

## Deep reading

- 1 O. Henry ended the story in a surprising way. But to make the surprise ending sound reasonable, he provided many clues to prepare readers for it. Discuss the questions and complete the table in pairs.

- (1) What clues does the writer give? Identify at least five such clues in the passage.  
(2) How do you think these clues lead to the surprising ending?

Clues	My interpretation
But unless she changes her mind, chances are 50 / 50 whether she will pull through or not.	This sentence hints that Johnsy might survive. The reader can be either pessimistic or optimistic about Johnsy's fate. Generally, readers hope for the best result, so "50 / 50" is one of the clues to the surprising ending.