A Before Reading

1 Look at the back cover of the book. Read about the people in the story. Make a list of their names.

2 Read pages 8 and 9.
   The four sisters were knitting with wool. ... They worked and they talked. ...
   What are the sisters talking about? Make some guesses. Write a sentence for two of the sisters.
   Meg: …
   Amy: …

B While Reading

3 Read to the end of Chapter 5. Put these sentences in the correct order.

| 1 The sisters get a letter from their father. |
| 2 Jo and Laurie go skating and Amy follows them. |
| 3 Beth plays the piano at the Laurence House. |
| 4 Amy falls in the water. Jo and Laurie pull her out of the river. |
| 5 Jo visits Laurie and his grandfather. |
| 6 The sisters give their Christmas breakfast to the Hummels. |
| 7 Beth knits some slippers for Mr Laurence. |
| 8 Jo and Meg go the theatre with Laurie. |
| 9 Mr Laurence gives a piano to Beth. |
| 10 Amy throws Jo’s book of stories on the fire. |
| 11 Mr Laurence sends a special Christmas supper to the sisters. |

4 Read to the end of Chapter 9. Look carefully at the pictures on pages 35, 37, and 46.
   What are these people saying? Write their speech bubbles. Write words from the story or use the story and write your own words.

(a)  
(b)
5 Read to the end of the story. Who said what? Draw lines to the speakers.
(a) ‘He’ll take her away from us.’
(b) ‘He loves Meg very much.’
(c) ‘I’ll never marry anybody!’
(d) ‘I’m very happy to see you, John.’
(e) ‘He must go away. Please tell him.’
(f) ‘I’m too young for marriage.’
(g) ‘Meg must marry a man with money.’
(h) ‘Will you marry me?’
(i) ‘She is your sister. But John loves her too.’
(j) ‘Welcome to our family.’

C After Reading

6 Write a sentence about these pairs of people.
(a) Beth and Mr Laurence
(b) Laurie and Jo
(c) John Brooke and Meg
(d) Doctor Bangs and Beth
(e) Aunt March and Amy

7 The story ends at Christmas 1862. Give a special present to each of these people. You have wrapped up your presents. What is in each parcel?