



THE EVIL EYE



Livia and Fred walked into the airport. Fred dragged a heavy suitcase. He also had a rucksack on his back. Livia carried her handbag and walked along carefully on her high heels. Suddenly, 'Oh no! I don't believe it!' she screamed.

'What's the matter, my sweet?' Fred enquired.

'I forgot to put my rings on!' she replied. 'Can you imagine, going on a lovely holiday to the best hotel in Spain, without any rings on my fingers!'

At that moment, they entered the duty free area. Livia made a beeline for the jewellery counter. Fred followed meekly, weighed down by the heavy luggage.

'Oh, look at that ring!' Livia exclaimed. 'I have always wanted one of those rings!' It was a beautiful Princess Diana ring - a shining blue stone, surrounded by lots of sparkling diamonds. It cost £65.99. Next thing you know, it was on Livia's finger and Fred paid.

'I love it, darling!' Livia gushed.

'I'm happy if you are happy, my darling,' Fred answered with a loving smile at his wife.

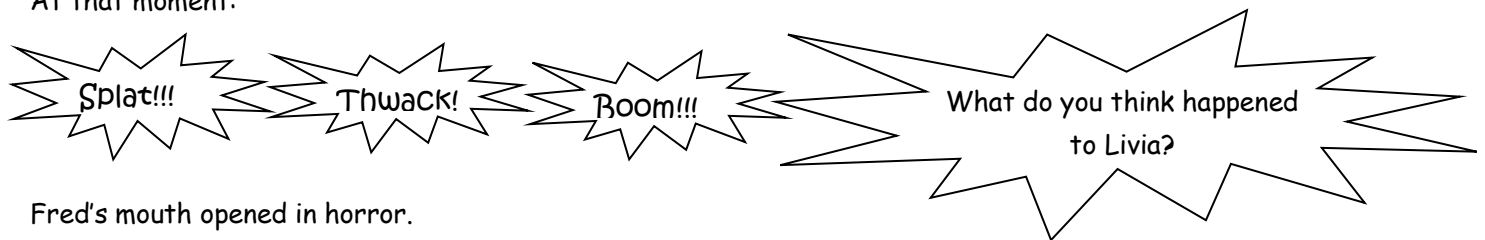
They left the shop. Livia looked at the ring in ordinary light.

'Ahhhhh! Oh my God!' she shrieked.

'What's the matter, sweetheart?' Fred asked, concerned.

'It's an eye! The ring looks like an eye! Do you think it's the Evil Eye and it will bring me bad luck?' she wondered.

At that moment:



Fred's mouth opened in horror.

'Oh no! Livia! Livia! Livia, my love!'

Answer the questions TRUE or FALSE

- 1) Livia and Fred left the airport
- 2) Fred pulled a heavy suitcase.
- 3) Livia was wearing flat shoes.
- 4) Livia carried her handbag.
- 5) Livia's rings were at home.
- 6) The couple were going to Italy.
- 7) Livia quickly went to the duty free area.
- 8) Fred waited outside the shop.
- 9) Fred paid for Livia's ring.
- 10) When they left the shop, Livia looked at the ring in ordinary light.
- 11) Livia said the ring was just right for her.
- 12) Livia felt that the ring might bring her bad luck.
- 13) Something terrible happened to Livia.

Answer the questions:

1. What did Fred carry into the airport?
2. What did Livia carry?
3. Where were they going?
4. What had Livia forgotten?
5. Where did the couple go first when they entered the airport?
6. What kind of ring did Livia think she had bought?
7. How did Livia feel about the ring at first?
8. What did Livia think about the ring, once she had seen it in ordinary light?
9. Based on the evidence, what kind of husband is Fred?
10. What kind of woman is (was?;) Livia?

TASKS: A) List all the verbs used in place of SAID. B) Do you believe that objects can bring you bad, or good luck? Are you superstitious?

Keys:

- 1) F – they entered/went in
- 2) T
- 3) F – she was wearing high heels.
- 4) T
- 5) T
- 6) F – Spain
- 7) T
- 8) F – he followed her in.
- 9) T
- 10) T
- 11) F – it looked like the evil eye, in her opinion.
- 12) T
- 13) T – it certainly seems that way!

Qs and As

1. He carried a heavy suitcase and a rucksack
2. She carried her handbag.
3. They were going to Spain.
4. She had forgotten her rings.
5. They went to the duty free area first.
6. She thought she had bought a Princess Diana ring.
7. She loved it.
8. She thought it was the Evil Eye and it might bring her bad luck.
9. He is a meek, mild, loving husband, maybe too soft!
10. Selfish.

What might have happened to Livia?

Something large fell on her; maybe luggage piled high tipped over.

A plane crashed into her.

A trolley hit her.

She walked into a door..... Who knows, eh?

The verbs: screamed/ enquired/replied/exclaimed/gushed/answered/shrieked/asked/wondered.