

# BEGINNER LEVEL

## The Last Leaf and Other Stories by O. Henry

### A Before Reading

- 1 Read about the author on pages 4 and 5. Find answers to these questions about O. Henry.
- (a) man/woman?                      (b) British/American?                      (c) criminal/good citizen?  
 (d) good education/not much education?                      (e) died at an old age/died young?
- 2 Read the titles of the stories on the Contents page. Make your choice. Write a number next to each title. (1 = most interesting, 5 = least interesting)
- A Good Burglar                       A Lesson in Love                       The Jeweller's Wife  
 The Last Leaf                       The Car is Waiting

### B While Reading

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(a) What is Jimmy thinking?

#### A GOOD BURGLAR



(b) What is Ben Price thinking?

#### THE LAST LEAF

- 4 'The last leaf has stayed on the vine. It has taught me a lesson.'  
 What lesson has Johnsy learnt? (You can answer in your own language or in English.)

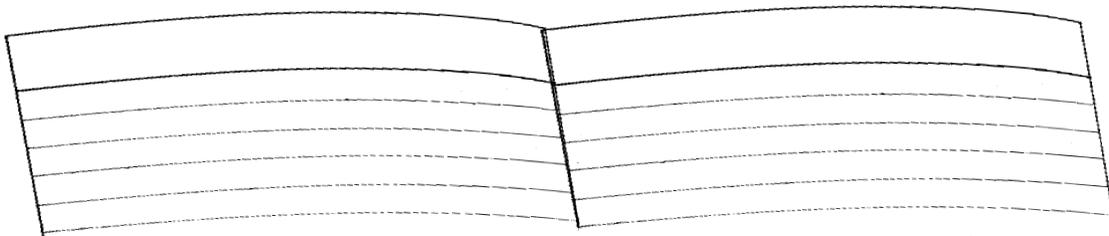
#### A LESSON IN LOVE

- 5 Fill in this chart with facts about Joe and Delia.

	Joe	Delia
is a/an ..... student?	art	music
wants to be a ..... ?		
comes from ..... ?		
lives in ..... ?		
has lessons from ..... ?		
pretends to ..... ?		
really works at ..... ?		

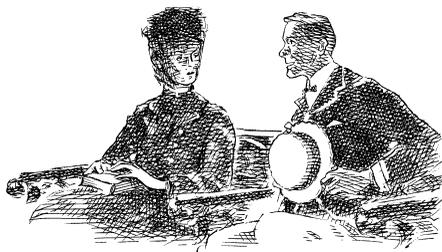
## THE JEWELLER'S WIFE

6 Here is James Miggles' private notebook. Make his plan for the robbery from the jewellery store. Write short notes.



## THE CAR IS WAITING

7 Join the information to the correct character in the story. You can use one word twice.



has a big white car      does an ordinary job  
 cashier      wears grey clothes  
 tired of money      poor      ordinary      rich  
 beautiful voice      calm face      has a chauffeur

## C After Reading

8 Look at the map. Where do the people come from? Where do they live? Where do the stories happen? Draw lines to match the names and the stories to the places.

Thomas Keeling  
 A Good Burglar  
 Mr Parkenstacker  
 Mike Dolan  
 Delia  
 Jimmy Valentine  
 A Lesson in Love  
 James Miggles



Annabel Adams  
 Johnsy  
 The Jeweller's Wife  
 The Last Leaf  
 Sue  
 The Car is Waiting  
 Mr Robbins  
 Joe

9 Look at the file about James Miggles on page 54. Make a similar file for Jimmy Valentine and one for the author, O. Henry.

10 Think about a meeting between two characters from different stories. Write their conversation.