

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 intended to water the flower.
planned
- The noise would have disturbed my neighbors.
bothered
- He said watering it would become a(n) habit, like brushing your teeth.
routine
- I stopped to talk to the housekeeper.
maid
- I swear, 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 of a flowerpot.
2. He had to go away on business.
3. I often thought about his flower.
4. One time I filled a pitcher with water.
5. Often my friends would drop in .
6. Now he is angry with 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. play
3. Nicole used to be much shorter than me. OK
4. They're used to live next door, but they moved. They
5. Brendan is used to riding his bike long distances. OK
6. Are you used to get up early, or is it still hard for you? getting

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.
~~friends visited~~ / he fell asleep
2. After dinner, he would read a book.
go out / ~~read a book~~
3. The cold weather was another reason not to water the flower.
rainy / ~~cold~~
4. Gilray often wrote to ask about his plant.
~~often~~ / never
5. After he had the servant bring him water, the narrator drank it.
spilled it / ~~drank it~~
6. We can guess that Gilray did not believe 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?

Gilray

the narrator

the housekeeper

the neighbors

William John / the servant

their friendship

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. habit like brushing my teeth, but that's not true. For one thing, he wouldn't let me keep it in my own 2. room. And even though I 3. remembered 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. winter weather. Gilray wrote to me asking about his flower. I replied that it was fine, which could have been 5. true. Sometimes I woke up at night thinking about the plant, but I didn't want to 6. disturb 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. fault.