The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

While reading

Story One, Part 1

1. **Underline** the wrong word and put the right one.
   
a. Mr. and Mrs. Button wanted their baby to be born in a house. ......................
   
b. Mr. Button felt very angry after he talked to the doctor. ......................
   
c. Mr. Button’s son wanted his father to buy him a coat. ......................
   
d. Benjamin’s parents colored his hair black. ......................
   
e. Mr. Button brought home some books for Benjamin. ......................
   
f. Benjamin wanted to do more amusing activities. ......................
   
g. Benjamin’s father didn’t want his son to wear his suit in the street. ......................

2. **Put a word or words on the left with a word or words on the right.**

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Story One, Part 2

3. **Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.**

   
a. lady shoes The wore beautiful gold dance ........................................
   
b. A people Hildegarde lot thought mad of was ........................................
   
c. party town Benjamin every in went every to ........................................
   
d. the Benjamin mirror his looked in face at ........................................
   
e. house Roscoe Benjamin want his didn’t in ........................................
   
f. made boxes Benjamin things pictures from drew and ........................................
   
g. ladies to Benjamin The wanted to older talk ........................................

4. **Are the sentences right (√) or wrong (×)?**
   
a. It was raining when Benjamin and his father went to the country house.    
   
   b. Hildegarde knew that Benjamin was Mr. Button’s son.    
   
   c. Benjamin’s father liked to talk about business.    
   
   d. Hildegarde was happy that Benjamin was getting younger.    
   
   e. Roscoe didn’t want Benjamin to call him by his first name.    
   
   f. Benjamin told Roscoe that he was going to camp Mosby.    
   
   g. The kind officer at the camp was riding a horse.    

Story Two, Part 1

5. **Finish the sentences with the right words.**

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<td>a. Clark’s old car .................... a noise like a cough.</td>
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<td>c. Nobody .................... who the Confederate boys were.</td>
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<td>d. Sally Carrol .................... that Harry’s parents liked her.</td>
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<td>e. A rich, old lady’s father .................... up the trash in the town.</td>
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<td>f. The girl from the South didn’t .................... the people in the North.</td>
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6. **Answer the questions.**

   
a. Who gave Clark money to have fun? ........................................
   
b. Why was nobody in Tarleton in a hurry? ........................................
   
c. How long did Harry plan to stay in Tarleton? ........................................
   
d. When did Margery Lee die? ........................................
   
   e. What did Sally Carrol drink on the train? ........................................
   
   f. How old was Harry’s brother Gordon? ........................................
   
   g. How long did Harry have for a vacation? ........................................
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Story Two, Part 2

7 What's first? Number the sentences 1–6.
   a □ Sally Carrol and Harry see a poor man in the street.
   b □ Sally Carrol can't find Harry in the underground passage.
   c □ Clark takes Sally Carrol swimming for the second time.
   d □ Sally Carrol meets Roger Patton.
   e □ Margery Lee talks to Sally Carrol.
   f □ A lot of people go into the ice palace.

8 Find the right words in Story Two Part 2.
   a It is similar to the word “think.” (p. 38) 
     ……………………………………….
   b A material used to make clothes. (p. 41) 
     ……………………………………….
   c The opposite of wide. (p. 42) 
     ……………………………………….
   d Another word for strange. (p. 45) 
     ……………………………………….
   e Something that women wear but men usually don't. (p. 46) 
     ……………………………………….
   f To make a loud noise when you are angry or afraid. (p. 46) 
     ……………………………………….
   g A part of the body that moves blood around. (p. 46) 
     ……………………………………….

Story Three, Part 1

9 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.
   a Ardita's uncle thought she was little more as than a child.
   b The white man climbed quickly quick up the ladder.
   c The pirates were running from through the law.
   d Ardita wasn't interested interesting in money.
   e Carlyle put all his money onto into a business idea.
   f Carlyle was enjoying enjoyed his life very much.
   g Ardita looked up and saw an island in on the ocean.

10 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.
   a Ardita didn't hear the sound of her uncle's 
     ………………….
   b A black man called Babe seemed to be 
     Carlyle's main 
     ………………….

