

Little women



On a cold evening in December, the girls are near the fireplace in the dining room. Their mother is not at home yet, and the girls want to talk about the New Year and the gifts they want to give their mother. Margaret, or Meg, as her sisters call her, is a very nice girl. She is sixteen years old. Meg teaches small children in the family of their friends. She gets some money for her work and helps her family. Meg wants to be a teacher.

Sophia or Sonya is fifteen. She is tall and slim with long wavy hair. Sonya wants to write stories and be a writer. Now she works at the house of an old woman. She looks after the woman, helps her in the house, reads books to her and gets some money for her work.

Elizabeth, or Beth, is thirteen. She is a tall girl with brown eyes. Beth likes music and learns to play the piano. She wants to teach music. She helps their mother in the house- dusts the tables, the chairs and the bookcases, sweeps the floor and washes the plates.

Amy is twelve. She has fair hair and large blue eyes. Amy goes to school. Some girls laugh at her old dresses and she does not like school. She wants to be an artist. Amy helps her mother in the kitchen.

It is six o'clock in the afternoon and the time when their mother comes home. Meg brings the lamp into the dining room. Sophia puts her mother's shoes near the fire. She looks at the old shoes and says, "The shoes are very old. Mother must have new shoes."

"I want to give mother new shoes for the New Year," says Beth.

"No," says Amy, "I want to give mother new shoes."

"I am the eldest—" begins Meg, but Sophia goes on, "I take the place of the man in the family now when father is far from home, I want to give mother new shoes."

Then Meg looks at her hands and says, "I want to give mother new gloves."

"I have some nice handkerchiefs for mother", says Beth. Amy looks at her sisters and then tells them: "I want to give mother a little bottle of scent. I have a dollar and I can buy it."

As that time the door in the hall opens and their mother comes in. She is a tall woman. Her clothes are old, but the girls look at their mother and see the most beautiful woman in the whole world.

Match the questions to the answers

How many girls are there in the family?

a) She is sixteen

How old is the eldest sister?

b) She wants to be an artist

Who has brown eyes?

c) There are four girls

When does mother come home?

d) New gloves

What does Amy want to be?

e) She comes at six.

What does Meg want to give her mother?

f) Elizabeth

Choose the correct option

1. The girls are sitting in the living room / dining room
2. Meg wants to be a stewardess /teacher.
3. Sophia looks after the old man/ old woman
4. Beth is twelve/thirteen
5. Amy has fair hair/ dark hair
6. Beth learns to play the violin/the piano
7. Amy wants to give her mother a lipstick/ bottle of scent
8. Meg wants to buy new gloves /new shoes

Complete the sentences with the word from the box

floor gloves piano lamp money fireplace home writer

1. The girl gets some _____ for her work.
2. She learns to play the _____.
3. My sister wants to be a _____
4. I want to buy new _____ for my mother.
5. The girls are sitting near the _____.
6. She often sweeps the _____ in the kitchen.
7. Meg brings the _____ into the dining room.
8. My mother comes _____ at six o'clock.

Match the words with pictures

gift shoes gloves slim wash the plates a bottle of scent
handkerchief artist fireplace play the piano



Complete the sentences with the word from the box

handkerchief artist dust fireplace gift gloves
wash the dishes plays the piano shoes a bottle of scent

1. My mother always buys _____ "Chanel №5", because she likes this smell.
2. You should _____ after the meal.
3. My friend pulled out a _____ and blew his nose.
4. She was very happy with my _____.
5. He often plays the guitar and she_____.
6. These _____ kept her hands warm.
7. I know the _____ who painted this picture.
8. There was a fire burning in the _____.
9. I got home and took my _____ off.
10. There's _____ on the table.

