

Home Reading. "The Fruitcake Special and other stories" Frank Brennan. (Level 4)

"The Fruitcake Special"

Task 1. Find in the text:

- what was Anna's job;
- how David Amos's manners changed that day;
- describe David Amos;
- what David Amos's reputation was like;
- if Anna had any matrimonial plans connected with "that nice boy Armstrong";
- how Anna stopped Aunt Mimi from finding her a suitable/ perfect boy;
- where Mr Armstrong invited Anna;
- if Mr Armstrong really wanted to get rid of Anna and forget his stupid behaviour;
- how Anna felt in the restaurant;
- how Mr Armstrong's manner changed after Ann put on some more perfume;
- who else expressed his mad love (fatal attraction to Anna);
- how the fight started;
- if Aunt Mimi taught Anna to bake a fruitcake;
- how Aunt Mimi got the cake;
- what was "the special something" in the cake (the secret ingredient);
- what the cake was meant to do;
- how Mr Amos met Anna at work in his office;
- if Sabina was fair to Anna;
- how Anna's life changed;
- if Anna really needed fruitcake special secret ingredient to win a man's heart.

Task 2. Explain why:

1. Why was Anna embarrassed that day at work?
2. Why did Anna have second thoughts about her Aunt Mimi?
3. Why was Aunt Mimi sad?
4. Why were Aunt Mimi and Momma very pleased?
5. Why did Anna's boss start paying special attention to/ started to find her attractive?
6. Why did Mr Armstrong invite Anna (in his words)?
7. Why did men feel crazy about Anna?
8. Why was the perfume rather dangerous?
9. Why didn't Anna/ Sabina know whether to laugh or cry?
10. Why did Anna miss work the next day?
11. Why did Anna fail to learn/ to discover the secret ingredient?
12. Why did Sabina speak to Anna for Mr Amos?
13. Why did Sabina leave "Amos Cosmetics"?