

Halfway

Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

Long ago, a man was married to a beautiful and smart woman. They loved _____ other very much.

While walking home one day, the man saw some money on the road. He _____ . He thought about buying his wife a _____ .

At home, he gave the money to his wife. She wasn't _____ . She asked, "Why did you take that? Does a good man take something that's not his?"

The man listened and thought _____ . She was right. He went outside and put the money on the road just where he _____ .

A few months later, he decided to _____ . He wanted to study with a great teacher. However, the school was far away. He couldn't see his wife _____ . One day, he decided to go home for a visit.

When he got home, he saw his wife. She was making a _____ . She looked at him and asked, "Why did you come home?"

The man said he _____ .

She wasn't pleased. She got some scissors, held up the shirt and cut it _____ .

She explained, "If something is stopped before it's finished, you'll never do anything good. Look at this shirt. It was _____ done. Now it's of _____ . That's like you leaving school. You must _____ what you start."

The man listened and thought for a moment. The _____ day, he went back to school and didn't leave until he had finished many great things.

Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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| 1. present | a. complete |
| 2. finish | b. content |
| 3. pleased | c. visit |
| 4. see | d. gift |
| 5. following | e. next |

True or false

Choose the correct answer.

1. The man kept the money. T or F
2. The school had a great teacher. T or F
3. The wife was happy to see her husband. T or F
4. She cut the shirt into many pieces. T or F
5. The man returned to school right away. T or F

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Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

ESPTENR

SDLEPEA

SALMOT

SIESMD

HISNFIDE

ESNILTED

ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. What kind of story is this?
 2. Why did the man give he money to his wife?
 3. Why did she refuse the money?
 4. Why did she cut the shirt in half?
 5. How would you describe the woman's character?
 6. Does this ESL listening story have a message? What is it?
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Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. was / a / making / she / shirt

2. each / very / other / they / loved / much

3. it / she / half / up / held / in / scissors / got / some / shirt / the / cut / and

4. something / good / not / take / that's / a / man / does / his

5. road / went / just / and / on / he / where / outside / the / put / the / he / found / money / it
