



English I: Reading: Module 3: Practice 4: Section 5

Review of Dramatic Elements

Dollars to Donuts

Instructions: Read the short play “Dollars to Donuts.” When you’re finished, return to the lesson and answer the questions about the play. Keep this PDF open for reference.

Dollars to Donuts

CHARACTERS

JEROME, a high school student

KISHA, a (former) girlfriend of Jerome

LEIGH, a friend of Kisha’s

TEACHER and STUDENTS

ACT I

(1) *Jerome walks into a classroom. No one is around.*

JEROME

(2) I guess I can’t hang around and wait to give this to Kisha. I
(3) thought she would be here early. I guess I’ll just leave it. But I
(4) can’t leave this \$200 that I owe her on her desk. I know! I’ll put
(5) the cash inside the bag with the donuts. She’ll get a surprise
(6) when she opens the bag. I wish I could be here to see the look
(7) on her face. I’m glad I’m paying her back all of this money. It’s
(8) not easy for me to do without it; it will mean I won’t have any
(9) spending money for another two weeks, but I’m a good person.
(10) At least, I’d like to think I’m a good person.

(11) *Jerome puts the cash into the bag with the donuts.*

(12) *Time passes.*

(13) *The teacher walks into the classroom. Other students enter.*

(14) *Finally, Kisha enters with her friend Leigh.*

LEIGH

(15) It looks like someone left you a treat.

KISHA

(16) I’ll bet it was Jerome. That jerk still owes me a couple of hundred dollars. He thinks donuts will make up for it.
(17) He is so clueless. He doesn’t know how to be a good person. All he knows how to do is take care of himself.
(18) He won’t sacrifice anything to do the right thing. He is hopeless. And these donuts? I don’t even like donuts.
(19) Here’s what I think of Jerome’s donuts!

(20) *Kisha throws the bag of donuts into the trash without opening it.*

LEIGH

(21) Good for you.

KISHA

(22) I don’t care if I ever see him again. He’s gone.

LEIGH

(23) But what about the money?

KISHA

(24) I’m nowhere near getting that money back. Nowhere near it!

LEIGH

(25) Yeah. I suppose it’s just gone.



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