

e-future Classic Readers

LEVEL 5-10

Gilray's Flowerpot



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A Match the words to the correct definitions.

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| 1. deceive | • | • a. to feel sad or sorry about (something) |
| 2. regret | • | • b. a container with a handle, used for holding and pouring liquids |
| 3. insist | • | • c. to say that something is not true |
| 4. pitcher | • | • d. to demand that something happen |
| 5. accuse | • | • e. to blame (someone) for something wrong or illegal |
| 6. deny | • | • f. to make (someone) believe something that is not true |

B Write the synonym for the given word. Change the form if needed.

disturb

intend

housekeeper

swear

habit

- Of course, I always _____ to water the flower.
planned
- The noise would have _____ my neighbors.
bothered
- He said watering it would become a(n) _____, like brushing your teeth.
routine
- I stopped to talk to the _____.
maid
- I _____, I really did try to water the plant.
promise

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

with (X2) about in of away

1. My good friend Gilray asked me to take care _____ a flowerpot.
2. He had to go _____ on business.
3. I often thought _____ his flower.
4. One time I filled a pitcher _____ water.
5. Often my friends would drop _____ .
6. Now he is angry _____ me, and it is all his own fault.

D If there is a mistake, underline it and write the correction on the line. If there is no mistake, write OK.

Two uses of *used to*

1. The pattern used to + verb is about something that was true in the past or was a repeated action in the past:

- I **used to have** long hair, but now it's short.
- We **used to walk** to school every day.

2. The pattern be used to + noun/gerund is about something being familiar so that it feels normal:

- They **weren't used to** hot weather.
- As a servant, William John **is used to** taking care of things.

1. I'm not used to our new apartment. OK
2. When I was little, I used to playing with dolls. _____
3. Nicole used to be much shorter than me. _____
4. They're used to live next door, but they moved. _____
5. Brendan is used to riding his bike long distances. _____
6. Are you used to get up early, or is it still hard for you? _____

A Circle T for true or F for false. (pp. 6-13)

1. The narrator (teller of the story) agreed to do a favor for his friend. T / F
2. The narrator thinks Gilray should have asked their servant. T / F
3. The narrator was used to taking care of plants. T / F
4. Gilray made the narrator move the flower into his room. T / F
5. The narrator says he was too busy to water the plant. T / F
6. He never thought about the plant while working. T / F

B Circle the right answer and write it in the blank. (pp. 13-23)

1. The narrator didn't water the plant after work because _____.
friends visited / he fell asleep
2. After dinner, he would _____.
go out / read a book
3. The _____ weather was another reason not to water the flower
rainy / cold
4. Gilray _____ wrote to ask about his plant.
often / never
5. After he had the servant bring him water, the narrator _____.
spilled it / drank it
6. We can guess that Gilray _____ his friend's excuses.
believed / did not believe

C Fill in the chart with the correct people and/or things.

1. **He** said taking care of a plant is easy.
2. **He** denies lying about his promise.
3. The narrator bumped into **her** on the stairs.
4. **They** might have been disturbed by noise at night.
5. **He** threw the plant away.
6. **It** has been damaged by the death of the flower.

Who or What?

D Complete the summary with the correct words.

room habit winter disturb fault remembered true

My friend Gilray was going on a trip, and he asked me to take care of his flowerpot. He said that watering it would become a

1. _____ like brushing my teeth, but that's not true. For one thing, he wouldn't let me keep it in my own 2. _____. And even though I 3. _____ it at work, I couldn't leave the office. After work, my friends would come over. So I kept forgetting to water it. Also, I didn't want to go out in the 4. _____ weather. Gilray wrote to me asking about his flower. I replied that it was fine, which could have been 5. _____. Sometimes I woke up at night thinking about the plant, but I didn't want to 6. _____ the neighbors. On the day before Gilray came back, our servant told me the plant had died. Now Gilray is angry at me, but it's really his own 7. _____.