

# LITTLE WOMEN

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Level 1



## WORDS USED

Story 21

Story 22

Story 23

Story 24

Story 25

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### KEY WORDS

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breakfast  
hair  
money  
next  
pretty

dress  
grandfather  
party  
thank  
window

aunt  
fire  
job  
sisters  
write

building  
secret  
story  
their  
time

beautiful  
cry  
long  
mail  
well

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### NECESSARY WORDS

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Army  
Christmas

after  
angry  
found  
lazy

fall  
newspaper

barber

## CHRISTMAS AT THE MARCH HOUSE



*Each of the girls plan to buy something for their mother with the money they have.*

- Preview:**
1. Read the name of the story.
  2. Look at the picture.
  3. Read the sentence under the picture.
  4. Read the first three paragraphs of the story.
  5. Then answer the following question.

You learned from your preview that the girls had

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. lots of money.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ b. very little money.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ c. no mother or father.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ d. no shoes.

*Turn to the Comprehension Check on page 10 for the right answer.*

**Now read the story.**

Read to find out what the March family does on Christmas Day.

# *CHRISTMAS AT THE MARCH HOUSE*

"Christmas will not be fun if we don't get new things," said Jo March.

"Why can't we have money like other people?" said Meg. She looked down at her old shoes.

"Other girls have lots of nice things. We have very little," said Amy.

"We have Father and Mother. And we have enough to get by," said Beth.

"But Father is not here!" said Jo. "He could be away for a year or more." Mr. March was away helping the Army.

The four March girls were getting ready for Christmas. They did not have a lot of money. They did have lots of love.

Meg was the oldest. She was pretty with big eyes and soft, red hair. Then there was Jo. She had dark brown hair. Jo liked to

make up plays. The girls would act them out. She wished she were a boy, and acted like one.

Next came Beth. She had the kindest face. She was always good.

Last of the March girls, was Amy. She was as pretty as a picture and thought so, too.

The girls heard a noise from outside. Mother was home at last. She had gone to help a woman who could not get up and around. The woman had no food to eat.

Mother thought it would be nice to bring Christmas breakfast to the woman. The girls said they would be happy to. That morning, they packed a box of food to take to her.

When Mrs. March and the girls got home, a big breakfast had been cooked for them. It was from the

old man who lived in the house next door. The food was so good.

Mother said she had more good news. It was a letter from Father. The girls listened as she read to them. Father was doing fine. He missed them and loved them.

The rest of the day the March girls acted out one of Jo's plays. They laughed and had a fun day.

Mother said it was the best Christmas they had in years.

# CHRISTMAS AT THE MARCH HOUSE

## VOCABULARY CHECK

breakfast

hair

money

next

pretty

### I. Sentences to Finish

Fill in the blank in each sentence with the correct key word from the box above.

- Please come here and sit \_\_\_\_\_ to me.
- I used to have long \_\_\_\_\_ until I cut it off.
- My new hat is very \_\_\_\_\_ .
- You should begin your day with a good \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I could not buy anything because I left my \_\_\_\_\_ home.

### II. Crossword Puzzle

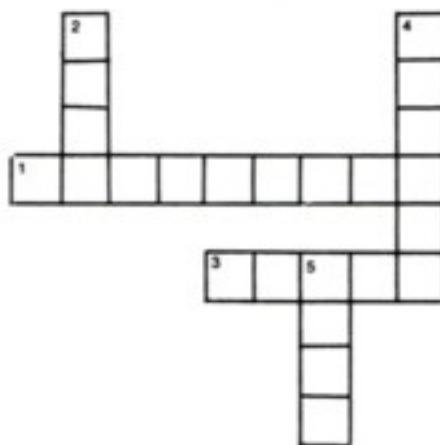
Use the words from the box above to fill in the puzzle. Use the meanings below to help you choose the right answer.

#### Across

- first meal of the day
- coins

#### Down

- thread-like growth from the skin
- pleasing
- nearest



Check your answers with the key on page 69.