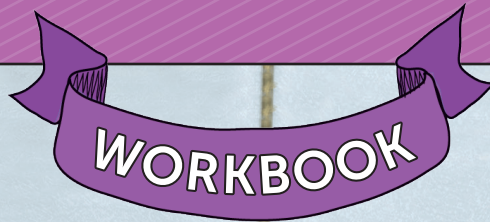
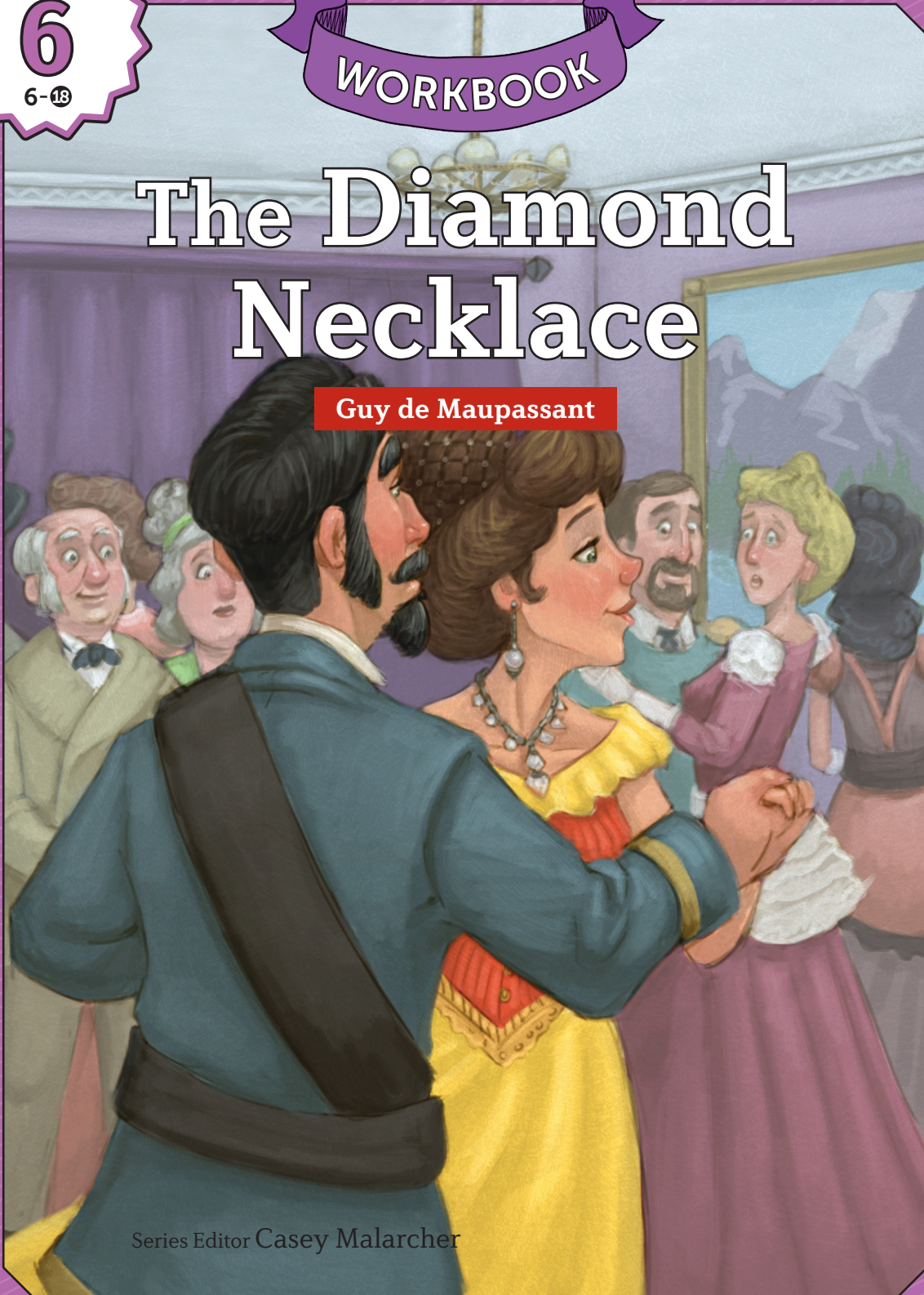


