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.
CONVEYING CONTRAST or ASSOCIATION

Match the vocabulary word with its corresponding antonym.

1. ___ Neither       A. Brave
2. ___ Scared       B. Remember
3. ___ Softly       C. Bored
4. ___ Stranger       D. Both
5. ___ Excited       E. Sold
6. ___ Forget       F. Funny
7. ___ Serious       G. Friend
8. ___ Bought       H. Hard, loudly

3.) COMPREHENSION

Read the sentences. Find the incorrect word(s), cross it out, and write the correct one(s).

1. “Are you always so happy?” said the mysterious man.
2. She was at a movie of her favorite band.
3. Regina went with her family that night.
4. She was eating by herself when she heard his voice.
5. The moment her hand met his, she felt something.
6. “Let’s study,” he said.
7. She bought a rose for him.
8. He always sang songs in her ear.
9. They were just two customers on that special night.
10. She threw away the rose he gave her.
11. All of her parents and brothers know the story of the rose.
12. She hopes someday she will lose him again.

UNDERSTANDING PRONOUNS

What do these mean? Match the pronoun with its correct reference.

1. ___F At first she couldn’t see him.       A. her favorite band
2. ___ She never heard it before.       B. Regina
3. ___ They had only played 10 minutes.       C. the rose
4. ___ They talked about them.       D. many things
5. ___ We danced all night.       E. he and Regina
6. ___ He kissed her.       F. mysterious man
7. ___ She hung it on the wall.       G. his voice
Complete each sentence. Write the letter of your answer on the line.

1. ___ 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.

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 ________ with you. a) talk b) to talking c) to talk d) talking
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

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.