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1 Tick the six things we learn about Rose in Chapter One.

- 1 She is Eilis's big sister.
- 2 She plays golf.
- 3 She is thirty.
- 4 She is beautiful.
- 5 She works in a school.
- 6 She pays most of the family's bills.
- 7 She is married with children.
- 8 She wants Eilis to go to America.

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2 List three things that Miss Kelly knows about Eilis in Chapter One.

- a
- b
- c

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3 Answer the questions about Chapter Two.

- 1 Where is Eilis going to work in America?
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- 2 What will she do there?
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- 3 Who pays for Eilis's ticket to New York?
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- 4 When is Eilis leaving for America?
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5 How does Eilis feel about going to America?

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4 Put the events from Chapter Two in the correct order (1–8).

- a Eilis and Rose travel to Dublin by train.
- b Eilis becomes very sick.
- c Eilis follows the signs to her cabin and opens the door of the little room for two.
- d Eilis is locked out of her bathroom.
- e Eilis meets Georgina.
- f Eilis packs her suitcases.
- g Jack meets Eilis off the boat in Liverpool.
- h Jack takes Eilis to the ship that would cross the Atlantic.

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5 Match the names in the box with the facts about them in Chapter Three.

Mrs Kehoe Diana Miss Keegan Patty Miss McAdam Sheila Heffernan

- 1 owned the boarding house in Brooklyn and was from Wexford.
- 2 and were Irish and complained about everything.
- 3 lived in the basement and never said much.
- 4 and were Irish-American women, who were best friends, talked a lot and laughed at everything.

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6 Complete this list of rules from the boarding house in Chapter Three.

- Dinner every evening except ¹....., when you have to make your own.
- Don't leave the ²..... untidy.
- Don't use the ³..... or give the ⁴..... to anyone.
- No ⁵..... taken for lodgers.
- Don't leave all your things around the ⁶.....

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7 Tick six things they served for Christmas Dinner at the church hall.

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| beer | <input type="checkbox"/> | chicken | <input type="checkbox"/> | Christmas cake | <input type="checkbox"/> | coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| roast potatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> | salad | <input type="checkbox"/> | soup | <input type="checkbox"/> | tea | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| turkey | <input type="checkbox"/> | wine | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |

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8 Complete the text. Choose from the sentences (a–h) below. There are three extra sentences.

One evening, as Eilis was going upstairs to bed, Mrs Kehoe opened her sitting room door and whispered to her to come in. ¹

“You mustn’t say a word about this to the others,” Mrs Kehoe began. “They don’t know, but Miss Keegan is leaving on Monday. ² It’s the best room in the house – the biggest and the warmest, and it has its own door from the street. Leave your suitcases outside your room on Monday morning before work, and I’ll move them down for you.”

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“They will,” Mrs Kehoe said and smiled at her. Then she stood up, and Eilis knew that she should now leave.

As she went upstairs, Eilis thought that perhaps the basement was really small and cold. Mrs Kehoe might be making a big secret of it so that Eilis would not have a chance to argue. ⁴

On Monday evening, when Eilis got back from college, Mrs Kehoe was waiting for her in the hall. She gave Eilis a key and whispered to her to go back outside and down the steps to the basement.

⁵ The lamps were on, and the room looked like something from a painting with its beautiful dark curtains and a fireplace with wood ready to light. It was twice the size of her old room. Eilis knew that all the other lodgers would want it. Having this room would make trouble for her with them, and she was sorry that she had not stayed in her old bedroom.

- a If the others ask, just say that your room is being painted,” Mrs Kehoe said.
- b I want you to move into her room in the basement.
- c She began to feel worried.
- d She could imagine Rose saying that.
- e She pointed to an armchair near the fire, and Eilis sat down.
- f What could she possibly say to this?
- g When Eilis got there, she found Mrs Kehoe already waiting inside.
- h “Will the others be annoyed that I’m getting the room?” Eilis asked.

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9 Answer the questions about Chapter Four. Each question has two answers.

1 What do the other lodgers do before the dance?

a

b

2 What doesn't Eilis do at the dance?

a

b

3 What do the black women do in the shop?

a

b

4 What does Eilis notice other shoppers doing in the shop when the black women come in?

a

b

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10 Complete the conversation between Eilis and Tony at the Friday night dance. Choose the best answers from the box.

