



Pre-Reading Activities

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A: Discussion

Answer the questions in pairs.

1. Look at the picture below. What is it?:



2. Do you know anyone who wears this? Why do they wear it?

3. In your country when people decide to get married, does the man give the woman any special gift. (i.e. an engagement gift?)

4. In your country, does the woman give the man any special gift?

5. What happens to the gifts if the man and woman decide not to get married?

Reading Activities

A: Reading For Main Idea

Read today's article quickly. Which sentence below is correct?

1. A person stole a ring from a car.

2. A person put a ring in a car.

Stranger gives away \$15,000 ring

BOSTON (Reuters) December 15, What usually happens when you do not lock your car? Someone steals it! However, this did not happen in western Massachusetts. Instead the man came back to find a diamond ring in the car!

The note said, "Merry Christmas. Thank you for leaving your car door unlocked. Instead of stealing your car I gave you a present. Hopefully this will land in the hands of someone you love, for my love is gone now. Merry Christmas to you."

A 37-year-old man forgot to lock his car at a train station in Westborough, western Massachusetts about 30 miles west of Boston. When he returned, he found a diamond ring and a note on the seat of his car.

The man told the police about the ring. A jeweler said the ring is worth US\$15,000. The man has decided to keep the ring.

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Words: stranger - someone you do not know

B: Comprehension

Read the article more slowly. Answer these questions. Use the sentence beginnings below in your answers.

1. Where was the man? Answer: He was at []

2. What did the man forget to do? Answer: He forgot to []

3. What happened when he came back to his car? Answer: When he came back to his car, he found []

4. Where were these things? Answer: They were []

5. How much is the ring worth? Answer: It is worth []



C: Sequencing

Put these events in the order in which they happened.

- a. The man found the ring and the note.
- b. The man went away from his car.
- c. The man thought he would keep the ring.
- d. The man came back to his car.
- e. A man parked his car at a train station.
- f. Someone opened the unlocked car.
- g. He forgot to lock his car.
- h. Someone left a diamond ring and a note in the unlocked car.
- i. The man told the police.

D: Reading Carefully

Read part of the article again. Choose the best answer for each question.

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1. Who was the note from?
 - a. *The man (the owner of the car).*
 - b. *The person who put the ring in the car.*

2. Why did the note thank the man for not locking his car?
 - a. *Because the person wanted to put the ring in a car.*
 - b. *Because the person wanted to sit in the car.*

3. What often happens when you forget to lock your car?
 - a. *Someone steals your car.*
 - b. *Someone puts a diamond ring in your car.*

4. What does the person hope the man will do with the ring?
 - a. *Give it to someone he loves.*
 - b. *Give it to the police.*

5. How did the person feel who wrote the note?
 - a. *Probably happy because the note says, "my love is gone now".*
 - b. *Probably sad because the note says, "my love is gone now".*

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Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

A: Language

We use the past simple tense for actions that have finished in the past.

* *The man came back to find a diamond ring in the car.*

* *The man told the police about the ring.*

The past simple tense is made by adding **-ed** to the end of a verb: **park --> parked**

Verbs that have this rule are known as regular verbs.

However, in English, some verbs are irregular - this means they do not have the same rule as for most verbs.

They do not end in -ed in the past simple tense:

* *Present simple tense: I leave my car.*

* *Past simple tense: I left my car. **NOT** ~~I lefted my car.~~*

Here are some sentences in the simple present tense. Some of the verbs are regular, some are irregular.

Write the sentences in the past simple tense. The first two are done for you as examples.

I park my car. → I parked my car.

I leave my car. → I left my car.

I return to my car. → _____

I find a ring and a note in my car. → _____

I read the note. → _____

I go to the police station. → _____

I tell the police about the ring. → _____

I show the ring to a jeweler. → _____

I keep the ring. → _____

B: Write A Note!

When we want to thank someone, we often say or write, "**Thank you for...**"

We use **thank you + for + verb + -ing.**

Thank you for teaching me!
Thank you for being my friend!
Thank you for driving me to school.
Thank you for helping me.

Who do you want to thank?

1. Write sentences thanking them.

When your teacher has checked them,

write them on nice paper or on cards.

Give them to the people you want to thank!

or

2. Write this thank-you note!

Dear _____ (write the person's name)

You (say 1 nice thing about why you are thanking them in a sentence).

You always help me feel happy. /


You explain things to me when I do not understand in class.

Your friend / student / son / daughter / (choose one)

_____ (write your name)

Dear _____,

Thank you for _____



TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

Pre-Reading Activities

A: Discussion - Sample Answers

1. A diamond ring.
2. Answers will vary. However, in many countries diamond rings are used as engagement rings to show that a woman is engaged to a man. The woman wears the ring on her ring finger on her left hand.
3. In western countries the man may give the woman an engagement ring.
4. Answers will vary.
5. In some western countries the woman (and the man) return the gifts to each other. i.e. the woman gives the man back his ring.

Reading Activities

A: Reading For Main Idea - Answer

Idea 2 is correct.

B: Comprehension - Answers

1. He was at a train station.
2. He forgot to lock his car.
3. When he came back to his car, he found a diamond ring and a note (in his car).
4. They were on the seat of his car.
5. It is worth US\$15,000.

C: Sequencing - Answers

1. e, 2. g, 3. b, 4. f, 5. h, 6. d, 7.a, 8. i, 9. c.

D: Reading Carefully - Answers

1. b, 2. a, 3. a, 4. a, 5. b.

Post-Reading Activities

A: Language - Answers

I returned to my car. I found a ring and a note in my car. I read the note. I went to the police station. I told the police about the ring. I showed the ring to a jeweler. I kept the ring.