The Gift of the Magi

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Week One. Task Three. While-Reading Activity

Match the words with their definitions.

1. imputation	to give attention to what someone is saying	
2. parsimony	If a condition subsides, it becomes less strong or extreme	
3. implied	to fling or plop oneself down onto some surface or thing	
4. flop down	to be enough to buy a lot of things	
5. instigate	the act of imputing blame or guilt reputation	
6. subside	tending not to talk about your own achievements	
7. prosperity	the quality of not being willing to spend money	
8. contract	to make or become shorter or narrower	
9. modest	if something is implied, it is understood to be true	
10. unassuming	to cause an event or situation to happen by making a set of actions	
11. attend	the state of being successful and having a lot of money	
12. go far	quiet and with no wish for attention or admiration	

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Look at the words that are given.

Use them to complete the sentences below.

sterling, agile, longitudinal, obtain, whirled,

hang out, envy, splashed

1. Something fine and rare and _____ - something just a little bit near to being worthy of the honour of being owned by Jim.

2. Once she faltered for a minute and stood still while a tear or two _____on the worn red carpet.

3. Della would have let her hair _____ of the window some day to dry.

4. A very thin and very _____ person may, by observing his reflection in a rapid sequence of _____ strips, _____ a fairly accurate conception of his looks.

5. Suddenly she _____ from the window and stood before the glass.

6. Jim would have pulled out his watch every time he passed, just to see him pluck at his beard from _____.

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