You don't sound Irish. So where are you from? I'm not sure that I know the steps.
What are you doing here? Don't the Italians have dances? How do you know? No.

Tony: Are you with anyone?

Eilis: 1

Tony: So, can I dance with you?

Eilis: 2

Tony: No one does. It doesn't matter. I saw you the first week, but you didn't stay long, and you weren't here last week.

Eilis: 3

Tony: I looked for you and didn't see you. There's something you ought to know. I'm not Irish, not a bit.

Eilis: 4

Tony: I'm from Brooklyn, but my mom and dad are from Italy.

Eilis: 5

Tony: I just thought that I'd come and look at an Irish dance. And I liked it.

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11 Complete the information about Tony from Chapter Five.

Real name: 1

Job: a 2

Is: the oldest of 3

Lives with: 4

He is: 5 , thoughtful, interesting and 6

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12 Complete the text. Choose one word (a, b, c or d) for each gap.

He was so excited at the idea that he did not notice the sudden change ¹ her face. She realized that he was picturing marrying her and having children who ² be Dodgers fans. They had been together for five months now and had never argued. He was thoughtful and interesting and good-looking. Everything was right, and they had the long summer after the exams to look forward ³ But he had begun to tell her that he loved her, and so far, she had not replied. She knew that Tony was moving faster than she was, and she had to slow ⁴ down.

The following Friday night, as they walked home close together from the dance hall, he whispered to her once more that he loved her. When she did not reply, he began to kiss her, and he whispered it again. Suddenly, she found ⁵ pulling away from him. He asked her what was wrong, but she did not answer. His saying that he loved her and knowing that he was expecting a reply frightened her.

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| 1 a at | b for | c on | d over |
| 2 a shall | b should | c will | d would |
| 3 a from | b in | c of | d to |
| 4 a he | b him | c himself | d his |
| 5 a her | b hers | c herself | d she |

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13 Complete the text with the missing words.

Warmer weather came, and the days grew longer. Eilis took her exams, which were easier
 1 she had expected, even the law exam. She was happy that they were
 finished, but now she knew that Tony 2 immediately make lots of plans to do
 things together. He had talked about taking her to the beach at Coney Island, but first he wanted
 to take her to his parents' house for dinner. Eilis was worried that he would introduce her to his
 family as someone more than a girlfriend.

On the evening 3 their visit, it was warm and bright. Children were playing
 out on the streets, while older people sat outside the front of their houses. Eilis felt light and
 happy as they walked along.

Tony's family lived in a second floor apartment. Eilis was surprised at 4
 young his parents seemed. He introduced her to his brothers, Laurence, Maurice and little Frank,
 who was only eight years old. Frank talked a lot, but the two middle brothers just studied her
 silently. The apartment was very small – just a kitchen, a bathroom and one bedroom where the
 four brothers slept. Frank soon told Eilis that their parents slept in the kitchen, on a bed which
 5 kept on its side against the wall during the day. Tony told Frank to stop
 talking or he would not get any dinner.

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14 Complete the list of what Tony's mother brings out for dinner in Chapter Six.

First course

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Second course

2 (*without potatoes or vegetables*)

Sweet course

3 *filled with* 4

with 5 (*served in very small cups*)

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15 Choose the correct answers (a, b, c or d) about Chapter Six.

- 1 Where does Tony want to take Eilis to celebrate passing her exams?
 - a To Coney Island
 - b To dinner
 - c To his parents' house
 - d To the movies
- 2 What does Mrs Kehoe read can damage your eyes?
 - a Reading glasses
 - b Sunglasses
 - c The rain
 - d The sun
- 3 Who makes the picnic for the day?
 - a Eilis
 - b Mrs Kehoe
 - c Tony
 - d Tony's mother
- 4 Why doesn't Tony go swimming?
 - a Because he can't swim.
 - b Because he doesn't have any swimming trunks on.
 - c Because he wants to stand and kiss Eilis.
 - d Because the sea is too cold.
- 5 How does Eilis feel about going to work in the summer?
 - a She doesn't look forward to it because it is boring.
 - b She doesn't look forward to it because it is too hot inside.
 - c She looks forward to it because it is cool inside.
 - d She looks forward to it because she loves the work.

