One Thousand Dollars and Other Plays

Before Reading

ACTIVITY 1 BEFORE READING
1 No 2 No 3 Yes 4 Yes 5 No

ACTIVITY 2 BEFORE READING
All that Money can Buy: a taxi driver, Broadway, Europe, a ring
One Thousand Dollars: a will, a necklace, a lawyer, a dancer
A Night Out: a restaurant, blue eyes, an old hat, a servant
Two Loaves of Bread: a painter, butter, an architect

ACTIVITY 3 BEFORE READING
Do not give the answers now, but ask students to wait and see if their guesses were correct as they read the plays.

The correct answers are:
1 Richard Rockwell marries the girl he loves.
2 Richard Rockwell's father helps Richard to marry.
3 Bobby Gillian asks a friend for help, gives $1000 to one person, and loses the woman he loves.
4 Towers Chandler meets a pretty girl and makes a stupid mistake.
5 Miss Martha feels sorry for someone, ruins someone's work and stops dreaming of love.

While Reading

ALL THAT MONEY CAN BUY WHILE READING
1 Anthony Rockwell to his son Richard, about the suits that Richard buys.
2 Richard to his father, about Miss Lantry.
3 Anthony's sister Ellen to Anthony, about Richard.
4 Richard to Miss Lantry, about his mother's ring.
5 The taxi driver to Richard, saying there is too much traffic for him to drive down Broadway.
6 Anthony to Kelly, about arranging to have a lot of traffic on Broadway.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS WHILE READING
Bobby's uncle, Septimus Gillian, wrote his will a month or two before he died. The will gave Bobby one thousand dollars to spend. At first Bobby wanted to buy a necklace for his favourite dancer, Lotta, but she asked for one which cost two thousand. So he decided to give the money to Miss Hayden, the daughter of one of Septimus's friends. Bobby loved her, but she didn't love him, because she thought he only liked girls, drank champagne and bet on horses. Bobby was happy when the lawyers explained that she would get the rest of Septimus's money.

A NIGHT OUT WHILE READING
1 How much does Chandler save every week?
   One dollar.
2 How often does Chandler go out to an expensive restaurant?
   Every ten weeks.
3 Why can't Marian walk home?
   She has hurt her foot.
4 Where does Chandler take Marian?
   To a good restaurant.
5 Why doesn't Chandler tell Marian the truth?
   He wants her to think that he is rich.
6 Where is Marian when she is talking to Sissie?
   In her bedroom.
7 Why couldn't Marian love a man like Chandler?
   She wants someone more serious, someone who has a job.

TWO LOAVES OF BREAD WHILE READING
1 + 10, 2 + 7, 3 + 6, 4 + 9, 5 + 8
Blumberger always bought stale bread, which was cheaper than fresh bread.
Miss Martha saw some paint on his fingers, so she thought that he was a painter.
Because he only bought stale bread, she thought that he was very poor.
While he wasn't looking, she put some butter in his bread.
She hoped that he would be pleased, but in fact he was very angry with her.

After Reading

ACTIVITY 1 AFTER READING
Possible answers:
ROCKWELL: Ah, Kelly. I've got a little job for you.
KELLY: Good afternoon, Mr Rockwell. What do you want me to do?
ROCKWELL: I want you to stop all the traffic on Broadway.
KELLY: But how can I do that?
ROCKWELL: Easy – just pay a lot of people to drive there!
KELLY: But what about the police?
ROCKWELL: You'll have to pay them too. Then they won't do anything to help.
KELLY: But it's going to cost a lot of money!
ROCKWELL: Don't worry. I'll give you $5000 to start with.
KELLY: So when do you want this to happen?
ROCKWELL: Tomorrow at 8.30 in the evening.
KELLY: Well, how much are you going to pay me?

ROCKWELL: I'll give you a thousand for yourself.

KELLY: All right, I'll do it.

ROCKWELL: That's wonderful, Kelly. Here's the money.

ACTIVITY 2 AFTER READING
Possible answers:
Scene 4
Marian comes back into the restaurant.
CHANDLER: (Standing up) Oh, Miss Marian!
MARIAN: I wanted to ask you something. Is it really true that you don't have a job?
CHANDLER: No, I'm sorry, I don't know why I told you that.
MARIAN: Oh, good! I couldn't possibly love a man who has no work to do in the world.
CHANDLER: Does that mean, Miss Marian, that perhaps you could love me? But I must tell you, I haven't got much money.
MARIAN: That doesn't matter, because my parents are very rich.
CHANDLER: I love you, Miss Marian! Will you marry me?
MARIAN: Mr Chandler, my answer is yes!

ACTIVITY 3 AFTER READING
Open answers.

ACTIVITY 4 AFTER READING
1 Miss Martha in Two Loaves of Bread, when Blumberger has taken the buttered bread.
2 Sissie in A Night Out, worrying about where her sister Marian is.
3 Lotta Lauriere in One Thousand Dollars, after mentioning Della Stacey's necklace to Bobby.
4 Ellen Rockwell in All that Money can Buy, after hearing that Richard is engaged.
5 Bryson in One Thousand Dollars, after giving his advice to Bobby.

ACTIVITY 5 AFTER READING
All that Money can Buy: Money Talks, Traffic on Broadway
One Thousand Dollars: The Quiet Woman, Lawyers Know Best
A Night Out: The Rich Man and the Shop Girl, Dinner for Two
Two Loaves of Bread: An Architect's Plan, Butter for Blumberger

ACTIVITY 6 AFTER READING
Words across: dressmaker, thousand, uncle, taxidriver, servant, cake, butter, painter, sister
Words down: daughter, bread, hundred, lawyer, aunt, million, fifty

ACTIVITY 7 AFTER READING
1 The words are 'For all the happiness she brings to people.' Bobby Gillian said them and wrote them, about Miss Hayden.
2 Possible answer:
We feel sorry for Bobby, because he loved Miss Hayden, and she did not feel the same way about him, because she did not understand his true character.