

## The Watchman Riddle

Once upon a (time / day / year) there was a very rich man, (which / who / what) had no family. He (had / has / have) a servant, who looked (for / after / at) him during the day, and a watchman, who (watched / watches / watch) him at night.

One day the man said to (is / his / her) servant: "Please pack my suitcase. Tomorrow morning I am (leave / living / leaving) for Jerusalem on the 8-o'clock train."

The next morning (in / on / at) 7 o'clock the man (was / were / are) ready to leave. All of a sudden, the watchman burst in, looking very (excitement / exciting / excited), and cried: "Please, Sir, (don't / doesn't / aren't) go! If you have ever (care / cared / caring) for me, don't go!"

"But why?" asked the man in (surprising / surprised / surprise).

"I (have / has / had) a terrible dream last night. You were (go / going / went) to Jerusalem on the 8-o'clock train, when suddenly it (went / want / won't) off the track and all the passengers were (kill / killing / killed). Please stay (in / at / on) home!!!"

The man (tried / tries / trying) to insist, but finally gave (in / out / away) and agreed (postpone / postponing / to postpone) his journey.

At ten o'clock, he turned (on / off / away) the radio and (hear / heard / hearing) about the horrible disaster:

The 8-o'clock train to Jerusalem had (go / going / gone) off the track, and all the passengers had (be / been / being) killed!!!

The man (run / ran / running) to the watchman, kissed him, gave (him / his / her) a lot of money and presents, and...fired him!!!

WHY???

The man fired the watchman because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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## ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Was the man married? Yes / No.

Circle the correct answer and copy up to 3 words from the text to prove it.

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. How many people are mentioned in the first 4 lines of the text?

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Fill in the missing words (one word in each space):

One day the man \_\_\_\_\_ his servant \_\_\_\_\_ pack \_\_\_\_\_ suitcase.

4. Complete the following sentence:

The watchman tried to prevent his master from

\_\_\_\_\_, because of \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Find in the text one or two words which mean:

a. came in suddenly = \_\_\_\_\_

b. misfortune = \_\_\_\_\_

c. people who are travelling = \_\_\_\_\_

d. to put off = \_\_\_\_\_

d. dismissed him from his job = \_\_\_\_\_

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