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Three Is a Lucky Number

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1. Complete the excerpts with adjectives from the story

a) He was being very _____. He realized that murdering people becomes more _____ if you do it often.

b) The face was _____, _____ and _____. _____ hair, _____ forehead and _____ eyes. Only the mouth was unusual _____ and quite _____

c) She (Edyth) was a _____ person.

d) There he had found a _____, _____ woman, with some money of her own and no family.

e) The only person who was interested was a _____ reporter on the local newspaper.

f) He could see from her face that she was not _____. And he could also see that she was wearing a _____ ring.

g) His methods were _____ and _____, and by the end of a week she was in love with him.

h) He found Edyth a _____ person, and even quite _____ except that it was _____ of her to believe that a man would fall in love with her at first sight.

i) He had also put up the _____ - shelf over the bath which held their bottles and creams and a _____ - _____ heater. It was a _____ - one, with two bars, and it was _____, like the walls, and not too _____.

j) I want you to look as _____ as – er – possible. Hurry up, dear. The bubbles don't last very long, and like all these beauty treatments, this one's - _____.

k) (...) but now your behaviour has forced me to face some very _____ possibilities.

l) The Inspector said the police needed to be sure that you were _____: you must be given the opportunity to try the crime again. That's why I am forcing myself to be, and to play my part.

m) Ronald's mouth was _____ than ever when he finished reading the letter. The house was still _____.

2. Answer these questions:

- a) What was Ronald's reason for marrying Mary, Dorothy and Edyth?
- b) Why does Ronald fill the bath with bubbles?
- c) What does he expect to happen when he turns on the electricity again?
- d) Why does it not happen?
- e) What makes Edyth go to the police?
- f) What do the police ask Edyth to do?
- g) How does she escape from the bathroom?
- h) Whose footsteps does Ronald hear at the end of the story?
- i) What do you think happens next?