

ANSWER KEY | From the Cabby's Seat

Pre-reading Activity 1: Word Squares

Answers will vary based on the words you choose.

Pre-reading Activity 2: Anticipation Guide

Before You Read	After You Read	Statement
	T	The seat for a cabby is relatively high.
	T	A cabby expects his fare (passenger) will pay him generously.
	F	A cabby does not wait for his fare while the fare stops for a drink or meal. <i>True statement: A cabby does wait while the fare stops for a drink.</i>
	F	A cabby does not work at night. <i>True statement: A cabby works at night.</i>
	F	The cab in this story has two horses. <i>True statement: The cab in this story has one horse.</i>
	T	A cabby usually chats with his fare during a trip.
	F	The cabby in this story didn't drink before driving his cab. <i>True statement: The cabby in this story drank before driving his cab.</i>
	T	A cabby usually tries to please his fare.

While-reading Activity 1: Character Description

Jerry	Norah
1. <i>High hat</i>	1. <i>Voice sounded like music</i>
2. <i>Thick and red nose</i>	2. <i>An expression of love of life</i>
3. <i>Fine green coat</i>	3. <i>A plain face</i>
4. <i>Hard voice</i>	4. <i>Shining eyes</i>
5. <i>Reddened hands</i>	5. <i>Simple dress</i>
6. <i>A wide smile</i>	6. <i>Dreaming smile</i>

While Reading Activity 2: Supporting Details and Main Ideas

Main idea:

1. A wedding celebration at the Walsh's house is catered by the McGary's Restaurant nearby.
2. The cabby tries to please the fare and drives her to the Casino restaurant.
3. The fare could not pay, and the cabby became very angry.

Post-reading Activity 1: The Route of the Night

Place	Event	Number
McGary's Family Restaurant beside Walsh's house	Norah steps in Jerry's cab.	1
Police Station	Jerry finds that Norah is a special fare to him.	4
Casino Restaurant	Norah enjoys a cold drink in the restaurant.	3
Fifth Avenue	Jerry is half asleep.	2

Map Route: Restaurant to Fifth Avenue to Casino Restaurant to Police Station

Post-reading Activity 2: Understanding the Main Character

Answers will vary.

Events In the Story	Character's Feelings/Thoughts/Decisions	Questions
1. The cabby's view of life and people.	<i>His view of people is simpler, perhaps, than the view of a man who does any other kind of work. ... People are not important to him unless they wish to go somewhere. Then they are only something to be carried from one place to another. (p. 41)</i>	Question A: Do you think the cabby's view of life and people is appropriate for his job? <i>Maybe. A cabby only cares about his business, not people.</i>
2. Getting the customers into the cab.	<i>A fare! He made a sudden move, and three or four people near him fell down. (p. 42)</i>	Question B: What was the cabby's attitude towards people who did not ride his cab? <i>The cabby did not care about people who did not ride his cab.</i>
3. The cabby stops at the Casino Restaurant.	<i>They made a sudden stop at the door of the restaurant. The cab door opened. The fare stepped out. At once she seemed caught by the wonderful music. (p. 44)</i>	Question C: Do you think the cabby cared about the young lady's feelings when he drove to the park and stopped at the Casino Restaurant? <i>Yes, he wants to please the fare. He hopes she will pay him generously</i>
4. The cabby's reaction when he learns that the young lady does not have enough money.	<i>He was full of anger. He shouted at the stars in the sky. He shouted at other cabs as they passed. His words were so bad that another driver, hearing them, could not believe his ears. (p. 45)</i>	Question D: What would be your reaction if you didn't get paid for the work you had done? <i>I would be upset but not that angry.</i>