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You should have seen the mess

I can honestly say that Willy's place was the most unhygienic place I have seen in my life. He said I had an unusual type of beauty, which he must capture. This was when we came back to his place from the restaurant. The light was very dim, but I could see the bed had not been made, and the sheets were far from clean. He said he must paint me, but I told Mavis I did not like to go back there. 'Don't you like Willy?' she asked. I could not deny that I liked Willy, in a way. There was something about him, I will say that. Mavis said, 'I hope he hasn't been making a pass at you, Lorna.' I said he had not done so, which was almost true, because he did not attempt to go to the full extent. It was always unhygienic when I went to Willy's place, and I told him so once, but he said, 'Lorna, you are a joy.' He had a nice way, and he took me out in his car, which was a good one, but dirty inside, like his place. Jim said one day, 'He has pots of money, Lorna,' and Mavis said, 'You might make a man of him, as he is keen on you.' They always said Willy came from a good family.

But I saw that one could not do anything with him. He would not change his shirt very often, or get clothes, but he went round like a tramp, lending people money, as I have seen with my own eyes. His place was in a terrible mess, with the empty bottles, and laundry in the corner. He gave me several gifts over the period, which I took as he would have only given them away, but he never tried to go to the full extent. He never painted my portrait, as he was painting fruit on a table all that time, and they said his pictures were marvellous, and thought Willy and I were getting married.

QUESTIONS

1. Vocabulary. Find words in the text that mean: (1 point)

A large thin flat esp. rectangular piece of something, esp. a piece of cloth used for sleeping on or a piece of paper.	
Very interested, eager or wanting (to do) something very much.	
Not to admit that you have (knowledge, responsibility, feelings, etc.).	
A person with no home, job or money who travels around and asks for money from other people.	
To try or make an effort (to make or do something, esp. something difficult).	

2. Answer the following questions according to the text. (5 points)

1. Why did Lorna go to the secondary school and not the grammar school?

2. How old was Lorna when she got her first job?

3. How old was Lorna when she left school?
