

e-future Art Classic Stories

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The Christmas Chimes

through the Art Style of Wassily Kandinsky



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A Write the correct words and match the words to their definitions.

cheer

beggar

bells

enormous

coin

still

1.



_____ •

• **a.** to shout happily

2.



_____ •

• **b.** extremely large

3.



_____ •

• **c.** metal things that make a loud sound when they're hit

4.



_____ •

• **d.** calm and quiet; not moving

5.



_____ •

• **e.** someone who lives by asking others for money, food, etc.

6.



_____ •

• **f.** a small, flat piece of metal used as money

B Circle the correct words.

1. Bats are flying animals that often live in (caves / villages).
2. This is a good (treasure / area) for swimming and fishing, because there are lots of lakes.
3. It will (certainly / suddenly) be nice to see my old friends again.
4. Many people (sounded / gathered) in the park to watch the fireworks.

C Look at the pictures. Match the idioms to their definitions .

1.



from the
heart •

• **a.** alone; by yourself

2.



one by one •

• **b.** be completely quiet; not talk at all

3.



on (your)
own •

• **c.** one at a time; one after another

4.



not say a
word •

• **d.** with real, strong feelings

D Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms from C above.

1. A: I don't know if Ina will like my present for her.

B: Don't worry. She'll like it if it's

2. A: Thanks for helping me clean up.

B: You're welcome. It's too much work for you to do

3. A: I heard you're planning a party for Dad's birthday.






B: Yes, and it's a surprise, so do

_____ to him about it.

4. A: I have so many questions about the test.

B: OK, let's talk about them _____.

A Circle T for true or F for false.

1.  The church had large bells that never rang. T / F
2.  The weather was nice as the brothers walked to the town. T / F
3.  The older brother gave his younger brother their last coin. T / F
4.  The people enjoyed the sound of the bells. T / F
5.  The younger brother left the coin when no one was watching. T / F

B Circle the right answer and write it in the blank.

1. _____ in the town knew why the bells didn't ring.
Everyone / No one
2. The old man was lying _____ when the brothers found him.
in the show / in a cave
3. We can guess that the two brothers are _____.
very mean / very kind

C Choose the best answers.

1. How did the people try to make the bells ring?
 - a. By fixing the bells
 - b. By bringing treasures
 - c. By asking the two brothers to come
 - d. By celebrating Christmas every day
2. Why did the younger brother go to the church alone?
 - a. His brother forgot to bring the coin.
 - b. His brother didn't care about the bells.
 - c. His brother was tired and couldn't walk.
 - d. His brother stopped to help the beggar.
3. What can we guess about the people in the town?
 - a. They were angry at the younger brother.
 - b. Their gifts weren't from the heart.
 - c. They wanted the bells to stop ringing.
 - d. They gave the younger brother his coin back.



D Complete the summary with the correct words.

walk alone offerings sound church coin beggar

A town had a 1. _____ with enormous bells that wouldn't ring. The people didn't know why. They tried bringing 2. _____ every day, but it didn't work. They thought that the bells would ring on Christmas Day. Two brothers decided to 3. _____ there. It was cold and snowy. On the way, they saw an old 4. _____ lying on the ground. The older brother stayed to look after him. He gave the younger brother a coin and told him to go 5. _____. The younger brother gave his 6. _____ in the church, and the bells started to ring. The people in the town thought it was a beautiful 7. _____.