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THE NACKLACE

Passages For Comprehension

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Why was Matilda born as if through an error of destiny?



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Why was she unhappy?



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What did he say to Matilda in the end?



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Why would she prefer not to go to the party?



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What did her husband suggest?



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Why did Matilda finally decide to speak to Mme Forestier?



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"Yes. You did not perceive it then? They were just alike."

And she smiled with proud and simple joy.

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hands as she replied, “Oh! My poor Matilda! Mine were false. They were not worth over five hundred francs!”

What did Matilda tell Mme Forestier regarding the replacement of the lost diamond necklace?



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What did Mme Forestier say about the necklace?



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1. What kind of a person is Madam Loisel? Why is she always unhappy?



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2. What kind of a person is her husband?





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1. What fresh problem now disturbs Mrs. Loisel?



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2. How is the problem solved?



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1. What do Mr. and Mrs. Loisel do next?



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2. How do they replace the necklace?



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1. The course of the Loisel's life changed due to the necklace. Comment.



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2. What was the cause of Matilda's ruin? How could she have avoided it?



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3. What would have happened to Matilda if she had confessed to her friend that she had lost her necklace?



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4. If you were caught in a situation like this, how would you have dealt with it?



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1. The characters in this story speak in English. Do you think this is their language? What clues are there in the story about the language its characters must be speaking in?



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2. Honesty is the best policy.



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3. We should be content with what life gives us.



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Additional Questions Solved Short Answer Type Questions

1. Why did Matilda think that she was born in a family of petty clerks by some error of destiny?



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2. Why was Matilda always unhappy? Or Why did Matilda suffer incessantly?



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3. What things tortured and angered Matilda?

Or Do you think that deep divide between her grand dreams and ordinary living was the cause of her unhappiness? What did she dream of?

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4. Why didn't Matilda like to visit her rich friend?

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5. Why did Matilda throw the invitation card spitefully upon the table?

Or Why did Matilda ask her husband to give the invitation card to some colleague?





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6. How did Mr. Loisel meet the demand of a suitable costume for his wife for going to the ball?



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7. What and why did Matilda (Mrs. Loisel) put up another demand after her husband gave her 400 francs for buying a pretty dress?



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8. How was Matilda's demand of adorning herself with jewels fulfilled?



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9. What made Matilda a grand success at the ball?

Or How did Matilda perform at the ball and why did men want to be introduced to her?



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10. Why did Mr. Loisel had to put on his clothes to go out into the cold at night, minutes after returning from the ball? Did he succeed in getting what he searched for?



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11. How did Mr. and Mrs. Loisel replace the lost necklace and gave that to Madam Forestier?



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12. Why and how did the Loisels spend the horrible and miserable life of necessity?



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13. Why didn't Madam Forestier recognise Matilda? How did both the ladies look?



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14. Do you think Mr. Loisel had an enjoyable evening at the ball? Give reasons for your answer.



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15. Matilda and her husband suffered to pay off the debts which they took on their heads for a false necklace. Comment. Do you find the ending of the story unexpected and ironical?



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16. What was the greatest mistake of Mrs. Loisel that became the cause of their miseries? Could she have averted it?



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Additional Questions Solved Long Answer Type Questions

1. Draw a pen-portrait (character sketch) of Matilda (Mrs. Loisel) in about 100–200 words.



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2. Was Matilda's dream fulfilled at the ball?

Why did all men want them to be presented to her?



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3. What was the single mistake that ruined the Loisels' lives and brought them so much sufferings? Could they have avoided such a

situation?

Or How did a false necklace bring unnecessary struggles and sufferings to Loisels? Could a better understanding have avoided them?

Give a reasoned answer.



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4. How did Matilda and her husband struggle and suffer to pay off all their debts? What struggles, sufferings and sacrifices they had to make to become debt-free? What unfortunate

changes came with the passage of the time in their lives? Comment.



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