(30) THE WAY UP TO HEAVEN

ACTIVITY 1: List five ways in which Mr Foster delays his wife on her two journeys to the airport.

What do you think Mrs Foster hears as she stands at the front door just before leaving for the airport the second time?

Compare the behaviour of Mr and Mrs Foster when they are leaving for the airport for the first time.

ACTIVITY 2: Who is being described in questions (a) and (b) and who is speaking to whom in questions (c) - (g)

a) She began walking up and down the hall and whenever the butler came by, she asked him the time.

b) He walked down the stairs slowly, pausing halfway to look at the sky.

c) I warned Mr Foster that you must leave at 9.15.

d) I'm just going to wash my hands

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e) Well…how was Paris?

f) I must have left it in my bedroom.

g) Isn't your husband travelling with you?

ACTIVITY 3:
In your own words, say what you think has happened to Mr Foster.

What do you think Mrs Foster will do now?

ACTIVITY 4: Watch the episode of the story.

1) Were the characters as you had imagined?

2) What are the differences and similarities?

3) How does Mr Foster's treatment of his wife in the story reflect societal expectations of women during that time period?

4) In what ways does Mrs Foster challenge traditional gender roles and expectations in "The Way Up to Heaven"?

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