

A Reading and interaction

Comprehension work

1 Read the passage and answer the questions.

(1) Who are Johnsy, Sue and Behrman?

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(2) What happened to Johnsy in part A?

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(3) What did the doctor tell Sue about Johnsy's condition?

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(4) How did Old Behrman react when Sue told him about Johnsy's condition?

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(5) How did Johnsy feel when she saw the last leaf for the first time? Did she change her mind when she saw it again the next day?

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(6) What was the good deed in the story? Who did the good deed?

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2 Read the summary below and fill in each blank with a suitable word based on the language of the passage. You may change the form if necessary.

Johnsy and Sue were young artists sharing a ¹ in a three-storey brick house. Downstairs lived an amateur artist called Old Behrman. He was a ² in art, but insisted that he would paint a ³ someday. Though he lived a humble life, he regarded himself as a protector of the two young artists. After Johnsy was ⁴ down by pneumonia, she was in low spirits and ready to die along with the ivy leaves on the vine outside of her bedroom window. The doctor told Sue that Johnsy would not ⁵ through unless she changed her mind. Sue told Old Behrman of Johnsy's ⁶ about the ivy leaves outside her window. Old Behrman was ⁷ to hear such a silly idea. Together with Sue, he went to Johnsy's room and peered ⁸ out at the ivy vine amid the long-lasting cold rain mixed with snow. Then quietly, he came back to his small room downstairs. The next day, it was quite surprising that one firm ivy leaf had survived the storm and ⁹ to its stem against the wall. Seeing this, Johnsy realized how ¹⁰ it was to want to die and she regained the courage to live on. As she was recovering, Old Behrman died of pneumonia because on that icy cold rainy night he had completed his masterpiece—the last leaf on the ivy vine.