

“The Gift of the Magi”
by O. Henry

Review for test

Plot Chart

- See student example
- This plot chart **WILL NOT** be on the test
- You will be required to read a **new story** and plot it out, so you **MUST** know what you are doing!

Vocabulary

- Vocabulary will be based on context with four choices.
- You will have vocabulary from “The Gift of the Magi”
- You will also have **new words** from the new story on the test! There will also be four choices from which to choose.

“Pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and vegetable man and the butcher until one’s cheeks burned with the silent imputation of **parsimony** that such close dealing implied” (123).

“Had the Queen of Sheba lived in the flat across the airshaft, Della would have let her hair hang out the window some day to dry just to **depreciate** Her Majesty’s jewels and gifts” (125).

“When Della reached home her intoxication gave way a little to **prudence** and reason. She got out her curling irons and lighted the gas and went to work repairing the ravages made by the generosity added to love” (126).

“For ten seconds let us regard with discreet **scrutiny** some inconsequential object in the other direction” (127).

“The “Dillingham” had been flung to the breeze during a former period of **prosperity** when its possessor was being paid \$30 per week. Now, when the income was shrunk to \$20, the letters of “Dillingham” looked blurred, as though they were thinking seriously of contracting to a modest and unassuming D” (124).

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Figurative Language

- You will have examples of figurative language that will be in a matching section on the test. These will come from “The Gift of the Magi.”
- You will need to know Simile, Foreshadowing, Irony, Personification, Allusion and Symbolism as they pertain to the Magi.
- The “New” story will have the above and **SUSPENSE.**

Figurative Language Examples

- “Della’s beautiful hair fell about her, rippling and shining like a cascade of brown waters” (125).
- “I sold the watch to get the money to buy your combs” (128).
- “the next two hours tripped by on rosy wings” (125).

More examples...

- “Jim stopped inside the door, as immovable as a setter at the scent of quail” (126).
- “He simply stared at her fixedly with that peculiar expression on his face” (126).
- “A gray cat walking a gray fence in a gray backyard” (124).
- The title of the story is considered an _____ . Why?
- “I sold the watch to get the money to buy your combs” (128).

You will write a sentence using the three of the six vocabulary words. The words must be in the correct form and it must be obvious that you understand the meaning based on them! You cannot use any other sentence to help you with this.