

Opening Work – Week 11

Freshmen English
Mrs. Hess

Day 1

- Correct capitalization of words in title
- Use of commas with nonrestrictive clause
- Use of commas with nonrestrictive appositive

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- 1. “The Gift Of The Magi” is typical of most O. Henry stories which are known for their surprise endings.
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Day 2

- Elimination of double negative
- Capitalization of name of holiday
- Use of exclamation point to show strong emotion

Day 2

- 1. Della doesn't have no money to buy Jim a christmas gift.
- 2. How she wants to buy something nice for him.

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- 1. Della doesn't have **any** money to buy Jim a **C**hristmas gift.
- 2. How she wants to buy something nice for him!

Day 3

- Use of comma after introductory prepositional phrases
- Use of period with parenthetical expression that is a sentence
- Verb tense compatibility

Day 3

- 1. Upon seeing her reflection in the mirror Della decides to cut and sell her beautiful hair. (Both Jim and Della are particularly proud of Della's long hair)
- 2. With the money she receives, Della bought a gold chain for Jim's treasured watch.

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- 2. With the money she **receives**, Della **buys** a gold chain for Jim's treasured watch.

Day 4

- Combining sentences
- Subject and verb agreement
- Use of comma with coordinate adjectives

Day 4

- 1. In the meantime, Jim sells his gold watch. He does this so that he can buy a Christmas gift for Della.
- 2. The gift that Jim decides to buy are a set of combs for Della's long beautiful hair.

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- 1. In the meantime, Jim sells his gold watch **so that** he can buy a Christmas gift for Della.
- 2. The gift that Jim decides to buy **is** a set of combs for Della's long, beautiful hair.

Day 5

- Correct pronoun case
- Correct comparison of adjective
- Use of comma to set off direct quotation
- Inclusion of closing quotation marks

Day 5

- 1. Whom do you think made the greatest sacrifice, Jim or Della?
- 2. The narrator concludes the story by saying “Of all who give gifts these two were the wisest.”

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- 2. The narrator concludes the story by saying, “Of all who give gifts these two were the wisest.”