

Love or Money – Rowena Akinyemi

Chapter 2

1/ Read the text. Choose correct prepositions. Do not worry about the gaps yet.

It was 7 o'clock *at / on / in* Saturday evening. Molly and her children were *at / on / in* the living room. Albert, the husband of Molly's older sister, came to the house and went straight *at / on / to* Molly. "Sixty years old today! But you look wonderful!"

Molly did not smile. "Thank you, Albert. 1. ____ Everyone is here now, let's have a dinner." Everyone stood up and went *at / to / in* the table. Albert sat down next to Roger, Molly's only son. "Someone called Peter stopped me down the road," Albert said. Who is he? He's very angry *at / with / of* you, Molly."

"That's Peter Hobbs from the house across the road," Jackie said. "He lost his job and he is angry *with / about / of* everybody. Anyway, Uncle Albert, how is Aunt Annie?"

"She is much worse now," Albert said. "She stays *at / in / out of* bed all the time. She needs a nurse. 2. _____. And she feels very unhappy that you don't visit her, Molly."

Molly closed her eyes *for / on / in* a minute. "We can talk *with / by / about* that later." Albert laughed sadly. "It's always later with you, Molly. Always tomorrow, never today."

Jackie wanted to change the subject. "That's a beautiful dress, Diane. Is it new?"

"Thank you, Jackie. Yes, I got it *at / - / in* last week. It was quite expensive, but I don't like cheap things. And I'm going to need more money soon. 3. ____"

"Oh no," Roger said. "You don't like working, but we all want you to get a job." Diane laughed. "It doesn't matter. Mother will give me money, won't you? Mother loves me best."

Jackie looked *at / on / in* her Mother. Her face was white. Was she afraid *at / with / of* Diane? But why? "Would you like to meet Mr. Briggs this weekend, Roger?" Jackie asked quickly. "He's the new man *at / on / in* the farm. He wants to meet you." Molly said angrily: "Briggs? Don't talk to me about that man. He wants half of my garden *at / for / in* his farm. I don't want him *at / on / in* my house. He's always dirty and has bad teeth."

Jackie was upset, but said nothing. Roger poured everyone more wine. "Well, Mother, perhaps Mr. Briggs is right. The garden is very big, you know. 4. ____ You're 60 now, you have to be more careful."

"Roger! I don't need a nurse! I can manage everything and I love working in the garden." Molly stood up. "I know you all want my money, my garden and my house. Well, you can all wait. 5. ____ I'm not feeling well now. I'm going upstairs *at / in / to* bed."

Molly left the room. Nobody moved. "6.____" Diane said. Roger looked *at / on / in* Diane but said nothing. Albert moved slowly his head up and down. "She always gets angry *at / with / about* money. Why can't she be nice to people?" Jackie stood up. "Would everyone want some coffee? Let's go *at / on / in* the kitchen and drink it there."

2/ Where do these sentences belong? Write the letters A-F to the gaps in the text.

- A: It's a lot of work for you. The house is big, too.
- B: It's very difficult and very expensive, you know.
- C: I want to go to America. Can you help me, Roger?
- D: Nobody is getting more money from me, not before I die!
- E: One day, I'm going to kill that woman.
- F: We are all getting older.