



Introduction (5 minutes)

Welcome to this short story comprehension worksheet designed for ESL adult learners. This worksheet aims to help you improve your reading and writing skills in English. Please read the instructions carefully and complete the activities to the best of your ability.

Vocabulary Building (15 minutes)

Match the vocabulary words with their definitions:

1. Narrate
2. Protagonist
3. Theme
4. Symbolism
5. Irony

Definitions:

- to tell a story
- the main character
- the underlying message
- the use of objects to represent ideas
- a contrast between what is expected and what occurs

Reading Comprehension (20 minutes)

Read the following short story and answer the questions:

The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry

(Insert short story text)

1. What is the main theme of the story?

2. Who is the protagonist of the story?

3. What is the symbolism of the gifts exchanged by the couple?

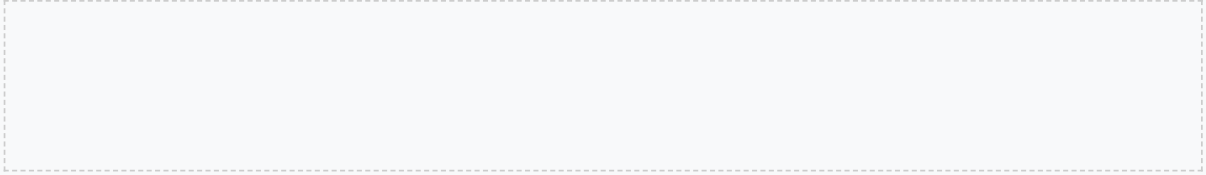
Short Story Analysis (25 minutes)

Analyze the short story and answer the following questions:

1. What is the author's purpose in writing the story?

2. How does the author use literary devices to convey the theme?

3. What message do you think the author is trying to convey to the reader?



Writing Activities (20 minutes)

Write a short paragraph (5-7 sentences) in response to the following prompt:

What is the most important theme in the short story, and how does it relate to your own life?

Multimedia Elements (15 minutes)

Watch the video summary of the short story and answer the following questions:

1. What is the main plot of the story?

2. Who are the main characters?

3. What is the theme of the story?

Assessment Strategies (25 minutes)

Complete the following assessment tasks:

1. Write a short essay (5 paragraphs) analyzing the short story.

2. Create a visual project (e.g. infographic, comic strip) illustrating the theme and literary devices used in the story.

Extension Activities (20 minutes)

Complete the following extension activities:

1. Read and summarize a related short story or article.

2. Create a presentation or project about the historical or cultural context of the story.

Conclusion (10 minutes)

Congratulations on completing this short story comprehension worksheet! We hope you have improved your reading and writing skills in English.

Answer Key

1. Vocabulary Building:

- 1. to tell a story
- 2. the main character
- 3. the underlying message
- 4. the use of objects to represent ideas
- 5. a contrast between what is expected and what occurs

2. Reading Comprehension:

- 1. The main theme of the story is the importance of sacrifice and love.
- 2. The protagonist of the story is the young couple.
- 3. The gifts exchanged by the couple symbolize their love and sacrifice for each other.

3. Short Story Analysis:

- 1. The author's purpose is to convey the theme of sacrifice and love.
- 2. The author uses literary devices such as symbolism and irony to convey the theme.
- 3. The author is trying to convey the message that true love requires sacrifice and selflessness.

