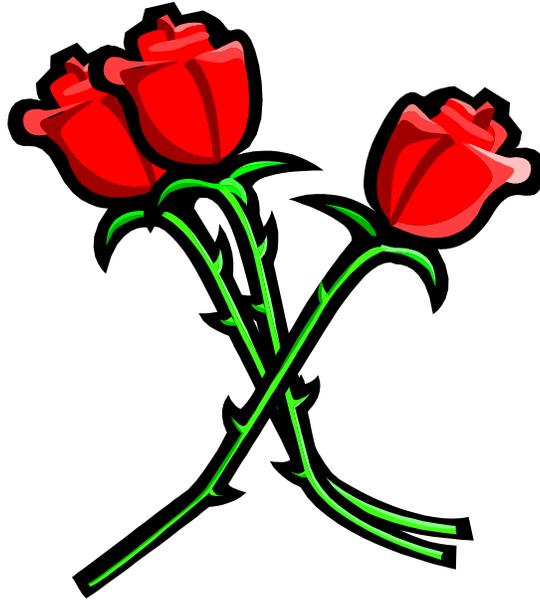


Chapter Nine



1.) PRE-READING

Look at the picture above.

- 1) What do you see in this picture?
- 2) What significant meaning do you think they have?
- 3) Have you ever received/given flowers?
- 4) Describe a stranger that you'll never forget?

The Mysterious Man

“Are you always so serious?” asked a mysterious, deep voice. At first Regina couldn’t see the man because he was standing to her right side and she didn’t know who was talking to her. She had never heard this voice before. She was at a concert of her favorite band in Lima, Peru. She likes listening and dancing to their music. They had only been playing for about 10 minutes. She went with her friends that night, but she was standing off to the side by herself when she heard his voice. Regina turned around to see who was talking to her. The moment her eyes met his eyes, she felt something. He was handsome. She just smiled and said “What?” He then just gave her a deep look and said, “Let’s dance.” She accepted.

They danced the whole night. They talked about many things, laughed a lot, and stared into each other’s eyes. Regina never told him her name, and he never told her his name either. They were just two people who met at a music concert. Later that night, he bought a rose for her. They started to dance again. Sometimes he held her hand. Sometimes he sang songs in her ear.

He finally kissed her as the concert began to end. When he kissed her, Regina felt really scared and nervous, but really happy and excited at the same time. As the concert ended and her friends started to come over to her, the mysterious man just held Regina’s hand and said softly in her ear, “Please don’t ever forget about me.” They then said good-bye to each other, without any questions. They were just two strangers on that special night. Regina hasn’t seen him since.

Now, three years later Regina still thinks of him often. She wonders what his name is, where he lives, and who he is with. She dried the rose he gave her and hung it on her bedroom wall. None of her parents nor her brothers or sisters know the story of the rose. But Regina knows. She sees it everyday. She will never forget this mysterious man. Someday she hopes to find him again. She also hopes he never forgets about her either!

2.) VOCABULARY

Choose the vocabulary word which best completes the sentence.

either hung mysterious strangers excited stare accept
scared moment wonder concert softly serious

1. We don’t know yet. But either we will go to the beach or the mountains.
2. The music _____ had many lights and speakers.
3. The boy knocked _____ on the door. So no one heard him.
4. The woman _____ a picture on the wall.
5. Please don’t _____. It’s not polite.
6. The _____ event confused everyone. No one could explain it.
7. The two _____ didn’t know each other. They just said hello and smiled.
8. The child was _____ to open his presents.
9. Most people _____ about their future.
10. The strange noise _____ the young girl.
11. Please _____ my apology.
12. Some important, critical jobs require _____ concentration and behavior.
13. Right now at this _____, no one knows what to do.

UNDERSTANDING CAUSE AND EFFECT

Complete each sentence. Write the letter of your answer on the line.

1. G Regina didn't know the man A. because he asked her to dance.
2. She went to the concert B. because she sees the rose on her wall.
3. She accepted C. because their eyes met.
4. She felt something D. because they never told each other.
5. They didn't know each other's names E. because he kissed her.
6. She felt nervous and excited F. because it was her favorite band.
7. They said good bye to each other G. ~~because she never met him before.~~
8. She thinks about him often H. because the night was over.

English Lesson ~ Gerunds & Infinitives

Gerunds can be used as the subject of the sentence.

Gerunds can be used after certain verbs as objects.

Gerunds can follow a preposition.

Some infinitives directly follow certain verbs.

Some infinitives are verb + object + infinitive.

Infinitives can follow an adjective.

Eating ice cream can be fun.

I **like exercising** everyday.

I don't **approve of eating** fast food.

He **hopes to travel** next month.

She **urged him to study** more.

They were **glad to finish** the test.

Choose the correct answer for the following questions.

1. He wants _____ his own restaurant. a) opening b) to open c) open d) to opening
2. They advised me _____ carefully. a) to drive b) driving c) to driving d) drive
3. They always complain about _____ tests. a) take b) to taking c) taking d) to take
4. _____ is important. a) Exercising b) To exercising c) Exercise d) To exercise
5. She agreed _____ with him. a) dancing b) to dance c) dance d) to dancing
6. I miss _____ with you. a) talk b) to talking c) to talk d) talking
7. We dislike _____ tests. a) taking b) to taking c) to take d) take
8. My mother asked me _____ dinner. a) cook b) to cooking c) cooking d) to cook
9. My son is learning _____. a) walk b) to walk c) to walking d) walking
10. I often talk about _____ money. a) to save b) save c) saving d) to saving

4. DISCUSSION

Discuss the following questions.

1. Describe a mysterious experience you've had.
2. Describe an opportunity you've lost, or didn't fully take advantage of.
3. Do you have a significant item that brings you special memories?
4. Do you believe in love at first sight?
5. *Ask your own question.*



5. WRITING

Write about one of the topics below.

1. Describe an interesting encounter you've had with a stranger.

or

2. Write about your ideal date.