

THE FORTUNE TELLER

ANSWER KEY

WHILE READING

A. Match the antonyms (words with the opposite meaning)

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| 1. guilty | a. forget |
| 2. remember | b. regain |
| 3. temporarily | c. innocent |
| 4. lose | d. oversee |
| 5. notice | e. permanently |

1-c 2-a 3-e 4-b 5-d

B. Say (T) rue or (F)alse. If (F)alse, give the correct answer.

1. The Lewis Town Fair is held every year for a weekend in July. (T)
2. Peter suggests Pam to visit the fortune teller. (F)
3. The fortune teller is similar in appearance to the woman in the picture on the circus wagon. (F)
4. The crystal ball flashes with light just before the fortune teller starts to talk. (T)
5. Pam thinks that what the fortune teller has said is worth paying for. (F)
6. The gift Peter buys for Pam is related to the mysterious fortune teller. (T)
7. Pam loses her sight because of a well known illness.(F)
8. Peter realizes that the words of the fortune teller gradually come true. (T)
9. Since Mr. Thomasson refuses to help Peter, the poor boy struggles to solve the puzzle on his own. (F)
10. As Peter gathers information, he finds out that the fortune teller is dead so he might have talked to a ghost in the circus wagon. (T)

1. The Fortune Teller

❖ Match these sentences.

_____ 1. The teenagers screamed and laughed _____.

_____ 2. The group members who listened to heavy metal music claimed that the roller coaster was not scary _____.

_____ 3. People from Remsen and nearby small towns come to the Lewis Town Fair every year _____.

_____ 4. When Pam suggests to go to the fortune teller _____.

_____ 5. The picture on the modern circus wagon _____.

- a. to ride the rides, eat cotton candy, throw balls to break plates and have fun.
- b. because they thought that they had to look cool.
- c. Peter thinks that she wants to hear about how they will get married in the future.
- d. as the roller coaster flew on the rails.
- e. showed an old woman with a long bent nose and a cloth wrapped around her hair.

1-d

2-b

3-a

4-c

5-e

2. What the Crystal Ball said

❖ Read Part 2 carefully and fill in the blanks with the following words:

- a) vase b) moved c) toward d) flickering e) hung
f) silly g) resting h) tightly i) fortune j) dripped

1. In the flickering candlelight, Pam and Peter spotted a door that led to another small room.
2. Wax from the candle dripped onto the floor.
3. Madam Beatrice sat with her fingers resting on a crystal ball that was on the table in front of her.
4. Her lips moved, but no words came out.
5. Pam squeezed Peter's hand so tightly, it hurt.
6. Between the two candles was a vase holding dead flowers.
7. Peter felt silly - getting scared by an old woman.
8. Pam and Peter had their fortune told by some crazy old woman.
9. Her almost-blue eyes turned toward me.
10. The sign hung on a string said "Closed".

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d	j	g	b	h	a	f	i	c	e

3. Signs

❖ **Summarize the story in Part 3 in your own words. Follow this guide.**

1. How do Pam and Peter return home at the end of the day?
2. While walking what do they say to each other about the old fortune teller?
3. What is the gift Peter has for Pam and where has he bought it from?
4. Does Pam like Peter's present?
5. What interrupts the romantic kissing of the teenagers?
6. What does Peter notice on the tree trunk?
7. What does the thing he notices make him think?
8. What is the second event that scares Peter that night?

Pam and Peter return home on foot and walk along a dark country road at the end of the day. While walking they both admit that they were frightened by the old woman who had told them their fortune. Some time later, Peter feels the gift in his pocket and starts to wait for the right time to give it to Pam. His gift is a necklace with a little square-shaped thing at the end which he had bought from a garage sale for only three dollars. Pam loves the chain. As the teenagers start to kiss, a barking dog and several people who wonder what makes the dog bark interrupt them. Soon after, they all realize that the dog is barking at a raccoon sitting on a tree branch. As Peter watches the raccoon, he notices a message cut into the bark of the tree. This makes him remember the words of Madam Beatrice about a message of a bark. After he leaves Pam home, he notices a shooting star in the sky. He is frightened because he remembers the other words uttered by the old woman about the shooting star.

4. The Fireworks

❖ **Put in INTO, ON, AT, TO, IN or NO PREPOSITION.**

1. Peter picked Pam up at around 7.30 on Sunday night.
2. There were a few million stars in the sky.
3. Peter had tied Pam's sleeping bag to his backpack.
4. Some kids had sleeping bags, others had blankets and others sat on the grass.
5. Pam held out the bag of popcorn and I put a handful into my mouth.
6. I turned my head to look at ____ (no preposition) ____ the place where the dog had been barking the night before.

5. The Darkness

❖ Match these words from Part 5 with their meanings and definitions.

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| 1. scream | a. to separate into or peel in small pieces or layers |
| 2. cone | b. cosmetics used to colour and beautify the face |
| 3. sweat | c. a sweep of hand or arm used as a signal or greeting |
| 4. quarter | d. the fluid excreted from the sweat glands of the skin, perspiration |
| 5. borrow | e. the bill of a bird adapted for striking and tearing |
| 6. make-up | f. a sudden, sharp, loud cry |
| 7. crow | g. 25 cents |
| 8. wave | h. to receive with the intention of returning the same or an equivalent |
| 9. beak | i. a crisp cone-shaped wafer for holding ice cream |
| 10. flake off | j. a large entirely glossy black bird |

1-f 2-i 3-d 4-g 5-h 6-b 7-j 8-c 9-e 10-a

6. The Bark

❖ Use **don't / doesn't / can / can't / must** in the following sentences from Part 6.

