

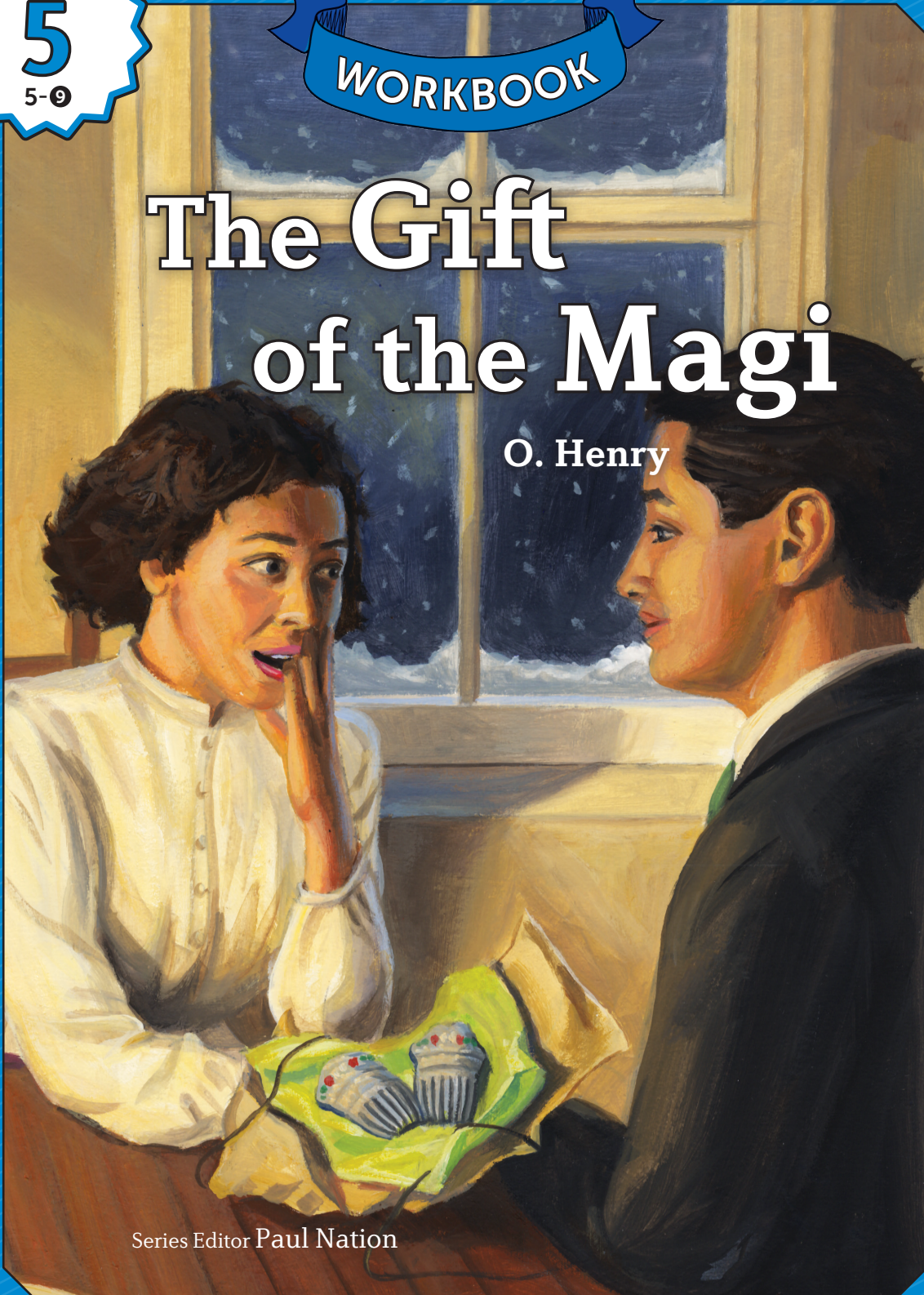
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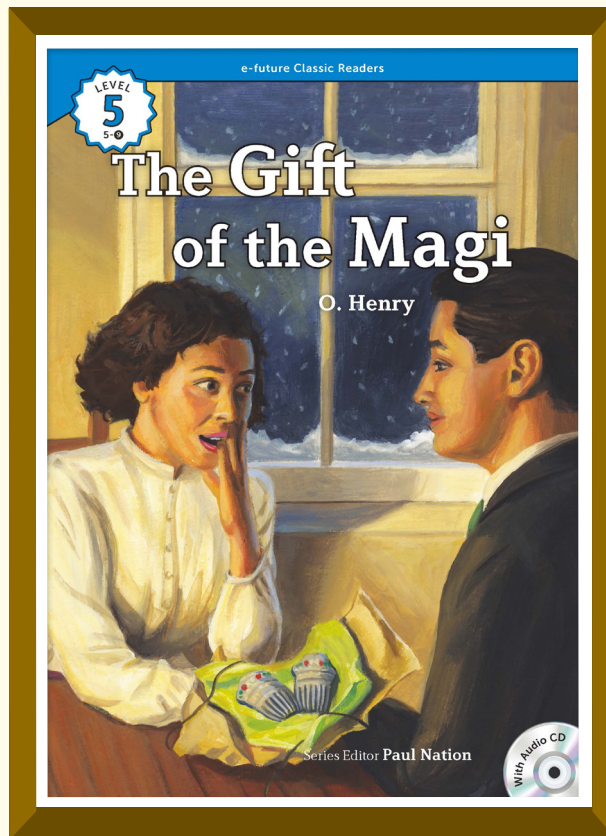
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A Look at the picture and write.



