



Connection

I. What makes a Gift Valuable?

Fill each box with the name of a valuable gift that you have received. Remember that gifts can be valuable in many ways (not just how much it costs) For each gift mark how expensive the gift was and how meaningful it was. Please see the example.

a scarf from my mother

(1) ← X →
Not expensive Very expensive

(2) ← → X
Not meaningful Very meaningful

(3) The yarn to make the scarf did not cost very much money, but my mother
stayed up late after work to make it for me.

(1) ← →
Not expensive Very expensive

(2) ← →
Not meaningful Very meaningful

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2. What is the moral of the story The Gift of the Magi?

Definition of Moral: The moral of a story is the lesson that story teaches about how to behave in the world

3. What is the irony in the Gift of Magi?

Definition of Irony: The definition of irony as a literary device is a situation in which there is a contrast between expectation and reality

IV. I read each passage and answer the following questions.

1. Ryan was looking forward to sleeping over at his friend Robert's house. Though they had been classmates for a while, the two had only recently become good friends. Ryan packed up his sleeping bag, a pillow, and a few of his favorite toys and games, and then his mom dropped him off at Robert's. Robert met Ryan on the porch and the two did their secret handshake and started playing right away. First, they played pirates in Robert's tree fort. Next, they played ninjas in the driveway. Then it started getting dark and they went inside of Robert's house. As soon as they walked in the house, Ryan's eyes starting getting red and itchy. He saw a big orange cat sitting on the couch. Then he started sneezing uncontrollably. "I'm sorry, Robert. It's been a lot of fun, but I have to call my mom."

- a. Why do Ryan's eyes get red and itchy when he walks into Robert's house?

Because he couldn't see very well at night.

Because a big orange cat on the couch.

Because a mosquito just got into his eye.



b. Why does Ryan want to call his mother?

Because he had an allergic reaction to the cat.

Because he got into a fight with his friend.

Because he is tired of playing.

2. "William, don't forget your towel!" Mom shouted as she applied sunblock on the baby. William threw the folding chairs in the back of the minivan and shouted through the garage door, "OK Mom!" He then ran up and grabbed his towel. "Georgie!" William shouted. There was no response. Mom packed the baby up into the car seat. "William, can you help me with his umbrella?" William ran down the stairs, almost tripping over a chew toy, and then he helped his mother load the large umbrella in the minivan. "Mom, I can't find Georgie," William said. His mother shrugged and replied, "That's OK, William. He probably shouldn't come with us anyway."

c. Where are Mom and William going?

They are going to the mall.

They are going camping.

They are going to the beach.

d. How did you know that?

Because they packed their car with camping supplies.

Because they mention sunblock, an umbrella and folding chairs.

Because they mention leaving in a car and going shopping.

e. Who probably is Georgie?

A dog.

A child.

Their father.



3. As the teacher brought the class back from the washroom, he noticed that Alvin and Elijah were nowhere to be seen. He asked the class, "Has anyone seen Alvin or Elijah?" Most of the students confirmed that they had not seen them, except for Rodney, who remained silent while tapping his foot on the floor anxiously. The teacher noticed this. "Rodney, do you happen to know where your best buddies Alvin and Elijah went?" Rodney looked away and said, "Nah, I haven't seen them." The teacher notified the office of the missing students. An announcement was made over the PA system and a few minutes later, Alvin and Elijah returned to class. Both of them were very sweaty and Elijah was carrying a basketball. "Sorry we took so long. We had to use the bathroom," said Elijah. "Yeah," chimed in Alvin, "it took longer than we thought."

f. What were Alvin and Elijah doing while they were gone?

They were in the pool.

They were hiding in the bathroom.

They were playing basketball.

g. Why was Rodney acting so strangely?

Because he knew where Alvin and Elijah were.

Because he didn't like the teacher.

Because he thought the Teacher was going to send him to the principal office.

4. Tony walked out of the shopping mall with his arms full of bags and the sun shining on him. As he approached his car, he started awkwardly feeling around his pockets with his arm full of bags. He did not find what he was looking for so he transferred the bags on one arm to the other arm, which already had bags. Tony had a lot of bags on one arm. He still couldn't find what he was looking for. Now he dropped the bags and plunged both hands desperately into all of the pockets on his jeans. With a look of despair, Tony ran to his car. He tried to open the door, but it was locked. Then he saw something on the passenger seat of the car. He stopped looking and pulled his phone out of his pocket.



h. Why does Tony get so frantic?

Because he can't find his wallet.

Because he can't find his phone.

Because he had lost his keys.

i. What does Tony see on the passenger seat?

His car keys.

His wallet.

His other phone.

j. Why is Tony getting on the phone?

To call for help.

To call the police man to report the missing wallet.

To send a message to his friends and tell them he will be late.