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# The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry

Read "The Gift of the Magi" and answer the questions below. As you read fill in the blanks on the quotes listed in the box on the bottom of the page. NOTE: THE QUOTES ARE IN ORDER.

1. How much money did Della have at the beginning of the story? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is Mr. James Dillingham Young's occupation? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What two possessions did the Dillingham Youngs prize most in life? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Della buy for her husband? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did Jim buy for Della? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is ironic about the outcome of the story? \_\_\_\_\_
7. The story reveals Della's plan while withholding information about the parallel plan of Jim. The story could just as well have been told in the reverse, with our knowing of Jim's intentions and not knowing Della's. If the story were written thus, would the conclusion have been as striking? Why or Why not?  
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"Her eyes were shining brilliantly, but her face had lost its color within \_\_\_\_\_ seconds."

"Oh, and the next two hours tripped by on \_\_\_\_\_."

"When Della reached home her \_\_\_\_\_ gave way a little to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

"If Jim doesn't \_\_\_\_\_," she said to herself, "before he takes a second look at me, he'll say I look like a \_\_\_\_\_ chorus girl."

"Please God, make him think \_\_\_\_\_ am \_\_\_\_\_."

"You've cut off your hair?" asked Jim laboriously, as if he had not \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ fact yet even after the \_\_\_\_\_."

"But if you'll unwrap the package you may see why you had me \_\_\_\_\_ awhile at first."

"And now they were hers, but the \_\_\_\_\_ that should have adorned the coveted \_\_\_\_\_ were gone."

"I sold, the watch to get the money to buy your combs. And now suppose you \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ on."

"The Magi, as you know, were wise men- \_\_\_\_\_ wise men-who brought gifts to the \_\_\_\_\_ in the manger."

"Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of \_\_\_\_\_."