November 22nd, 2022

Days to Remember

I. Listen to the story and solve the tasks:

The Wedding Anniversary

It was half past ten at night and Janice was **alone** in the house, waiting for her husband to come home. It was raining **heavily** outside and the wind was **blowing**. She was watching TV when the doorbell rang. "James has lost his keys again," she thought as she opened the door. [1] She was wearing a long white dress under her coat, and she was holding a bouquet of pretty flowers.

"Excuse me," the young woman said **sweetly**. "Would it be all right if I used your phone to call for a taxi?"

"Oh, yes, of course," Janice **replied**. "I'll call one for you now." She went to the telephone, asked the **local taxi service** to **collect** the young woman, and returned to the front door. The young woman wasn't there, but her flowers were lying on the doormat. [2]

She sat down on the stairs, **puzzled** by the young woman's mysterious disappearance. There was something familiar about the woman, but Janice couldn't think what it was. When James got home half an hour later, she was still sitting on the stairs with the flowers on her **lap**. "What's the matter?" he asked. "You look as if you've seen a **ghost**."

"Perhaps I have," she said jokingly. She showed James the flowers, and told him about the strange woman. James laughed, then went upstairs to change his clothes. As he was going past the guest room, he heard the sound of a clock ticking. "It sounds like the clock my grandparents had when I was a child," James thought, "but that stopped working twenty years ago." He went into the room and turned on the light. His grandparents were no longer alive, but many of their things were still there. James looked around and saw his grandparents' clock. It was ticking loudly and it showed the correct time.

[3] It was a picture of a young couple on their wedding day, with "15th April, 1910" written on the photograph. James took the picture and went downstairs.

"I know who the young woman was," he said **softly**, showing Janice the photograph. [4] The bride was wearing the same white dress as the young woman, and the flowers she was holding in the photograph were just like the ones Janice had. "My grandmother died before I met you, didn't she?" James said. "Well, that's her in the photograph – and today is 15th April. It's her **wedding anniversary**."



a. Match the sentences (A-D) o the numbered spaces (1-4) in the story.

A. Janice couldn't see her anywhere, so she picked up the flowers, went inside and phoned the taxi service again to cancel the call.
B. Janice looked at it and gasped in amazement.
C. Instead of her husband, though, Janice saw a young woman standing there.
D. Then James noticed an old photograph next to the clock.

b. Correct the statements:

1. Janice was reading a book when the doorbell rang.
2. The young woman was wearing a short white dress.
3. The young woman at the door was holding a clock.
4. Janice was sleeping when James came back home.

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