

Love or Money – Rowena Akinyemi

Chapter 1

1/ Put the verbs in the brackets into past simple, past continuous, present simple or present continuous tense

The Clarkson family lived in the country near Cambridge, about half a mile from the nearest village and about a mile from the river. They _____ (have) a big, old house with a beautiful garden, a lot of flowers and many old trees. One Thursday morning in July, Jackie _____ (come) in from the garden. She was a fat, tall woman with short brown hair, about thirty years old. It was the hottest day in July, but she _____ (wear) a warm brown skirt and a yellow shirt. She _____ (drink) cold water, when the phone _____ (ring). Jackie _____ (pick) it up.

"Hello. This is Diane. I want to talk to Mother." 20-year old Diane was Jackie's sister. She _____ (want) to become a singer and she _____ (live) in London.

"Mother isn't here," Jackie _____ (answer). "She's at the doctor's."

"Why? What's wrong?" Diane _____ (ask).

"Nothing's wrong. Why _____ (you/phone)? You are going to come this weekend? Mother _____ (want) everyone here."

"Yes, I want to come," Diane _____ (reply). "I have no money for the train ticket."

"No money! Mother _____ (always/give) you money!"

"Just tell Mother please that I need the money," Diane _____ (say) coldly.

Jackie _____ (put) the phone down. She _____ (be) very angry with her sister. She started making sandwiches for dinner. Just then the door _____ (open) and her mother _____ (come) in. Two big, black dogs _____ (come) into the kitchen and _____ (run) to her.

Jackie _____ (tell) her: "Mother, Diane _____ (phone). She _____ (want) money for her train ticket." Molly _____ (close) her eyes for a minute, then _____ (stand) up. "This afternoon I want you to get the house ready for the weekend," she _____ (order). "Oh, and please go to the village later and get my tablets."

She _____ (go) to the door, but Jackie _____ (stop) her. "Mother, please, wait a moment. Peter Hobbs _____ (come) this morning. He's very angry with you about that letter. He _____ (lose) his job, you know. Why _____ (you/write) to his office? He _____ (want) to talk to you about it." "Well, I _____ (not want) to talk to him," Molly said.

"But Mother, you _____ (not understand)! He's seventeen and it _____ (be) his first job. He's really very angry. He says he _____ (go) to kill you!" Molly _____ (not answer). She _____ (go) out of the room and _____ (close) the door.

2/ Complete the names:

- a) _____ went into the kitchen to get a drink of water.
- b) _____ went to the doctor.
- c) _____ has no money for the train ticket.
- d) _____ made some sandwiches.
- e) _____ is very angry with Molly.