- 1** What is the title of this book?
The title of this book is _____.
- 2** Who is the author of this book?
The author of this book is _____.
- 3** What do you see on the cover? Circle the correct words.
I see a man and a woman at a table. The man is handing the woman a set of (bombs / combs). They are silver with little colored (vowels / jewels). She looks (angry / surprised).
- 4** What do you think will happen in the story?
I think _____.

B Read and write.

- 1 What is the most memorable gift that you have ever received?

The most memorable gift that I have ever received was

_____.

- 2 Why was it special?

It was special because _____

_____.

C Draw the most memorable gift that you have ever received.



Words to Learn

During Reading

A Find the word for each picture. Then write the words.

item
wig

unusual
chain

expression
elegant

1



2



3



4



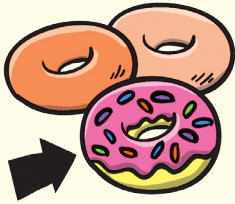
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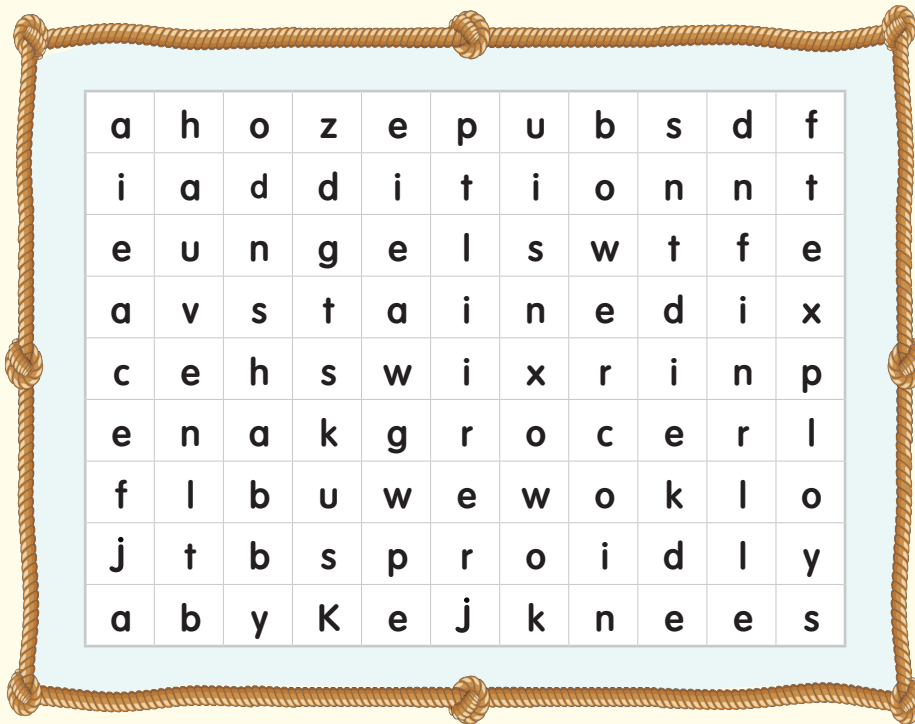


