

3. ANGELA'S PROBLEM

What do you see in the picture?

Where are the man and the woman?

What are they doing?

Why are they angry?



Angela and her husband Ivan had a big fight yesterday. Angela was angry because Ivan sent his parents and brothers \$500 again. Their savings account is now empty.

Angela and Ivan both have jobs. Ivan is a welder and Angela cleans houses. Their three children attend school. When Angela went to work two years ago, she hoped to save some money to buy new furniture, a new car and maybe even a house.

Now she knows that they will never be able to save any money because Ivan's family always asks for money and Ivan sends it to them. He says that they are his family and if they need money he must help them. He never asks Angela if he can send the money, he just does it. Angela thinks that this is not fair, because Ivan sends the extra money that she earns.

If all the extra money she makes will go to Ivan's family, then Angela does not want to work. She would like to stay home and be a homemaker and mother. None of the women in Ivan's family have jobs. Why should her money go to them? She thinks that Ivan's family is taking advantage of them.

Angela's Problem – Comprehension Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Don't send money to your family
 - b. It is difficult to make decisions about money with your spouse
 - c. Angela wants to stay home and be a mother

2. What is Ivan's opinion?
 - a. His family needs money, so he should send it
 - b. Angela should quit her job
 - c. They don't need extra money

3. What is Angela's opinion?
 - a. It is important to send money to family
 - b. They should not buy a new car
 - c. They need to save money and Ivan should ask her before sending money to his family

4. What does "take advantage of" mean?
 - a. to ask for more than is fair or reasonable
 - b. to give money
 - c. to appreciate the help you receive

5. Why is Angela upset?
 - a. Because Ivan doesn't talk to her about sending money to his family
 - b. Because the money he sends to his family is the money that SHE earns
 - c. both a and b

6. "None of the women in Ivan's family have jobs." What idea does this support?
 - a. Ivan should not send money to his family
 - b. Angela wants to work so THEIR family has extra money for a car or a house
 - c. The women in Ivan's family are not able to work

7. Write wh- questions and answers from the story:
 - a. Why _____
 - b. _____
 - a. How much _____
 - b. _____

8. What do you predict/infer will happen?
 - a. Ivan will continue to send money to his family without talking to Angela.
 - b. Angela and Ivan will decide together on a smaller monthly amount that they can send to his family.
 - c. Angela will quit her job