

Read some extracts from the novel **“Sister Carrie”** and do some tasks.

Task 1. Read the first part of the extract and put the verbs in brackets into the right form.

SISTER CARRIE

When Carrie (1) ... (to reach) her own room she (2) ... (to fall) a prey to those doubts and misgivings which (3) ... (to be) ever the result of a lack of decision. She (4) ... (not can) persuade herself as to the advisability of her promise, or that now, having given her word, she ought to keep it. She (5) ... (to go) over the whole ground in Hurstwood's absence, and (6) ... (to discover) little objections that (7) ... (not to occur)

to her in the warmth of the manager's argument. She (8) ... (to see) where she (9) ... (to put) herself in a peculiar light, namely, that of agreeing to marry when she (10) ... (to marry) already supposedly. She (11) ... (to remember) a few things Drouet (12) ... (to do), and now that it (13) ... (to come) to walking away from him without a word, she (14) ... (to feel) as if she (15) ... (to do) wrong. Now, she (16) ... (to be) comfortably situated, and to one who (17) ... (to be) more or less afraid of the world, this (18) ... (to be) an urgent matter, and one which (19) ... (to put up) strange, uncanny arguments. "You (20) ... (not to know) what (21) ... (to come). There (22) ... (to be) miserable things outside. People go abegging. Women (23) ... (to wretch). You never (24) ... (can) tell what (25) ... (to happen). Remember the time you (26) ... (to be) hungry. (27) ... (to stick) to what you (28) ... (to have)". Curiously, for all her leaning towards Hurstwood, he (29) ... (not to take) a firm hold on her understanding. She (30) ... (to listen, smile, approve), and yet not finally agreeing.

Task 2. Say whether these statements are TRUE or FALSE.

1. When Carrie reached her own room she had already fallen a prey.
2. She could persuade herself as to the advisability of her promise.
3. She discovered little objections that had occurred to her.
4. She remembered a few things Drouet had done, she felt as if she were doing correct.
5. There are miserable things outside.
6. Men are wretched.
7. She had taken a firm hold on her understanding.

Task 3. Read and complete the second part of the extract with prepositions.

Once (1) ... home, she changed her clothes and straightened the rooms (2) ... herself. (3) ... the matter (4) ... the arrangement (5) ... the furniture she never took the housemaid's opinion. That young woman invariably put one (6) ... the rockingchairs (7) ... the corner, and Carrie as regularly moved it (8) Today she hardly noticed that it was (9) ... the wrong place, so absorbed was she (10) ... her own thoughts.

She worked (11) ... the room (12) ... Drouet put (13) ... appearance (14) ... five o'clock. The drummer was flushed and excited and full (15) ... determination to know all (16) ... her relations (17) ... Hurstwood. Nevertheless, (18) ... going (19) ... the subject (20) ... his mind the livelong day, he was rather weary (21) ... it and wished it (22) ... (23) He did not foresee serious consequences (24) ... any sort, and yet he rather hesitated to begin. Carrie was sitting (25) ... the window when he came (26) ..., rocking and looking (27) ... "Well", she said innocently, weary (28) ... her own mental discussion (29) ... wondering (30) ... his haste and illconcealed excitement, "what makes you hurry so?" Drouet hesitated, now that he was (31) ... her presence, uncertain as to what course to pursue. He was no diplomat. He could neither read nor see. "When did you get home?" he asked foolishly. "Oh, an hour or so ago. What makes you ask that?"

Task 4. Choose the best answer.

1. Once at home

- a) she changed her clothes;
- b) she was waiting for Drouet;
- c) she changed her clothes and straightened the rooms for herself;
- d) she was thinking about miserable things outside.

2. ... invariably put one of the rockingchairs in the corner.

- a) The young woman b) Carrie c) Drouet d) Some guests

3. She worked about the room until Drouet put in appearance

- a) at three o'clock; b) at one o'clock; c) at four o'clock; d) at five o'clock.

4. ... wanted to know all about her relations with Hurstwood.

- a) The housemaid b) Drouet c) the drummer d) women

5. Carrie was sitting ... when he came in.

- a) on the chair b) by the window c) at the table d) on the sofa

6. Drouet ...

- a) was no diplomat; b) could neither read nor see; c) both a) and b) are correct.