

Part Four: Personal Relations

Chapter 10: *The Other Wife*

Vocabulary Preview

Using the Vocabulary

Maitre d', usher, contented, bay, indulge, incompatibility, furtively

Idioms and Expressions

The way you indulge me, darling is so charming.

Besides, she doesn't exactly seem to be having a wild time being alone.

Understanding the Story

1. Because his ex-wife is sitting near the window.
2. He orders expensive food and talks about his chauffeur.
3. He is selfish, and wants his wife to "indulge" him.
4. "I wonder what she wanted from him? "I envy her. She looks so contented, so happy, so free, so superior."
5. Because the first wife is free from Marc's domination.

Reading between the Lines

1. b 2. c 3. b 4. a 5. d

Practicing Vocabulary

Exercise 1

ushered, specialty, furtively, incompatibility, contented, bay, victim, indulge, hesitantly, envied

Learning New Skills: Interviewing

Questions students might ask: Were you ever a wife like Marc's first wife or like Alice? Did you write this story from experience or from imagination? Do you believe that many women are too indulgent of their husbands? Would you like to meet Kate Chopin, who wrote *The Story of an Hour*. In what way is her story similar to yours?

Grammar Review: Modals

Exercise 1

Alice uses the word "could" because Marc is not in a position to see his first wife. Alice suggests that the first wife has an expression on her face that might interest Marc.

Alice comes to a conclusion that Marc's first wife is watching them.

Marc uses the word "would" because he is making a suggestion or offer. It is the polite use of the verb.

Irregular Verbs

known, put, sat, made, kept, meant, kept

Literary Elements of the Story

Setting	France, in a restaurant near a bay
Characters	The maitre d' Marc Alice, Marc's new wife Marc's first wife
Plot	Marc and Alice are newly married. They go to an elegant restaurant where Marc unexpectedly sees his first wife. Alice is curious, and discovers that Marc's first wife seems very happy without him.
Conflict	Between Marc's controlling nature and his relationship with his first wife and with Alice
Theme	The sudden realization that one has made a mistake in marriage
Ending	Alice envies the contentment and freedom of Marc's first wife.

Chapter 11: Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks

Vocabulary Preview

Using the Vocabulary

sympathize, misery, handouts, insensitive, resentful, ruthlessly

Idioms and Expressions

How come you feel so good?

You don't have to put up with anything

You ought to see how you look, Helen.

We hadn't counted on this at all.

I don't take handouts.

What a mess we're in.

Since we got married I've had to slave to make ends meet.

Understanding the Story

1. She thinks he is insensitive to her fears about having the baby.
2. Growing old, losing her looks, being poor, suffering.
3. Because she feels sorry for him.
4. "I don't take handouts."
5. The old man smiles at her and suddenly makes her feel more peaceful.

Reading between the Lines

2. "I don't take handouts."
3. "There are plenty of men out of work these days and if you offer a bum a quarter and he won't take it, well, lots will, and he's got no reason to be snooty."
4. "You knew all about that when you married me. You worked a long time when you were single. Why didn't you save something?"
5. "All her anger is gone."

Practicing Vocabulary

Exercise 1

2. resentful, insensitive 3. ruthless 4. glowing 5. quit
6. sympathize, misery 7. couple

Exercise 2

2. "If he was out of work, it would make him feel more resentful."
3. "But I do wish you wouldn't seem so insensitive."
4. "There's a ruthless streak in you, I guess, Bill."
5. "Your face is soft and plump and kind of all glowing."
6. "Now that this baby is coming, I'll have to quit my job."
7. "Can't I sympathize with him?"
8. "We're too poor and it would just mean a lot of misery, and it will make one look old."
9. "The young couple are sharing a secret."

Learning New Skills: Paraphrasing

The man looks poor and Helen feels sorry for him. She offers him money, which he refuses. Helen is embarrassed. She quarrels with her husband because he doesn't sympathize with the old man. As the couple return to go home, the old man smiles at Helen. Suddenly, her anger is gone and she is no longer afraid to have the baby.

Grammar Review: Comparison of Adjectives

reasonable	more reasonable	most reasonable
old	older	oldest
lovely	lovelier	loveliest
peaceful	more peaceful	most peaceful

Irregular Verbs

felt, grow, did, taken, held

Literary Elements of the Story

Setting	A sunny afternoon in a park
Characters	Helen Fairbanks Bill Fairbanks, her husband Old man
Plot	Helen feels frightened and worried because she is going to have a baby. She quarrels with her husband who doesn't seem sympathetic to her. Helen's encounter with an old man who smiles at her makes her feel peaceful.
Conflict	Helen and Bill quarrel about the coming of a baby.
Theme	An old man's smile brings peace to a worried young woman.
Ending	The old man's smile takes Helen's anger away and she is contented to have the baby.

Chapter 12: *She'll Never Know*

Vocabulary Preview

Using the Vocabulary

arrange, fortune, laborers, huge, salary, displeased

Idioms and Expressions

Well, Jack, you asked for it.

Never, never, I know all about drug pushing.

We have sworn an oath never to tell the women.

Understanding the Story

1. Jack wants to assure Luigi that he will not tell anyone the secret about Gino. Jack means that it is impossible to find anyone in a large city like New York from just knowing his name.
2. She thinks that Jack doesn't want to help her.
3. He hasn't written because he is in prison.
4. The men think that the women will tell Lena the truth about her son.

Reading between the Lines

1. c 2. b 3. a 4. b 5. c 6. b 7. d

Practicing Vocabulary

Exercise 1

2. g 3. c 4. f 5. h 6. a 7. d 8. e

Exercise 2

1. Physical work, usually constructing buildings
2. Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary.
4. Students give their own opinions.
5. Knowing someone very well
6. Answers will vary.

Learning New Skills: Separating Fact from Opinion

3. O 4. F 5. F 6. F 7. O 8. F

Grammar Review: Uses of the Verb Do

Exercise 1

Quotation	Use
I don't know why you ever bothered to learn Italian.	Negative
He does not write.	Negative statement
And what do they say?	Question
Then you will do nothing, Signor?	Question
How did you hear about him?	Question

Irregular Verbs

thought, spoke, left, send, written, thinks, find, got, sold, swore

Literary Elements of the Story

Setting	Italy in the little fishing village of Santa Balena
Characters	Jack Newland Lina Mr. and Mrs. Robinson Luigi
Plot	Lina asks Jack Newland, an American, to find Gino, her son. Gino went to New York and sent money home to his mother, but hasn't written to her in four years. Jack learns from Luigi, a fisherman, that Gino is in prison. It is a secret that none of the men of the village will reveal.
Conflict	The conflict is between Jack's inability to help Lina find her son and Lina's insistence that Americans can do anything

Theme	Only the men know what happened to Gino.
Ending	Jack promises to keep Gino's secret when he says, "All Italians are named Gino."

Part Four: End-of-Part Activities

Words frequently confused

The Other Wife

They're, there, sea, weight, weighs, there, quite, quit, quiet, see

Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks

to, too, women, already, two, all ready, seam

She'll Never Know

guest, find, dead, died, whole, fine, hole, cell