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16 Match the two parts of the sentences. Draw lines between them.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Tony's mother was disappointed that Eilis would 2 Tony, Maurice and Laurence had bought a cheap piece of land on Long Island, and one day, 3 There would be five houses – one for his family 4 For Rose, the best news was that by the summer Eilis would be able | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a because his mother wanted a garden and a house of her own. b not spend Christmas with them, too. c to get a better job as a bookkeeper. d they would build houses on it. |
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17 Match the days with the things Eilis does in Chapter Seven. Draw lines between them.

Thursdays

a Eilis studies.

Fridays

b Eilis goes to a diner and a movie with Tony.

Saturdays

c Eilis goes to the dance with Tony.

Sundays

d Tony walks home from college with her.

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18 Complete the conversation. Choose the best answers (a–h) below. There are two extra answers.

Father Flood: Eilis. It's Rose. Your mother found her dead this morning. She died in her sleep.

Eilis: 1

Father Flood: It was sudden. She was playing golf yesterday and feeling fine. She died in her sleep, Eilis.

Eilis: 2

Father Flood: Yes.

Eilis: 3

Father Flood: Yes, they're on their way home.

Eilis: 4

Father Flood: It happened this morning. The funeral will be the day after tomorrow.

Eilis: 5

Father Flood: Rose wanted a better life for you.

Eilis: 6

- a And my mother found her?
- b And she'll watch over you.
- c Died in her sleep?
- d Do my brothers know?
- e I can't believe it. There was no sign.
- f I won't ever see her again.
- g She knew?
- h Why did I ever come over here?

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19 Complete the text. Choose the correct words (a, b, c or d).

As soon as Eilis woke in the morning, she thought of her brothers arriving home for the funeral, and

Rose's body being ¹ **a take** from the house to the church. Mrs Kehoe and Tony came with her to

- b taken**
- c taking**
- d took**

mass and ² **a being** shocked at the end when she said that she wanted to go to work.

- b had**
- c was**
- d were**

She went to work the next day as well, and to her evening classes. On Friday, Tony took her to a diner instead of the dance. He listened to her talk about Rose. She liked the way that he allowed her to

be ³ **a noisy** if she wanted. He held her hand or put his arm around her as he walked her home.

- b noisily**
- c silent**
- d silently**

One evening, there was a letter for her in the kitchen, from Jack. He had written it on the day of the funeral and told her everything that had happened. Then, he wrote that he did not think that their

mother could bear to be on her ⁴ **a alone**, but he and his brothers had to go back to their jobs in

- b just**
- c only**
- d own**

England. All his mother was hoping for was ⁵ **a to see** Eilis.

- b seeing**
- c see**
- d saw**

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20 Complete the text. Choose the correct words.

pregnant basement priests sign mass confession

Eilis saw Tony the next evening, but it was not until the day after that she felt that what they had done was wrong. It was worse because Rose had just died. And what if she were ¹ ? When she saw Tony again, she told him that they should both go to ² But she did not want Father Flood to hear her confession. Tony said that they could go to his church, where the ³ were Italian and did not know her.

Then the priest talked to her kindly. What they had done was wrong, but he understood. Maybe it was a ⁴ from God that they should think about getting married and having a family. Suddenly, she wanted to tell him the whole story and ask him what she should do about her mother, sad and alone in Ireland. But she left the church without saying anything more.

When she got back to Mrs Kehoe's, she discovered that there was now a lock on the ⁵ door. Eilis guessed that someone had heard them in the night. She had to use the front door instead. Mrs Kehoe was in the kitchen with Miss McAdam, but neither of them spoke to her.

Then, after ⁶ on Sunday, she saw Father Flood look away from her. Eilis was worried that Mrs Kehoe had spoken to him. She had to see him as soon as possible before he did something terrible like write to her mother about her.

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21 Read the sentences about Chapter Eight. Write T (true) or F (false) or DS (does not say).

- 1 Tony asks Eilis to marry him before she goes home to Ireland.
- 2 They can't marry in church without asking their parents.
- 3 Eilis and Tony are the only couple alone at City Hall.
- 4 Tony gives Eilis his mother's ring to wear.
- 5 They go to see their future house in Long Island together.
- 6 They meet Tony's brothers there.