1. Sometimes things happen that you can't explain.
2. "Hey, can I please borrow your binoculars for just a minute?" Peter asked.
3. Peter can't buy the little boy a soda or an ice cream because he doesn't have any money with him.
4. Pam says: "I don't know why, but I believe that what's happening to my eyes has something to do with the fortune teller."
5. After losing her sight, Pam says to Peter "I can hardly see!"
6. Two lovers must have cut their initials into the bark a long time ago.

Can : possibility, ability, future possibility

can't : no ability

must : obligation

don't, doesn't : simple present tense; imperative

7. The Heart

❖ **Arrange the sentences. They tell the story in Part 7.**

- a. __2__ Peter realizes that Pam can not see.
- b. __4__ Pam's cousin Julie solves the puzzle of the necklace and changes the square into a heart.
- c. __1__ After work, Peter hurries home and after taking a shower, heads for Pam's house.
- d. __5__ Peter remembers the words of the old woman and decides that she wants the heart back.
- e. __3__ Peter tells Pam about the signs he has noticed which he thinks are all related to the fortune teller.
- f. __6__ Peter has to wait for the horse with no head so that he may find the resting place where the heart should be returned.

8. Waiting in the Dark

❖ **Finish the words and match the synonyms (words with the same meaning).**

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| ___ 1. terrible: | a) cinema film |
| ___ 2. doctor: | b) possibly |
| ___ 3. movie : | c) supernatural power that causes injury |
| ___ 4. probably : | d) awful |
| ___ 5. curse : | e) physician |

1-d

2-e

3-a

4-b

5-c

9. The Thomassons

❖ Make correct sentences from Part 9 with these words.

1. I / do / know / if / I / would / to get / any / answers / there / but / is / certainly / worth / try
I didn't know if I would get any answers there, but it was certainly worth a try.
2. I / have / to hurry / get / there / but / I / really / have / no / plan
I had hurried to get there, but I really had no plan.
3. It / feel / as if / my / blood / stop / to move / inside / me
It felt as if my blood had stopped moving inside me.
4. Mrs Thomasson / about / to take / sip / coffee / but / to stop / when / to hear / words / "fortune teller"
Mrs Thomasson was about to take a sip of coffee, but stopped when she heard the words "fortune teller".
5. I / to have / same / dream / every night / for / more than / week.
I had been having the same dream every night for more than a week.

10. Answer in the Attic

A. Translate these sentences from Part 10 into your language.

1. I flipped through the pages.
Sayfaları hızlıca gözden geçirdim.
2. He won't be leaving for another ten minutes or so.
Bir on dakika kadar daha burada olacak.
3. I wonder if you would do me a favour, son.
Benim için bir iyilik yapar mısın, evlat?
4. I'd like that very much.
Bu çok iyi olurdu.
5. Jail fire kills two.
Hapishane yangınında iki kişi öldü.

B. Match these idiomatic sentences with their explanations.

1. Mrs Thomasson handed me a flashlight.
 2. I was afraid I would need a key for the wooden chest.
 3. They were local boys who had gone off to war.
 4. Would you mind going back up in the attic.
 5. He could give you a ride.
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- a) They were boys of the region who had fought as soldiers.
 - b) I thought that maybe I wouldn't be able to open the chest made of wood.
 - c) He can take you where you want by car.
 - d) Mrs Thomasson gave me a torch.
 - e) Could you go to the attic for me once again?

1-d

2-b

3-a

4-e

5-c

11. The Light Goes out

❖ Ask questions for these sentences in Part 11.

1. How does Peter explain his not wearing any glasses in the morning?
Peter says he had his contact lenses on.
2. What is the second thing that scares Peter to death after recognizing the fortune teller?
The necklace the woman in the picture wore.
3. Why did the real murderer of the lumberjack set the jail to fire?
Because he wanted to end the story of the stolen money.
4. What happened to the murderer after?
He was torn to pieces under a train.
5. Where did the old woman tell Peter to put the necklace?
At a resting place where there once was a mound.

12. Under the Shooting Star

❖ Read Part 12 carefully and fill in the blanks with the following words:

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a) scraped b) stumbled c) course d) wiped e) path
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1. There were still golfers out on the course.
2. There was a little path leading through an area of tall trees.
3. I dug with my fingers and scraped up earth like a dog.
4. I stumbled over a stone and fell.
5. I wiped the tears from my face.

1-c

2-e

3-a

4-b

5-d

13. Epilogue-Kids

❖ Read Part 13 carefully and correct the wrong words in each sentence.

1. By the end of the summer the psychologist had the question.
By the end of the summer the psychologist had the answer.
2. I shouldn't have told her my life story ten times.
I must have told her my life story ten times.
3. The fortune teller had scared us so much that Pam had permanently lost her sight.
The fortune teller had scared us so much that Pam had temporarily lost her sight.
4. Had there been other people who had "owned" the necklace and gone mad?
Had there been other people who had "owned" the necklace and gone blind?
5. We were just kids and ready to believe almost nothing.
We were just kids and ready to believe almost anything.

AFTER READING

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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