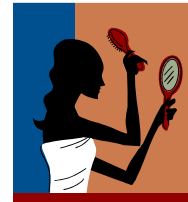


Wealth or Love?

Cynthia was *raised* in a *wealthy* family. But her parents *quarrel quite* often. Her father is a businessman and often comes home drunk. Her mother likes being with her friends and they often enjoy nightlife which her husband *detests*.

Although Cynthia has enough pocket money to spend on anything, she seems unhappy. At school, she cannot *concentrate on* studying. She *stares blankly* and cannot answer simple questions.



- 1 In what kind of family was Cynthia raised?
- 2 What do her parents do all the time?
- 3 Why is her mother angry at her father?
- 4 What does her father detest about her mother?
- 5 Why is Cynthia not happy even though her family is wealthy?
- 6 What should her parents do to make Cynthia happy and let her focus on her study again?
- 7 If you were Cynthia, what would do you?
- 8 What is the image of "an ideal family" for you?

Vocabulary List

be raised:

grow up

(育つ)

wealthy:

having a lot of money and things

(裕福な・お金持ちな)

quarrel:

an argument between people

(口げんか)

quite:

to some degree

(とても)

detest:

to hate / dislike somebody

(嫌う)

concentrate on:

to focus on one thing / give all your attention to one thing

(集中する)

stare:

to look at something / somebody for a long time

(じっと見る)

blankly:

spacing out, not thinking about anything much

(ぼーっとしている)