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22 Complete the lists from Chapter Nine. Put the words from the box into the correct categories.

to letters to read letters to sleep to take flowers to Rose's grave
to visit her friend Nancy to talk about her journey to the beach
to write replies to talk about passing her exams to work at Davis's

What Eilis wants:

Where Eilis goes:

What her mother wants:

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23 Complete the text. Form new words using the words in capital letters.

When she and Jim got out of the water, George had a camera ready. Jim 1 behind her with his arms around her and she could feel the heat from his body. Then, Jim took photos of George and Nancy. Soon after, 2 came walking along the beach and George asked him to take a photo of all four of them. Eilis felt the 3 of Jim's body behind her once more.

On the way home, it was agreed that they would have dinner in the Courtown Hotel before going to the dance. Eilis danced with Jim all night. She had not expected to see so many people from Enniscorthy in the dance hall, and she knew that they were watching her.

4 , after the dance, the night was still warm. She and Jim let George and Nancy walk ahead to the car. Jim had behaved like a 5 all day. He had not once been boring or annoying, but he had been 6 , polite and sometimes funny. Among the other young men in the dance hall, he had looked handsome and smart, and she had been proud to be with him.

Now they moved to the side of the 7 and began to kiss.

STANDING
ONE
WEIGHING
SIDE
MAN
THOUGHT
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24 Write *Eilis, Jim, Mr Brown, Nancy or Tony*.

- 1 , the manager of Davis's, offered Eilis a job.
- 2 Eilis found two letters from on her bed and suddenly remembered that she had still not written to him.
- 3 A few days before the wedding, took Eilis for dinner in Wexford.
- 4 Seeing walk slowly up the church on her father's arm, in a long white dress, a strange idea came into Eilis's head.
- 5 tried to pray and then suddenly understood – the answer was that there was no answer.

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25 Write *yes or no* about these sentences from Chapter Ten.

- 1 Miss Kelly hears about Eilis's life in Brooklyn from her cousin.
- 2 She has a photograph of Eilis with Nancy, George and Jim in Cush Gap.
- 3 She sees her getting into the car with Jim Farrell after Nancy's wedding.
- 4 Eilis writes to Tony telling him when she would be back in Brooklyn.
- 5 Eilis's mother begs her not to go back to America.
- 6 Eilis goes to talk to Jim before she leaves for Brooklyn.

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26 Complete the sentences. Use the verbs in the box in the past perfect form.

think find know tell do forget

- 1 Now she was sorry that she Rose and her mother so much.
- 2 She only it to make them laugh.
- 3 Eilis never about going to America.
- 4 With all the conversation about the nylon sale, she to check the side table.
- 5 her mother all the time that she had a boyfriend in Brooklyn?
- 6 she Eilis's letters to Rose about Tony?

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27 Write the passive form of the sentences.

- 1 Somebody had arranged everything for her journey.
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2 Somebody woke her with a soft hand on her head.

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3 "If the others ask, just say that somebody is painting your room," Mrs Kehoe said.

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4 But, once somebody had said it, it did not sound stupid.

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28 Circle the correct words.

1 "Will the others be **annoyed** / **annoying** that I'm getting the room?" Eilis asked.

2 She loved coming in at night and spending an hour before bedtime reading the notes from her **bookkeeper** / **bookkeeping** classes.

3 He was always **cheerful** / **cheerfully** and talked a lot about his work and the people he had met that day.

4 What would happen if she told Tony that their **marriage** / **marry** was a mistake?

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29 Match the words and write the new words or phrases.

- 1 boarding giving
- 2 home house
- 3 make- trunks
- 4 pass suit
- 5 swim sick
- 6 swimming port
- 7 Thanks up

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30 Match the words from exercise 29 with the definitions.

- 1 Men wear these in water.
- 2 Special colours that you put on your face to make you look different or more beautiful.
- 3 A document that has your photograph and shows your name and when you were born. You need it to travel abroad.

4 You feel like this when you are sad because you are far away from where you live or were born.

5 A place where people pay to have a room and meals.

6 Women wear this in the water.

7 In America and Canada, a time when people have a big meal with their friends and family. It is always on the fourth Thursday in November.

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