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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

C.1. Find from the text words or phrases which have the following meanings:

1. unit of money in US, Canada, Australia etc. \*dollars\*

2. argue about the price of something. \*haggling\*

3. too much carefulness in spending money. \*parsimony\*

4. sat down heavily. \*flopped down\*

5. articles of property. \*possessions\*

6. waterfall. \*cascade\*

7. title given to an elderly woman. \*madame\*

8. skilled. \*practiced hand\*

9. passed in a state of extreme joy. \*rosy wings\*

10. metal instrument used for curling hair. \*\*curling iron\*

11. strangely. \*curiously\*

12. day or evening before a religious festival. \*eve\*

13.for a short time. \*awhile\*

14.pulled away with force. \*tore\*

15.small pieces of plastic or bone with teeth worn by women to hold the hair in place as an ornament. \*combs\*

16.loved and admired. \*longed for\*

17.outer edges. \*rims\*

18.locks of hair. \*tresses\*

19.added to the beauty. \*adorned\*

20.pressed closely to the breast. \*hugged\*

C.2. copy and complete the following statements briefly:

1.Della had saved \*one\* \*dollar eighty - cents\*

2.Della had been able to save a little money \*by\* \*haggling with the grocer\* \*and vegetable\*  
\*man .\*

3.Della was feeling unhappy because \*she\* \*didn't have enough\* \*money to buy a Christmas\* \*gift for her\* \*husband.\*

4.The two proud possessions of Jim and Della were \*gold watch\* \*and brown cascade like\* \*hair respectively.\*

5.Della's hair looked like a \*cascade\*

6.Madame Sofrine \*dealt\* \*in hair goods.\*

7.Della went to Madame Sofrine so that \*she could\* \*sell her hair.\*

8.Della got \*twenty dollars\* by selling her hair.

9.Della bought a \*platinum chain\* as a Christmas gift for Jim.

10.When Della had curled her hair, she looked like a \*naughty school boy\*

11.When Della heard Jim's steps on the stairs,she \*turned white\* \*for just a moment\* .

12.When Jim looked at Della, he couldn't believe that \*she was the same\* \*Della.\*

13.Jim had brought \*a set\* \*of combs as a\* \*Christmas gift for Della.\*

14.Jim sold \*his gold\* \*watch\* to buy a gift for Della.

15.Della sold \*her hair\* to buy a gift for Jim.

16.Della couldn't use the combs just at present because \*she had sold\* \*her hair.\*

17.The platinum chain was of no use to Jim because \*he had sold his\* \*watch.\*

18.The Christmas gifts of Jim and Della showed that \*they loved each\* \*\*other more than their\*  
\*life.\*

EXTRA WORK:

Answer the following questions:

1.How did Della save a little money ?

Ans.Della saved a little money by haggling with the grocers and vegetable vendors.

2.What were the two possessions of Jim and Della?

Ans.The two possessions of Jim and Della were gold watch and brown cascade like hair respectively.

3.How did Della buy the gift for Jim and what did she buy ?

Ans. Della sold her proud possessions that were her hair for twenty dollars and bought a platinum fob chain for Jim's gold watch.

4.How did Della look when she had her hair cut ?

Ans.When Della had her hair cut she looked like a naughty school boy.

5.What was Jim's reaction when he returned home ?

Ans.When Jim returned home and set eyes on Della, he stood motionless with his eyes wide open.He stared at her with a peculiar expression.