

Forged Letters IWS 2.

1. Watch the trailer. Which book by Lee Israel is in the book store and what is about the price? What crime does Lee's friend assume she's being involved in?

2A. Listen and join the chunks _____

underground world of _____ about her nose

bump up _____ forgeries

then it dawns _____ become a career

feeds the Fanny Brice _____ the price

a crack from Fanny Brice _____ memorabilia sales

a light bulb _____ on her

could possibly _____ went off

she's making _____ letter into it

her proudest _____ regular cash

2B. Listen again and do the T/F activity _____

1. Lee sells one of Fanny Brice letters and gets even more money than she's expecting. ____
2. The letter Lee has left is pretty bland. ____
3. Lee hasn't been able to get a job, no one wants to work with her, but this forgery stuff doesn't come easily to her either. ____
4. She began forging letters from all kinds of people. ____
5. Dorothy Parker was a satirist and actor. ____
6. Noël Coward was an English playwright and poet. ____
7. Letters from Hemingway were, perhaps, her proudest forgeries. ____
8. Lee never forgers signatures. ____

3. Drag and drop the names beneath each picture

Lee Israel



Nora Ephron



Noël Coward

Ernest Hemingway

Estée Lauder

Dorothy Parker



4. Dorothy Parker was best known for her wit, wisecracks, and eye for 20th-century urban foibles. Drag and drop to complete Dorothy Parker's quotes:

in that tone of voice to do my best to please with raisins in it

to do my best to please

with raisins in it

sharpen my tongue

I'd be darling at it

only skin deep

having written

it was against her better judgment

to hell, my love, with you

Beauty is _____, but ugly goes clean to the bone.

In youth, it was a way I had,

And change, with every passing lad
To suit his theories.

But now I know the things I know
And do the things I do,
And if you do not like me so,

The first thing I do in the morning is brush my teeth and _____.

I hate writing, I love _____

Don't look at me .

I don't know much about being a millionaire, but I'll bet _____.

This wasn't just plain terrible, this was fancy terrible. This was terrible

_____ .

That would be a good thing for them to cut off, including here, _____.

5A _____

Fill the gaps with nouns or adjectives

It became her new art form. So, she was able to use her skills in a way she never really had before.

And people appreciate her writing perhaps more than they ever did.

Lee has just enough _____ and _____ in each letter so as not to attract too much attention. But enough to make buyers laugh at covered in these _____ items.



Pretending to be Dorothy Parker, Lee writes: *I have a hangover that is a real museum piece; I'm sure then that I must have said something terrible. To save me this kind of exertion in the future, I'm thinking of having little letters runoff saying "Can you ever forgive me? Dorothy."*

As Noël Coward, Lee writes about Julie Andrews who is "quite attractive since she dealt with her _____ English _____" and compliments another man's "beautiful ass"; while Hemingway complaints about the casting of "The Old Man And The Sea". The more _____, the more _____ they are, the more money she could get for them from these memorabilia dealers.

Why is the picture of the dog here?

5B _____

Fill the gaps with verb forms (there's one phrasal verb)

As Lee _____ to forge other people and as her operation expands, she has to _____ the process.



She _____ with one typewriter but then every writer needed their own typewriter so she eventually had a collection of them. She _____ all second-hand typewriters and _____ them in a rented storage locker, then _____ each one with a little tag

inscribed with the name of the person it will be used to _____.

Lee studies letters that these people have actually _____ and realizes she needs paper that looks authentic as well. She can't just use fresh white sheets from the store.

She got some of it from, you know, blank pages that would be included at the Lincoln Center library, but she also goes so far as to _____ it in the oven.

6. Use some expressions from this LWS for the captions:

