

“The Gift of the Magi” Reading Questions

1. How much money does Della have? How much of it was in pennies?
2. What did Della want to do with the money?
3. What did Della sell to get the \$20.00 she needed to buy Jim’s present?
4. What is the last name of the family in the story?
5. What has happened to Jim’s weekly salary?
6. What are the two possessions that Jim and Della take pride in?
7. What does Jim give Della as a gift? How is this ironic?
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9. What are magi?
10. What does the author compare the couple to?
11. What is the setting of the story?
12. Who is the author of this story?
13. What is the author’s real name?
14. What was the author accused of?