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.
   busy
   food
   serious
   noise
   loud
   milk
   gray
   city
   shop
   look
   warm
   window
   simple
   beard
   soft
   games

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

Story Two, Part 1

5 Finish the sentences with the right words.
   hoped
   help
   spent
   made
   knew
   picked
   understand
   a Clark’s old car  a noise like a cough.  
   b Clark  a lot of time with young men.  
   c Nobody  who the Confederate boys were.  
   d Sally Carrol  that Harry’s parents liked her.  
   e A rich, old lady’s father  up the trash in the town.  
   f The girl from the South didn’t  the people in the North.  
   g Sally Carrol wanted to  the boys make a snowman.

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 □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
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 (X)?

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.  X
h  Sally Carrol thought she was going to die in the ice palace.  X
i  Curtis Carlyle and his black musicians didn’t make much money.  X
j  There was a river on Babe’s island.  X

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?
……………………………………………………………………………………………………

d  Where did Benjamin first meet Hildegarde?
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
e  Who did the Confederate boys die for in the war?
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
f  Where did Sally Carrol hear the voice of Margery Lee?
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
g  What did the black man change on the Narcissus?
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
h  What language was Ardita’s book written in?
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
i  Who said the revenue ship was near the island?
……………………………………………………………………………………………………
j  Where did Carlyle say he took the ring off a woman?
……………………………………………………………………………………………………

4 Finish the sentences with the right word.

strange  cold  nervous  true  crazy  different
pleased  excited  lonely  angry

a  Mr. and Mrs. Button were very …………… about the birth.
b  Mr. Button was …………… when Benjamin broke the window.
c  There were many …………… stories about Benjamin in the town.
d  There was something …………… about Harry’s mother.
e  Sally Carrol was …………… when Harry talked about the people from the South.
f  The boys in the North were very …………… to the Southern boys.
g  Sally Carrol thought the city in the North was a very …………… place.
h  Carlyle and the pirates were singing a very …………… song.
i  Ardita was very …………… when she saw Carlyle.
j  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.