

(10) SHORT STORY: WHILE THE AUTO WAITS

ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY 1: Answer the following questions about the story.

1. What subject did the young man choose for his first remark to the girl in gray?
2. Why did he change his manner of speaking to her?
3. What did the girl want him to tell her about?
4. What reason did she give for not telling him who she was?
5. What did she say about her way of life and her attitude to it?
6. What did the young man tell her about his position in life and why did he tell her this?
7. Why did she ask him to stay in the park when she left?
8. How did the other girl make clear to her that she was late on duty?
9. What is the significance in the story of the book that she had been reading?
10. What does the last sentence of the story tell us about the young man?

ACTIVITY 2: Find expressions in the text with the same meaning as those below.

1. very boldly (lines 5-9)
2. waiting to see what would happen to him (lines 14-18)
3. to avoid newspaper publicity (lines 54-61)
4. a person with too much respect for money and position (lines 79-83)
5. I like to get my facts right (lines 79-83)
6. the highest levels of society (lines 93-95)
7. an idle person (lines 96-101)
8. to get on in life (lines 107-109)
9. the same boring series of activities (lines 128-132)
10. leaned back in comfort (lines 166-175)