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# The Diamond Necklace

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# Reading Activities

## [ Chapter 1 ] A Pretty Wife and a Poor Husband

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 In this chapter, the reader is introduced to Mathilde. What do you think she is like?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 8. Do you think this husband and wife are rich? Why or why not?
- 3 How do you think the wife is feeling?

### After You Read

**A.** Choose the best answer.

What is NOT true about Mathilde's husband?

- a. He is a poor clerk.
- b. His name is Monsieur Loisel.
- c. He works for the English government.

**B.** Put a check  next to the facts about Mathilde.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a very pretty girl         | <input type="checkbox"/> enjoyed simple dinners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> born into a rich family    | <input type="checkbox"/> had lovely dresses     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> married a poor clerk       | <input type="checkbox"/> had a rich friend      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> wanted expensive furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> was very unhappy       |

## [ Chapter 2 ] A Special Invitation

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 What do you think the special invitation will be for?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 11. Do you think Mathilde is happy with her dress? Why or why not?
- 3 What kind of person do you think Mathilde is?

### After You Read

**A.** Choose the best answer.

What was the invitation for?

- a. A special dance at the government palace
- b. A grand ball at the government palace
- c. A costume party at the government palace

**B.** Write the information in the right place.

- ★ had nothing to wear to the ball
- ★ wanted to use his savings for a gun
- ★ agreed to pay for a new dress
- ★ was not happy about the invitation

**Mathilde**

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**Monsieur Loisel**

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## [ Chapter 3 ] The Perfect Necklace

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think Mathilde will go to the ball? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 14. What is Mathilde wearing around her neck?
- 3 How expensive do you think the necklace is?

### After You Read

#### A. Choose the best answer.

What does Monsieur Loisel suggest his wife wear instead of jewelry?

- a. A pretty scarf
- b. A fancy hat
- c. Natural flowers

#### B. Put the information in the right place.

1. First, \_\_\_\_ 2. Next, \_\_\_\_ 3. After that, \_\_\_\_ 4. In the end, \_\_\_\_

- a. Mathilde chose to borrow a beautiful diamond necklace.
- b. Mathilde's dress was ready, but she was still sad and anxious.
- c. Mathilde was annoyed she did not have pretty jewelry.
- d. Mathilde visited her rich friend Jeanne Forestier.

## [ Chapter 4 ] The Night of the Ball

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think Mathilde will finally be happy to go to the ball? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 17. What is Mathilde doing?
- 3 How do you think Mathilde is feeling?

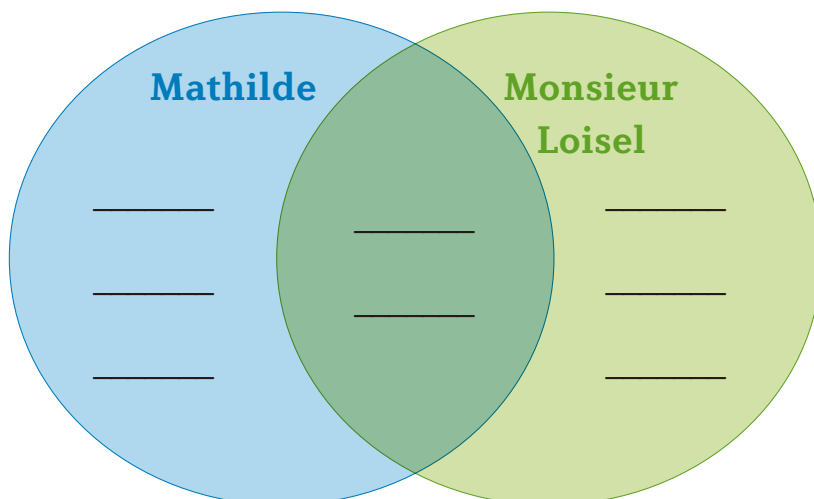
### After You Read

**A.** Choose the best answer.

What is NOT true about Mathilde?