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Story Three, Part 2

11 Circle the right word or words.
   a Ardita went swimming in the warm / cold water.
   b A lot of men wanted to hurt / marry Ardita.
   c Carlyle saw the revenue boat from the top of a hill / Narcissus.
   d Carlyle took a ring from an old / a pretty woman with red hair.
   e Babe / Carlyle sent a message to Mr. Moreland.
   f A thief / detective took the ring from a woman called Mimi.
   g There was Florida gold / sand in the bags.

12 Write questions for these answers.
   a What ……………………………………….? 
     A palace in Afghanistan.
   b Who ……………………………………….? 
     Catherine of Russia.
   c How ……………………………………….? 
     Twenty-five.
   d How ……………………………………….? 
     Less than a mile.
   e Where ……………………………………….? 
     At the back of the boat.
   f Where ……………………………………….? 
     In Carlyle's pocket.

13 Finish the sentences.
   a Ardita was always happy when she was near the 
     ……………………………………….
   b Carlyle and the black musicians didn't rob a 
     ……………………………………….
   c Ardita liked Carlyle's looks and his dark 
     ……………………………………….
   d Carlyle and Ardita danced under the 
     moonlight and the 
     ……………………………………….
   e The revenue boat had six-inch guns at the 
     front and the 
     ……………………………………….
   f The revenue men were looking at the break in the 
     ……………………………………….
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1 Finish the sentences with the right names.
Sally Carrol  Mr. Moreland  Clark  Roger Button
Harry Bellamy  Roger Patton  Ardita Hildegarde
Benjamin Button  Curtis Carlyle

a  …………………… wanted his son to go to Yale College.
b  …………………… didn’t want to go to parties with her husband when she was old.
c  …………………… tried to become a soldier and fight in Europe.
d  …………………… had an old car and liked to go swimming.
e  …………………… left her home town and went to the North of the United States.
f  …………………… said bad things about the people from the South.
g  …………………… was a professor and liked reading.
h  …………………… often had angry conversations with her uncle.
i  …………………… grew up in a poor area and played the piano.
j  …………………… had a son called Toby and was a friend of Mr. Farnham.

2 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

a  The nurse laughed because Benjamin looked like an old man.  ✓
b  Hildegarde didn’t like talking to young men.  ❌
c  Roscoe wanted his father to call him “Uncle.”  ✓
d  The weather was very hot in Tarleton.  ✓
e  Sally Carrol didn’t like Clark because he was lazy and didn’t work.  ✓
f  Sally Carrol traveled to the North in Clark’s old car.  ✓
g  Harry’s mother didn’t like Sally Carrol’s hair or clothes.  ✓
h  Sally Carrol thought she was going to die in the ice palace.  ✓
i  Curtis Carlyle and his black musicians didn’t make much money.  ✗
j  There was a river on Babe’s island.  ✓

3 Answer these questions.

a  What clothes did Mr. Button buy for his new born child?

b  What did Mr. Button see Benjamin doing in his bedroom?

c  Where did Benjamin’s parents send him when he was five?

4 Finish the sentences with the right word.

strange cold nervous true crazy different pleased excited lonely angry

Please fill in the blanks.

1. Mr. and Mrs. Button were very …………… about the birth.
2. Mr. Button was …………… when Benjamin broke the window.
3. There were many …………… stories about Benjamin in the town.
4. There was something …………… about Harry’s mother.
5. Sally Carrol was …………… when Harry talked about the people from the South.
6. The boys in the North were very …………… to the Southern boys.
7. Sally Carrol thought the city in the North was a very …………… place.
8. Carlyle and the pirates were singing a very …………… song.
9. Ardita was very …………… when she saw Carlyle.
10. Carlyle told Ardita only two …………… things.

5 Circle the right word or words.

a  The young Benjamin had a brown / gray beard.
b  Benjamin was smoking his mother’s / father’s cigarettes.
c  Benjamin’s father was a funny / practical man.
d  Sally Carrol took Harry to a school / church yard.
e  Some of the graves didn’t have a date / name on them.
f  There was a summer / winter carnival in Harry’s town.
g  Ardita liked reading / drawing pictures.
h  Ardita and Carlyle liked selfish / honest people.
i  Carlyle spent the war fighting / playing music.
j  Ardita thought her uncle was a stupid / clever old man.