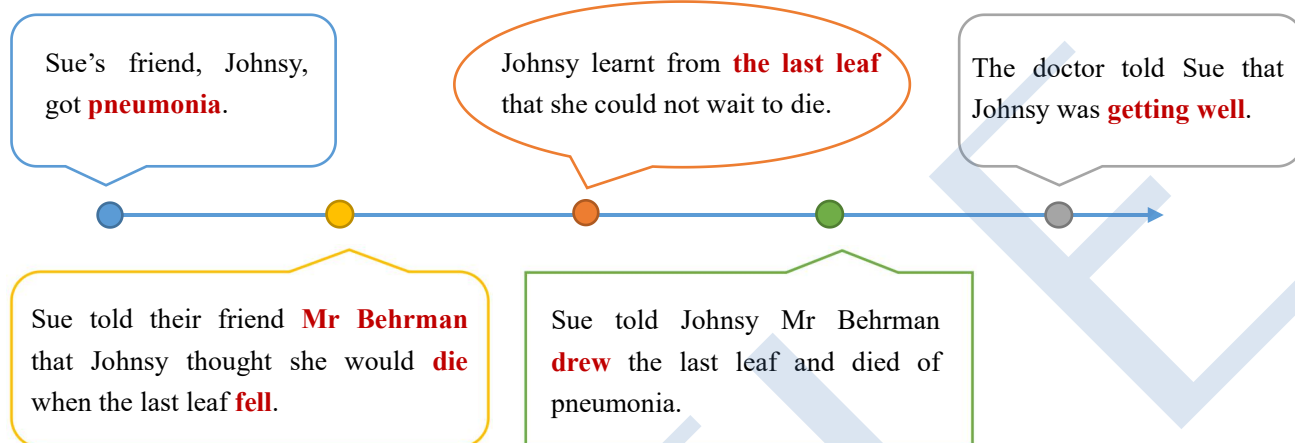


I. Fill in the blanks to complete the plot of *The Last Leaf*.



Q: What contributed to Johnsy's change of attitude?

Sue and Behrman's continuous efforts.

II. Analyze the two friendships and the ending.

1. Fill in the chart with detailed DESCRIPTION about Sue and Behrman.

	Words	Actions
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Five what, dear?" - "Oh, I never heard of such a thing. ... The doctor told me this morning that you had very good chances." - "Try to eat a little now." - "Try to sleep. I'll not be gone a minute." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ... Sue went into the workroom to cry. Then she walked into Johnsy's room, smiling and singing. - Sue stopped singing, thinking that Johnsy was asleep. - Sue began to paint and worked through most of the night after Behrman left. - And that afternoon Sue came to Johnsy's bed and put one arm around her.

	Thoughts & Actions	Description of his death
Behrman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - And he believed that <u>it was his duty to do</u> everything possible to help Sue and Johnsy. - Old Behrman <u>shouted his anger over such an idea.</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Behrman <u>died of pneumonia.</u> - When people found him in his room, his shoes and his clothes were wet and <u>as cold as ice.</u> - And then they also found <u>a lantern that he had taken outside</u> and his materials for painting.

2. O. Henry's surprise ending.

"Look out the window, dear, at the last leaf on the wall. Didn't you wonder why it never moved when the wind blew? It is Behrman's great masterpiece."



Q:

What did Sue mean by telling Johnsy that the last leaf was Mr. Behrman's masterpiece? What did friendship bring to Johnsy?

Mr Behrman drew the last leaf which never moved when the wind was blowing and his drawing saved Johnsy's life.

Friendship might bring warmth/support/hope/encouragement/determination/sense of guilt/... to Johnsy.

[The answer can vary. Contents above are for your reference.]

III. Discussion:

As Johnsy's friends, what do Sue and Behrman have in common? What are your comments on Sue and Behrman?

[The answer can vary.]

IV. Assignment:

Read the whole story again, underline more description about the surroundings or the environment that helps highlight the friendship and give your reasons.