- a. She felt ashamed about being poor at the ball.
- b. She left the ball early in the morning.
- c. Everyone wanted to dance with her.

**B.** Put the information in the right place.



- a. felt a great sense of joy
- b. threw some warm wraps over shoulders
- c. attended the ball
- d. went to find a cab
- e. slept in a little room
- f. was thought elegant
- g. walked along the river feeling sad
- h. realized the necklace was gone

## [ Chapter 5 ] The Search

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think Mathilde and her husband will find the necklace? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 20. What do you think is happening?
- 3 What do you think Mathilde and her husband will do if they can't find the necklace?

### After You Read

**A.** Choose the best answer.

What is true about the necklace?

- a. Its clasp needs to be mended.
- b. It is worth forty thousand francs.
- c. It was found by the police.

**B.** Write T for True or F for False.

1. Mathilde and her husband searched for the necklace. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mathilde was not sure she had it when she left the palace. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Mathilde's husband had written down the cab driver's number. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Monsieur Loisel searched the whole route home. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Mathilde felt hopeful the necklace would be found. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Monsieur Loisel offered a reward for the necklace. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Mathilde told her friend the necklace was being fixed. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Mathilde and her husband decided to buy a new necklace. \_\_\_\_\_

## [ Chapter 6 ] The Payment

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think Mathilde and her husband will buy the necklace? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 23. What is Mathilde doing?
- 3 How do you think Mathilde is feeling now?

### After You Read

#### A. Choose the best answer.

For how many years did Mathilde and her husband work very hard?

- a. Ten years
- b. Fifteen years
- c. Twenty years

#### B. Put the information in the right place.

a. night  
e. cooking

b. clothes  
f. job

c. prices  
g. knees

d. money  
h. hard

#### Mathilde

- did all the cleaning and \_\_\_\_
- washed \_\_\_\_ with her hands
- cleaned floors on her hands and \_\_\_\_
- bargained for cheaper \_\_\_\_

#### Monsieur Loisel

- worked very \_\_\_\_
- took a second and third \_\_\_\_
- worked late into the \_\_\_\_
- had to pay \_\_\_\_ back each month

## [ Chapter 7 ] Signs of a Hard Life

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think Mathilde and her husband will continue to have a hard life? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 26. What is Mathilde thinking about?
- 3 Do you think Mathilde is very sad about how her life turned out? Why or why not?

### After You Read

**A.** Choose the best answer.

Who did Mathilde see one day while she was out walking?

- a. The woman who had lent her the diamond necklace
- b. The man who had lost the diamond necklace
- c. The cab driver who had stolen the diamond necklace

**B.** Write the information in the right place.

★ admired   ★ beautiful   ★ old   ★ tough   ★ hands   ★ clothes

### Mathilde

#### Then

She had been so \_\_\_\_\_ and had been \_\_\_\_\_ by people.

#### Now

She looked \_\_\_\_\_ now and had grown strong and \_\_\_\_\_.

Her hair was rough, her \_\_\_\_\_ were red, and her \_\_\_\_\_ were old.



## [ Chapter 8 ] A Shocking Discovery

### Before You Read

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 In this chapter, do you think Mathilde will discover something about the diamond necklace? Why or why not?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 29. What do you think Mathilde is telling Madame Forestier?
- 3 How does Mathilde look compared to her old friend?

### After You Read

#### A. Choose the best answer.

How much was Madame Forestier's necklace actually worth?

- a. Five hundred francs
- b. Five thousand francs
- c. Fifty thousand francs

#### B. Put the information in the right place.

a. bought    b. real    c. years    d. francs    e. ball    f. replace it

