

# Answer key | The Gift of the Magi

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## Pre-reading Activity 1: Gifts in Your Life

Answers will vary.

## Pre-reading Activity 2: Vocabulary Building

Answers may vary; some examples of possible descriptive words about each item are provided below.

1. A small, flat, brown leather case with a brass fastener. For carrying money.	2. A round gold pocket watch with a long gold chain to secure it to clothing. The watch has a cover to protect its face.	3. A gray wool coat with three buttons down the front of it.
4. A round mirror with a fancy black metal frame. It sits on a stand on the table.	5. A decorative comb with four small leaves and pearls and diamonds. The teeth hold the comb in the hair.	6. A woman's brown felt hat with a brown satin ribbon.
7. A shiny necklace with seven jewels, each trimmed with smaller jewels.	8. An alert, brown hunting dog.	9. A blue mailbox with an opening where letters can be left by the mail carrier.
10. A furnished room with a wooden double bed and a table with a bowl and pitcher for washing.	11. An electric door-bell that makes a sound inside when pressed outside the door. It lets the residents know they have a visitor.	12. A beautiful cascade of water falling down over a rocky ridge into a pool of water in the forest.

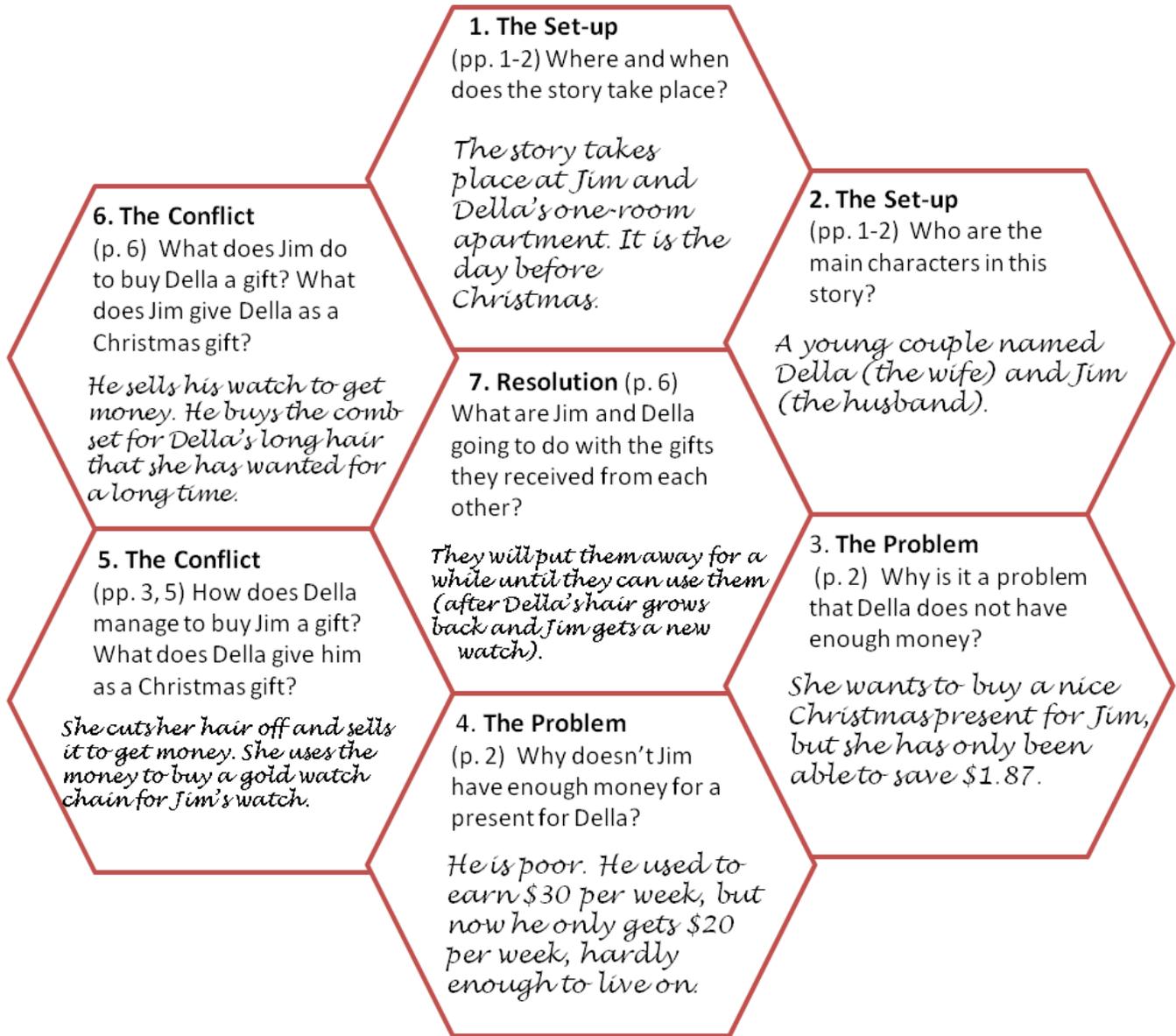
### While-reading Activity 1: Draw the Scene

Items mentioned on pages one and two are listed below; other answers may vary. Drawings will vary.

windows      bed      small letter-box      electric bell  
narrow looking-glass      door

## While-reading Activity 2: Story Development

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**Post-reading Activity 1: Then What Happened?**

<b>Event from the Story</b>	<b>Order</b>
a. Della shops for Jim's Christmas present.	4
b. Jim sees Della's haircut.	7
c. Della gives Jim his Christmas present.	9
d. Della decides to sell her hair.	2
e. Jim gives Della the combs.	8
f. Della buys a watch chain for Jim.	5
g. Della has saved only \$1.87 to buy Jim a Christmas present.	1
h. Jim arrives home from work.	6
i. Della sells her hair for \$20.	3