

A broken vase

The young man was going to marry a beautiful girl. One day the girl said to him that the next day she would celebrate her birthday and invited him to her birthday party. The young man was eager to make her a present, so he went to a gift shop. There he saw many beautiful things. Of all the things he particularly liked the vases. But they were very expensive and he had very little money so he had to leave the shop without buying anything. Making for the door he suddenly heard the noise: one of the vases fell on the floor and broke to pieces. A brilliant idea came to his mind. He came up to the counter and asked the salesman to wrap up the broken vase. The salesman got a little surprised but did what the young man asked him to.

The young man feeling very happy, took the parcel and went straight to the girl's place. By the time he entered the room the guests had already gathered. Everybody was enjoying the party. Some of the people were dancing, others were talking, joking and laughing. Saying "Many happy returns of the day" the young man told the girl that he had bought a small present for her. With these words he began to unwrap the parcel. Suddenly he got pale and said: "I am afraid, I have broken it. There were so many people in the bus..." But when he unwrapped the parcel, he saw that the salesman had wrapped up each piece of the vase separately.

I. Choose the correct answer.

1. Who was the young man going to marry?
a) his cousin; b) a beautiful girl; c) a very rich woman.
2. Where did the girl invite him?
a) to a wedding party; b) to a house warming party; c) to her birthday party.
3. Where did the young man go to buy a present?
a) To a gift shop; b) to the department store; c) to a flower shop.
4. Why didn't the young man buy the vase he liked?
a) because it was broken; b) because it was very beautiful; c) because it was very expensive.
5. What did the young man ask the salesman to wrap?
a) a loaf of bread; b) the broken vase; c) a bunch of flowers.
6. What did the young girl find in the parcel? a) money; b) a cake; c) the pieces of the vase.

II. Choose the correct cause.

1. The young girl invited the young man to her place because:
a) she was going to marry him; b) she was going to celebrate her birthday;

c) she wanted to introduce him to her father.

2. The young man went to a gift shop because:

a) he was going to buy a present; b) he was looking for a job; c) he was going to sell a vase.

3. The salesman got a little surprised because: a) the young man asked him to wrap up the broken vase; b) the young man bought the most expensive vase in his shop;

c) the young man couldn't find money in his pocket.

4. The young man felt very happy because:

a) he suddenly saw the girl in the shop; b) he had bought a very expensive present;

c) he hadn't paid any money for the vase.

5. The young man got pale because

a) he was afraid of the girl's parents b) he was afraid he had broken the vase;

c) he had lost his present.

III. Number events in correct order

a) A brilliant idea came to his mind

b) The young man began to unwrap the parcel.

c) The girl invited the young man to her birthday party.

d) The young man went straight to the girl's place.

e) He asked the salesman to wrap up the broken vase.

f) He went to a gift shop.

g) Suddenly he heard a noise.

h) He saw that the salesman had wrapped up each piece of the vase separately.

i) Everybody was enjoying the party

j) The young man was going to marry a beautiful girl.