



Connection

I. Pre-Reading: I Look at each image and then describe it in your own words in the box below the image.

The story "The Gift of the Magi" takes place during the early 1900s when different words were sometimes used than the words that we use today.

Chart 1: Vocabulary Words

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| 1. Wallet  | 2. Pocket Watch and Watch Chain  | 3. Coat  |
| 1. A small, flat, brown leather case for carrying money. | | |
| 4. Looking-glass  | 5. Comb  | 6. Hat  |
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Predict what you think the story will be about:



Vocabulary

imputation *n.* an accusation

parsimony *n.* stinginess

depreciate *v.* to lessen the price or value of

prudence *n.* caution, good judgment

II. Pre-Reading: On each line, write whether the pair of words are **synonyms** (words with nearly the same meaning) or **antonyms** (words with opposite meaning).

1. depreciate—appreciate _____
2. prudence—discretion _____
3. imputation—accusation _____
4. parsimony—extravagance _____

III. Reading: I Read the story The Gift of the Magi

https://americanenglish.state.gov/files/ae/resource_files/1-the_gift_of_the_magis_0.pdf

I can also see a similar story in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAPZC7o6Y9k>



IV. I scan the story to find the answers of the following questions. Match the answers with the questions.

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| 1. How much money did Della have before Christmas to buy a gift? | () to cut her hair |
| 2. Who did Della want to buy a gift to? | () seven |
| 3. What was James Dillingham proud of? Mention 2 things | () a watch chain |
| 4. What was Della's intention when she stopped by the sign that said: "Mrs. Sofronie. Hair Articles of all Kinds." | () Combs |
| 5. At what time was dinner ready? | () wise man |
| 6. What did Della get for Jim? | () Jim |
| 7. What did Jim get for Della? | () put them aside |
| 8. Who are the Magi? | () selling his watch |
| 9. How did Jim get money for Della's gift? | () one dollar and eighty-seven cents |
| 10. What did they do with the gifts? | () his watch and Della's hair |

II. I map the problems and solutions in The Gift of the Magi on the diagram below. Use some of the options presented below. Not all the options need to be selected.

This person sells a watch

This person sells hair

This person sells jewels

They work hard to get more money

They don't have money to buy anything

They lost their most valuable things to buy a gift

They are sad because they don't have their things so they don't celebrate Christmas

They put away the gift for a while to use them later

They take the gifts back to the store so can get more money

Problem: Della doesn't have enough money to buy Jim a present for Christmas.

Problem: Jim doesn't have enough money to buy Della a present for Christmas.

1. Her solution: _____

2. His solution: _____

3. Their new problem: _____

4. Their new solution: _____