

Worksheet: *The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry

1. Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why did Della decide to sell her hair?

- a) She wanted to change her style
- b) She needed money to buy Jim a gift
- c) She lost a bet
- d) She wanted to donate it

2. What was Jim's most prized possession?

- a) His coat
- b) His wallet
- c) His gold watch
- d) His notebook

3. What gift does Della buy for Jim?

- a) A new wallet
- b) A chain for his watch
- c) A pair of gloves
- d) A scarf

4. What gift does Jim buy for Della?

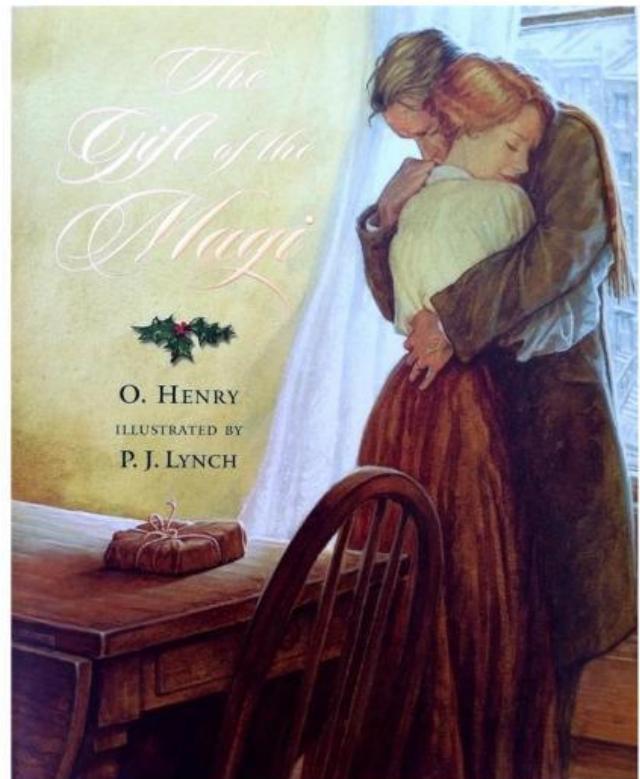
- a) A set of brushes
- b) A necklace
- c) Hair combs
- d) Earrings

5. How does the story illustrate the theme of sacrifice?

- a) They ignore each other's needs
- b) They give up their most valued possessions for each other
- c) They spend all their money on luxuries
- d) They argue about money

6. When does the story take place?

- a) Easter
- b) Thanksgiving
- c) Christmas
- d) New Year



2. Match the Character to the Description

A — Della
B — Jim
C — Madame Sofronie

1. _____ Buys a gift by sacrificing their hair.
2. _____ The owner of the hair shop.
3. _____ Sells their most valuable possession to buy a gift.
4. _____ Lives with her husband in a modest apartment.
5. _____ Surprised by Della's decision to cut her hair.

3. Insert the Missing Words

Fill in the blanks with the correct words: *Christmas, watch, hair, combs, love, sacrifice, gift*

1. Della had very beautiful _____.
2. Jim owned a family _____ that had great value.
3. Della sold her hair to buy Jim a _____ for _____.
4. Jim bought Della a set of _____.
5. The story shows that true _____ involves _____.

4. Tick the Correct Word

Choose the correct word in each sentence.

1. Della was (happy / worried / excited) because she didn't have money for a gift.
2. Jim's reaction to Della's haircut was (angry / surprised / delighted / indifferent).
3. Both gifts became (useless / more valuable / lost / treasured) after they exchanged them.
4. The story's message is about (wealth / sacrifice / jealousy / selfishness).
5. The couple's love is (conditional / selfless / materialistic / temporary).

5. Vocabulary Task: Choose the Synonym

Match the words to their synonyms.

1. **Frugal** — a) careful with money, b) angry, c) joyful, d) wasteful
2. **Sacrifice** — a) give up something, b) celebrate, c) buy more, d) ignore
3. **Treasured** — a) unimportant, b) valued, c) broken, d) cheap
4. **Modest** — a) humble, b) rich, c) fancy, d) arrogant
5. **Generous** — a) selfish, b) kind, c) stingy, d) proud

6. True or False

Write **T** (true) or **F** (false).

1. Jim knew Della would cut her hair.
2. Della bought Jim a chain for his watch.
3. Jim was upset because he no longer had his watch.
4. Both gifts showed deep love.
5. The story takes place at Easter.
6. Della and Jim live a modest life.

7. Order the Events

Number the events **1–6** in the correct order.

- Jim gives Della the combs.
- Della sells her hair.
- They exchange gifts.
- Della counts her money.
- Jim sells his watch.
- They realize the irony of their gifts.

8. Fill in the Gaps (Text Completion)

Fill in with the words: *saving, surprised, precious, money, gift, love, sacrifice*

Della had been _____ every coin she could find, but it was still not enough to buy a _____ for Jim. When Jim came home, he was _____ to see Della without her long hair. They both realized that their most _____ possessions had been sacrificed, but the _____ they shared was worth more than any _____.
