



ENGLISH READING PASSAGE

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An Empty Purse

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Read the story. Then answer the questions.

Little Miss Debby Gaines was counting the days to Christmas; there were only three, "I've got to step fast to carry out all my plans," she said to herself. Miss Debby was sewing as fast as she could, mending a warm old petticoat. She heard a knock at the door, "Come in!" she said. "Mrs Rivers!" Mrs Rivers seated herself. "What are you doing something pretty for Christmas?" she asked. "I thought I'd give it to old Mrs Bean, this would make her real comfortable," answered Miss Debby, "Presents aren't anything unless the heart goes with them." Early on Christmas morning Miss Debby woke up and could hardly wait to eat her little breakfast before she got out her best bonnet and Sunday cloak to begin her Christmas errands. Old Mrs Bean was coming out of the kitchen, when her friend wished her a merry Christmas. "Miss' Bean; a warm petticoat I've fixed up nice, you can put it right on and feel the comfort of it," said Miss Debby. "You are real kind," she said eagerly. Miss Debby went to the heart of the town again. Christmas was on Tuesday that year. Miss Debby Gaines came to a large house; a man-servant opened the door. "I wish you a happy Christmas!" she said. "Dear Miss Debby! Come and sit down! Mrs Wallis said, "I'm glad somebody wanted to see me," said Mrs Wallis and gave Miss Debby an excellent cup of tea. She was like a good angel as she sat there smiling. So Miss Debby came back to her little home again. She lighted her lamp, and saw on the table a great package with a note beside it; the note was from Mrs Rivers. "Something you said the other day," Miss Debby read, "and you must feel that my heart goes with these presents that I send you first with love. "Miss Debby's face shone with joy and this was the way that Miss Debby's Christmas came to its happy end.

Answer each question.

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1. What Miss Debby was doing?



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2.	. How did she get ready on the Christmas morning?
3.	Where did she go first and what did she give?
4.	Did Mrs Wallis enjoy Miss Debby's company?
5.	What did she see when she lighted the lamp in her house?
B	Write the correct form of the verb in each sentence
	i) He _____ (sing/sings) very well. ii) She _____ (claps/clap) her hands when she is happy. iii) They _____ (paints/paint) with water colours. iv) The clock _____ (tell/tells) us the time. v) We _____ (wears/wear) woollen clothes in winter.
C	Replace the under lined verbs with Simple Present Tense: Preeti <u>got up</u> late in the morning. She <u>brushed</u> her teeth and <u>got</u> ready. Then she <u>went</u> cycling. She <u>came</u> back and <u>ate</u> breakfast. She watched cartoon for some time and then helped her mother in the kitchen. She also <u>played</u> chess with her father before lunch. Now write down all the Present Tense Verbs in the space given below _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .