

Before Reading

- 1 Look at the picture of the four March sisters. Match the names to the descriptions.



- a) has brown hair and eyes and she's very pretty.
b) has blonde hair and blue eyes.
c) is 13 years old. She's very shy.
d) is tall and thin. She isn't very pretty but she has lovely hair.

- 2 Look at the picture of Laurie. Circle the adjectives that describe him.



- 3 Work with a friend. Look at each other. Then describe your friend to the class.

2 4 Listen and write the correct names below.

A I don't care about clothes or hairstyles.

B I'm very shy.

C I love beautiful things.

D I love pretty clothes.

5 Write the correct heading for each group of words below.

means of communication war hobbies jobs

a) servant doctor tutor

b) telegram note letter

c) army men soldiers

d) knitting sewing reading

6 Use some of the words from Exercise 5 to complete the sentences below.

a) In the 1860s in America some families had a who cooked, cleaned or cared for them.

b) Some richer families also had a, a private teacher usually employed to educate their children.

c) A was a means of fast communication invented in the 19th century.

d) The fighting in the army were usually all men.

e) Knitting, and reading were all popular hobbies in the 1860s.

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1 Match the words to the pictures.

- a) cloak c) gloves e) slippers
b) dress d) handkerchief f) socks



2 Complete the sentences with a word from Exercise 1.

- a) Beth always had a clean in her pocket.
b) Mrs March took off her wet shoes and put on her warm
c) Jo was wearing a pretty, dark red at the party.
d) The sisters knitted for the soldiers in the army.
e) Meg was sad because she couldn't find her favorite pair of
f) Hannah put on her and hat and went to the market.

3 Complete the sentences with the names of the rooms.

attic library parlor study

- a) A is a room where you go to read.
b) A is a room where you go to work.
c) A is an old name for a sitting room.
d) An is a small room under the roof of a house.

4 Say the names of the four seasons to a friend. Which of the seasons is called 'fall' in the US?

a)

c)

b)

d)

5 Listen to an extract from the story. Tick (✓) true (T), false (F) or doesn't say (D).

a) Laurie went for long walks with the girls in the summer.

T F D

b) Meg and Mr Brooke liked each other.

c) The girls walked to the river when it was hot.

6 Match the sentences from the story with the pictures.

a) The wind was whistling in the trees.

b) It was cool under the trees.

c) November was cold, wet and grey.

d) The snow was falling quietly outside.

