

### **LUCETE READING E6 2**

UNIT 8: Special Gifts

## Special Gifts Let's Check!

- 1. What are the keywords?
- 2. What is the main idea of the text?



#### Reading section:

#### **Special Gifts**

This story "The Gift of the Magi" was written by O. Henry in 1905.

Jim and his wife, Della, were very poor. They owned only two precious things: Jim's pocket watch and Della's long, beautiful hair. On Christmas, Della wanted to buy something special for Jim. But she had little money. Then she saw a sign outside a wig shop: "We buy hair." Della quickly got a haircut and sold all her hair. Then she bought a chain for Jim's pocket watch. Meanwhile, Jim saw a beautiful comb in a jewelry shop. He wanted it as a gift for Della. So, he sold his pocket watch and bought it. Back home, Jim saw Della without her beautiful hair. He was sad and showed her the comb. She explained and showed him the chain. Both gifts were useless!

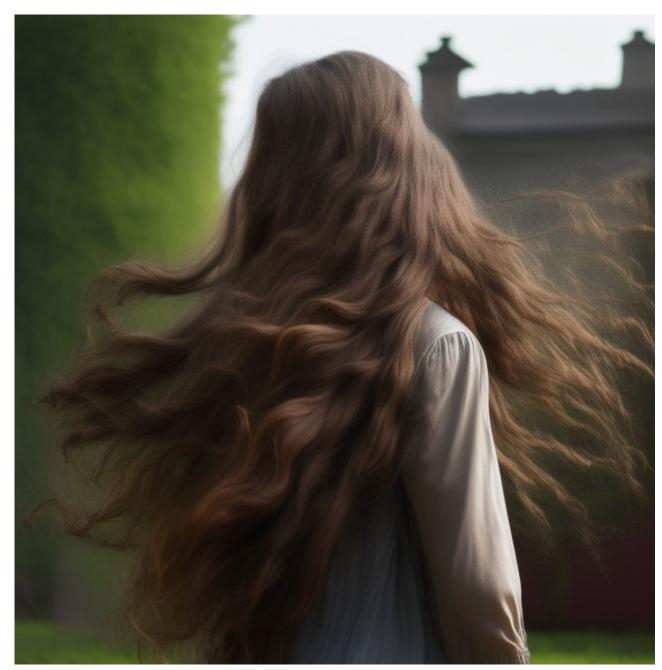
But the couple loved their gifts and treasured them. Why? The gifts showed their love. That's more special than anything.

6 vocabulary key words: precious, wig, comb, jewelry, useless, treasured

# Special Gifts Let's Check!

1. What is the summary?





# Special Gifts Let's Think!

1. Beginning of the Passage:
Question: Have you ever wanted to buy a special gift for someone but didn't have enough money? What did you do?
Answer: Once, I wanted to buy a gift for, but I didn't have enough money. So, I decided to
2. Middle of the Passage (First Half):
Question: If you were Della, would you cut your beautiful hair to buy a gift? Why or why not?
Answer: If I were Della, I would/wouldn't cut my hair because .
3. Middle of the Passage (Second Half):
Question: If you want to give something special for someone you love, what would you give and why?
Answer: I would give to because
4. End of the Passage (First Half):
Question: Imagine you are Jim or Della. How would you feel getting a gift that you can't use?
Answer: If I got a gift I couldn't use, I would feel
5. End of the Passage (Second Half):
Question: Think of a time someone did something special for you. It didn't have to be a gift. What happened?
Answer: did for me. It made me feel

## Special Gifts Wrap Up!

- 1. Why do you think Jim and Della still loved their gifts even though they couldn't use them?
- 2. What is more important when giving a gift: the thought or the gift itself? Why?
- 3. Do you think the story would have ended differently if Jim and Della had more money? Why or why not?

### **DEBATE TITLE:** The Secret Agent Chef

- Topic:
- Discussion question:

Instructions: Choose one of the prompts and answer them:

Prompt 1: Imagine you are Ji-hoon's friend, and you just discovered his secret life as a secret agent chef. Write a letter to Ji-hoon expressing your feelings, the questions you have, and how this revelation has changed your perspective of him.

Prompt 2: Ji-hoon's secret ingredients played a crucial role in his mission. What do you think these ingredients might have been? Write a descriptive passage imagining what these ingredients are, their taste, smell, texture, and how they influence the people who consume them.

Prompt 3: Ji-hoon had to lead a double life as a chef and a secret agent. Write a diary entry from Ji-hoon's perspective, describing the challenges and rewards of his dual roles.