

Drama

Villa for Sale

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1. Juliette says “... *now I have only one thought that is to get the wretched place off my hands. I would sacrifice it at any price.*” Does she stick to her words?

Answer: Juliette did not stick to her words.

2. Read the following extracts and answer the questions:

A. But the sign has been hanging on the gate for over a month now and I am beginning to be afraid that the day I bought it was when I was the real fool.

(a) Why is Juliette disappointed ?

Answer: She is unable to find a suitable buyer for her villa.

(b) Why does she call herself a fool ?

Answer: She had bought the villa for more than it was worth.

B. ‘*But your parents would take possession of it, every year from the beginning of spring until the end of September. What’s more they would bring the whole tribe of your sister’s children with them.*’

(a) What does Gaston mean by ‘take possession’ ?

Answer: Her parents would stay with them for a long time.

C. ‘*While you were upstairs, I have been thinking a lot about your Papa and Mamma.*’

(a) What is the difference between what Gaston said earlier and what he says now ?

Answer: Earlier he did not want Jeanne’s parents to stay with them but now he is showing concern for them.

Answer the following question in about 30-40 words:

Q. 1. Why is Gaston not interested in buying the villa in the beginning?

Answer: Gaston is not fond of his wife's family. He believes that her parents would occupy the villa for quite some time and her sister would also visit there. He believes that buying the villa is a bad investment and has no desire to buy it.

Q. 2. Who is better in business -Juliette or Gaston? Why?

Answer: Gaston is better than Juliette in business. He managed to make a hundred thousand francs on a property he never owned. He sold the villa that belonged to Juliette to a Mrs. Al Smith and also acquired a picture by an artist named Corot in the deal.