

Morlvera

Part 2_ Revenge

1 Listen to the beginning of Part Two and complete the sentences with a word or a phrase.

- 1 Emmeline and Bert believe Victor when he says that his cousin is a fool.
- 2 Victor has to give Bertha a present for her
- 3 Bertha is years old.
- 4 If Victor continues to say bad things, when he gets home he will
- 5 Bert thinks that Morlvera is going away to
- 6 Victor doesn't want to write a note that says, 'For dear Bertha,

2 Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.

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| a. Emmeline was happy that somebody was going to buy Morlvera. | ☐ | ☐ |
| b. Victor didn't want the shop assistant to wrap the doll because he did not want to write a birthday note to his cousin. | ☐ | ☐ |
| c. Victor's mother said nothing to Victor when he called his cousin a beast because she too thought Bertha was a beast. | ☐ | ☐ |
| d. Victor had a peaceful look on his face when he came out of the shop because he had accepted the fact that he had to give his cousin the present. | ☐ | ☐ |
| e. The motor car destroyed Morlvera under its wheels. | ☐ | ☐ |
| f. Emmeline and Victor were happy at Morlvera's end. | ☐ | ☐ |
| g. Emmeline thought that Victor was really Morlvera's son. | ☐ | ☐ |

Mercilessly, Victor threw the doll over his shoulder

In English we can often change the class of a word by adding a suffix.
Look at some examples below:

Forming adjectives

Verb + -able	drinkable, laughable
Noun + -less	homeless, penniless
Noun + -ful	thankful, hopeful

Forming nouns

Verb + -er	runner, teacher
Verb + -or	actor, sailor
Verb + -ion	collection, discussion
Verb + -ance/-ence	guidance, patience
Noun + -ship	membership, friendship
Adjective + -ness	happiness, goodness

Forming adverbs

Adjective + -ly	warmly
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CE 3 Read this adaptation of another of Saki's short stories, 'Dusk'. * Use the word in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. You will need, among other possible changes, to add a suffix.

Norman Gortsby sat in the park. It was dusk, and Norman liked observing the people. He thought that people without (0) *friendship* or love walked around at this time. An old man came and sat by Gortsby. With his (1), Gortsby invented a hopeful (2) for this man.

FRIEND

IMAGINE

EXIST

Then the old man got up and left. Soon, a young man who was better dressed replaced him.

'I've done the stupidest thing,' said the young man.

'Yes?' said Gortsby (3)

CALM

'Well, I came to town this afternoon,' continued the young man, 'I went to a hotel I knew, but I discovered that it had been demolished. A taxi (4) took me to another one. Then I left the hotel to buy some soap. I find hotel soap disgusting. Then I had a drink. Now though I can't remember where the hotel is, and I have spent all my money on the soap and the drink.

DRIVE

Now I will have to spend the night outside because I am so (5) Unless, of course, someone believes my story and helps me.'

FORGET

Gortsby told him that his story was (6), and that it would be even more (7) if the young man could show him the soap.

WONDER

BELIEVE

The young man felt (8) in his pocket.

QUICK

'I must have lost it,' he said (9)

ANGRY

'Well, to lose both a hotel and soap in one day is really too (10), ' said Gortsby, but the young man did not wait and left in a hurry.

CARE

A moment later Gortsby saw something on the ground. He picked it up. It was some soap. So, he ran after the young man, and gave him money for a hotel. He also apologised for not believing him. Then he went back to the bench and saw the old gentleman who had sat with him earlier. He was looking for something around the bench.

'Have you lost anything, sir?' Gortsby asked.

'Yes, sir, some soap.'

* Dusk is the time in the evening when the sun goes down.