

APPROACHING A TEXT

READING SKILL

1 Read the title and the first three lines of the text. What do you think it is about?

- a A man who doesn't say much.
- b A man who isn't as quiet as people think.
- c A man who shouts a lot.

Robin Jones thought her grandfather was a quiet, shy man. Then she read her grandmother's diary and learned about the one time he wasn't ...

A All in black and white

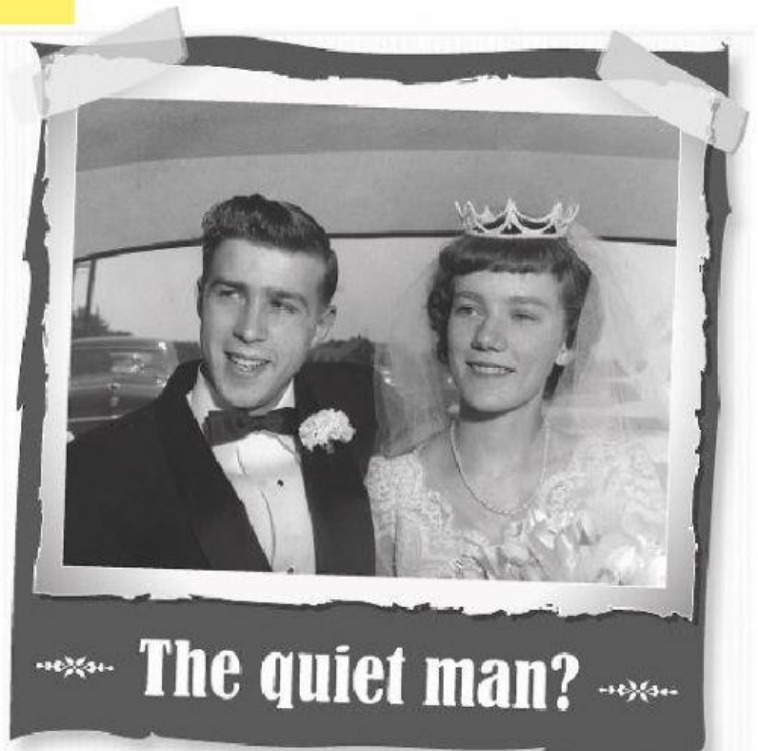
Grandma's diary was about the year 1950. Every day she wrote about her life. Before June, it was mostly about her job at a jewelry store and the lives of the other young women who worked there. But after June, she started to mention a regular customer—a nice young man who came in to buy a necklace for his mother. Then he came back the next day, and the next, and the next ...

B Will he, won't he?

Each time, he asked Grandma to help him, but he never bought anything else. Eventually, one of the other salespeople said to Grandma, "I know why he comes. It's to see you!" They all expected Grandpa to ask her out, but he never did.

C The mouse becomes a lion

Then one day everything changed. Grandpa was in the store when a man ran in with a gun. He pointed it at Grandma and told her to give him a diamond ring. In an instant, that shy young man changed. "Drop the gun!" he shouted, and pushed the man to the floor. "Don't you dare frighten that young woman! She's going to be my wife one day!"



D Wedding bells

After that, the police came and arrested the robber, and everyone said that Grandpa was a hero. But there was something Grandma still wasn't sure about. "Did you just ask me to marry you?" she asked Grandpa. Grandpa just smiled, but two months later they got married!

2 Look at the photograph. Who do you think the people are?

3 Match topics 1–4 with paragraph headings A–D.

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| 1 A shy person doing something brave. | _____ |
| 2 A couple getting married. | _____ |
| 3 Something that is written down. | _____ |
| 4 People wondering what someone will do. | _____ |

4 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Grandma wrote about Grandpa before June. _____
- 2 Grandpa bought lots of jewelry from the store. _____
- 3 The other salespeople thought Grandpa liked Grandma. _____
- 4 The robber tried to steal a necklace from the store. _____
- 5 Grandpa was very angry with the robber. _____
- 6 The police took the robber away. _____
- 7 The people in the store thought Grandpa was brave. _____
- 8 Grandma always knew that Grandpa wanted to marry her. _____



Text builder sequencers

To say one action happened after another:

*I went to the gym and **then** I went home. I went to the gym. **After that**, I went home.*

To say one action happened after a period of time:

*Two hours **later**, I cooked dinner. **After** two hours, I cooked dinner.*

5 Complete the sentences about the text with *then*, *after*, or *later*.

- 1 _____ Robin Jones read her grandmother's diary, she had a different idea about her grandfather.
- 2 One day, Grandpa came to the store to buy a necklace. A day _____, he came into the store again.
- 3 _____ that, Grandma started to write about him in her diary.
- 4 _____ a while, the other salespeople realized that Grandpa was coming to see Grandma.
- 5 A man pointed a gun at Grandma. _____ he tried to steal a ring.
- 6 A few minutes _____, the police arrived.