broken shoes, and with an old rag tied around his head. He was soaked in the water and smothered in mud, and lamed by nettles, and glared and growled and his teeth chattered in his head.

Q.3 Why was the man interested in the fact that Pip's brother-in-law was a blacksmith?

Ans: The man had an iron leg. The leg may have been giving him trouble and he had no means to rectify. So, when he heard that Pip's brother-in-law was a blacksmith, he found a solution to what troubling him.

Q.4 What did Pip feel as he saw the man moving across the graveyard?

Ans: As Pip saw the man picking his way among the nettles, and among the brambles that bound the green mounds, he looked in my young eyes as if he were eluding the hands of the dead people, stretching up cautiously out of their graves.

Q.5 What ere Pip's first impressions of his parents and where had he derived these from?

Ans: Pip did not see his father or his mother, and never saw likeness of either of them (for their days long before the days of photographs). His first fancies regarding what they were like were unreasonably derived from their tombstones. The shape of the letters on his father's gave him an odd idea that he was a square, stout, dark man, with curly black hair. From the character, he drew a childish conclusion that his mother was freckled and sickly.

Q.6 What does the man tells Pip about his companion and why does he do so?

Ans: The man wanted Pip to get him food along with file whittle. In order to ensure that the boy got him by saying that there was a young man hidden with him, in comparison to whom the man was an Angel. He further warned him that it would be in vain for a boy to attempt to the hide himself from that young man. A boy may lock his door, May be warn in bed, may tuck himself up, may draw the clothes over his head, may think himself comfortable and safe , but that young man will softly creep his way to home.