Приложение 2.

CARD 2.

O’HENRY

**THE LAST LEAF**

*Read the text and discuss in the group:*

*Why do you think Johnsy survived?*

* **a failure-** неудачник
* **a work of art-** произведение искусства
* **a fierce, little, old man-** злобный старикашка

Old Behrman was a painter who lived on the ground floor of the apartment building. Behrman was **a failure** in art. For years, he had always been planning to paint **a work of art**, but had never yet begun it. He earned a little money by serving as a model to artists who could not pay for a professional model. He was **a fierce, little, old man** who protected the two young women in the studio apartment above him…

Later that day, Sue came to the bed where Johnsy lay, and put one arm around her.

«I have something to tell you, white mouse,» she said. «Mister Behrman died of pneumonia today in the hospital. He was sick only two days… His shoes and clothing were completely wet and icy cold…

And look out the window, dear, at the last ivy leaf on the wall. Didn’t you wonder why it never moved when the wind blew? Ah, darling, it is Behrman’s masterpiece – he painted it there the night that the last leaf fell.»