

Worksheet: *The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry

1. Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why did Della decide to sell her hair?

- a) She wanted to change her style
- b) She needed money to buy Jim a gift
- c) She lost a bet
- d) She wanted to donate it

2. What was Jim's most prized possession?

- a) His coat
- b) His wallet
- c) His gold watch
- d) His notebook

3. What gift does Della buy for Jim?

- a) A new wallet
- b) A chain for his watch
- c) A pair of gloves
- d) A scarf

4. What gift does Jim buy for Della?

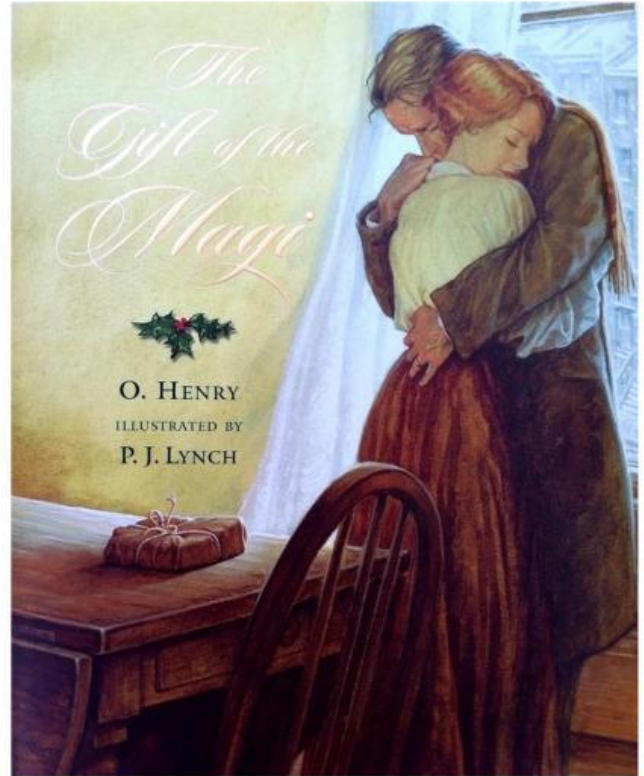
- a) A set of brushes
- b) A necklace
- c) Hair combs
- d) Earrings

5. How does the story illustrate the theme of sacrifice?

- a) They ignore each other's needs
- b) They give up their most valued possessions for each other
- c) They spend all their money on luxuries
- d) They argue about money

6. When does the story take place?

- a) Easter
- b) Thanksgiving
- c) Christmas
- d) New Year



2. Match the Character to the Description

- A — Della
B — Jim
C — Madame Sofronie

1. ____ Buys a gift by sacrificing their hair.
2. ____ The owner of the hair shop.
3. ____ Sells their most valuable possession to buy a gift.
4. ____ Lives with her husband in a modest apartment.
5. ____ Surprised by Della's decision to cut her hair.

3. Insert the Missing Words

Fill in the blanks with the correct words: *Christmas, watch, hair, combs, love, sacrifice, gift*

1. Della had very beautiful ____.
2. Jim owned a family ____ that had great value.
3. Della sold her hair to buy Jim a ____ for ____.
4. Jim bought Della a set of ____.
5. The story shows that true ____ involves ____.

4. Tick the Correct Word

Choose the correct word in each sentence.

1. Della was (happy / worried / excited) because she didn't have money for a gift.
2. Jim's reaction to Della's haircut was (angry / surprised / delighted / indifferent).
3. Both gifts became (useless / more valuable / lost / treasured) after they exchanged them.
4. The story's message is about (wealth / sacrifice / jealousy / selfishness).
5. The couple's love is (conditional / selfless / materialistic / temporary).

5. Vocabulary Task: Choose the Synonym

Match the words to their synonyms.

1. **Frugal** — a) careful with money, b) angry, c) joyful, d) wasteful
 2. **Sacrifice** — a) give up something, b) celebrate, c) buy more, d) ignore
 3. **Treasured** — a) unimportant, b) valued, c) broken, d) cheap
 4. **Modest** — a) humble, b) rich, c) fancy, d) arrogant
 5. **Generous** — a) selfish, b) kind, c) stingy, d) proud
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6. True or False

Write **T** (true) or **F** (false).

1. ___ Jim knew Della would cut her hair.
 2. ___ Della bought Jim a chain for his watch.
 3. ___ Jim was upset because he no longer had his watch.
 4. ___ Both gifts showed deep love.
 5. ___ The story takes place at Easter.
 6. ___ Della and Jim live a modest life.
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7. Order the Events

Number the events **1–6** in the correct order.

- ___ Jim gives Della the combs.
 - ___ Della sells her hair.
 - ___ They exchange gifts.
 - ___ Della counts her money.
 - ___ Jim sells his watch.
 - ___ They realize the irony of their gifts.
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8. Fill in the Gaps (Text Completion)

Fill in with the words: *saving, surprised, precious, money, gift, love, sacrifice*

Della had been _____ every coin she could find, but it was still not enough to buy a _____ for Jim. When Jim came home, he was _____ to see Della without her long hair. They both realized that their most _____ possessions had been sacrificed, but the _____ they shared was worth more than any _____.