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B Find and circle the word for each picture. Then write the words.





A Read and unscramble the sentences.

1 (about / Don't / feel / looking / bad / .)

2 (took / Della / her / It / months / little fortune / to save / .)

3 (wanted / Della / to give / a beautiful / him / Christmas gift / .)

4 (pushed / small chain / She / the / into / hand / his / .)

5 (were / They / little / silver / colored / with / jewels / .)

6 (sold / to pay / watch / I / my / the combs / for / .)

A Check the correct answers. Then write using the options.

Story Character(s)

- Della Jim
 Magi Madame Young

Setting(s)

- in Jim and Della's house
 on the street

First

**Next**

**Then**

**Last**

Options

- a Jim told Della that he sold his watch to buy Della a gift and showed her a set of silver combs.
- b Della decided to sell her hair to get money to buy Jim a gift.
- c Della sold her hair to a local wig maker and bought a watch chain for Jim.
- d Della told Jim that she sold her hair to buy him a gift and showed him the watch chain.

Comprehension

During Reading

A Look and circle (○) True or False.

1



On Christmas Eve, Della had only \$1.87.

True

False

2



Della combed her long hair with a silver comb.

True

False

3



Della sold her hair for \$20 to a local wig maker named Madame Safrone.

True

False

4



Della bought a beautiful watch for Jim for \$21.

True

False

B Circle the answer.



- 1 Why did Della get a haircut?
- a. because it was the only way to give Jim a Christmas gift
 - b. because it was the only way to get some food for Christmas



- 2 What did Della give Jim for Christmas?
- a. a watch strap
 - b. a watch chain



- 3 How did Jim get the money to buy a set of combs for Della?
- a. He saved money for months.
 - b. He sold his watch.



- 4 What is the message from the Magi?
- a. A gift given in love is the perfect gift.
 - b. It is not love that matters.

Review Quiz

After Reading

A Circle the best answer.

- 1 The house was (shabby / flabby) and old.
- 2 Her hair came down to her (knits / knees).
- 3 The furniture was (stained / contained). The walls were dirty.
- 4 It would be the perfect (condition / addition) for Jim's expensive watch.
- 5 When she went to the store, she had to bargain with the (officer / grocer).

B Fill in the blanks.

item unusual expression chain elegant

- 1 The chain was simple but very _____.
- 2 It was a beautiful watch _____ like no other.
- 3 It was a new _____ that Della had never seen on Jim's face before.
- 4 It had an _____ design that she had never seen before.
- 5 The rest of the _____s in the house were worth almost nothing.

Name

Date

Book Title

Summary

Write a summary using the options.

Options

- a. Though they were crying, they were both very happy.
- b. She sold her hair for \$20 and bought a watch chain for \$21.
- c. Satisfied with the perfect gift for Jim, Della went home to prepare dinner.
- d. Della only had \$1.87 to buy a gift for Jim.
- e. At 7 o'clock, Jim came home and gave Della a look that she couldn't understand.
- f. Della said that she sold her hair to buy his gift and showed him the watch chain.
- g. Jim said that he sold his watch to buy her gift and showed her a set of combs.
- h. Jim and Della were a poor couple whose only items of value were Della's thick and dark hair and Jim's gold watch.