

## READING



## Likes and Dislikes

There was a very interesting story in this morning's paper about a man who had just inherited £50,000. The newspaper account was quite detailed. It said that the man has always behaved very strangely. What others like, he dislikes, and what most people enjoy, he doesn't care for.

For example, most people enjoy the summer, when they can wear lightweight clothes. No one else would think of wearing a heavy coat and a hat on a hot day, but he does. He says he can't stand the sun, but he'll take long walks in the rain without a raincoat or an umbrella. He's extremely particular about selecting the correct tie to wear with his suit, but it doesn't bother him if his shirt is dirty or his suit isn't pressed.

He always sees the black side of everything. He finds fault with the best picture of the year, but he stays up late watching very old films on television. Even his taste in food is peculiar. He drinks warm water and cold tea, eats raw eggs and can't stand fresh fruit.

Last week his uncle died and left him £50,000. Perhaps the uncle was rather odd, too. Or perhaps he knew about his nephew's strange preferences—one of them, anyway—and decided to try and cure him.

In his will, the old man insisted that the nephew should spend half the inheritance within the next five years. If he didn't, the money would be given to a university.

Everyone is anxious to know what the nephew will do. You see, the thing he hates most of all is to part with his money.

## Questions

1. What are some of the strange preferences of the man in the story?
2. What happened last week?
3. What did the uncle insist on in his will?
4. Why do you suppose the uncle wrote his will in this way?
5. Do you think the nephew will spend half the money in the next five years?
6. What would you buy if you had to spend £25,000 in five years?