



Learn English Through  
Stories.

B Series

B2

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# 1. The Tangled Feet Problem



On a hot day, a group of children were sitting by a pond. They wanted to have some fun. They took off their shoes and put their feet in the pond. They splashed around a little. After a while, they got bored. Just then an old man walked by. One of the children said, “Let’s have some fun with him!” They all laughed and planned to play a trick on him. The children called to the man, “Please, Baba Ji, come here and help us. We have a big problem!”



The old man, Dharam Singh Sarpanch, walked over to the children. He looked worried and he wanted to help the children. “What is it?” he asked. “Our feet are tangled. We cannot tell whose feet belong to who!” The children giggled and winked at each other.

The old man was wise and the village head, but also kind. He understood that the children were not serious: they were doing a drama. He did not get angry or tell them off. Instead, he played along. He said, “That sounds like a serious problem, but I think I can help.” The old man’s walking stick gave him an idea. He tickled the children’s feet with it.

Each child whose feet he tickled would start laughing loudly. The child would laugh so hard that they would roll out of the water. One after another, the children and their feet rolled out of the pond.

“There, I have solved your problem!” said the wise man.

“You are great Papa Ji!” said the children in unison.

## 2. Money is Funny



Mannu saw her mum spend money on groceries. She saw her dad spend money on sweets. That all seemed funny to Mannu. “Money is just yellow paper,” Mannu thought. Why do people give my parents groceries and sweets for yellow paper? Mannu took out her big box of crayons. She coloured some paper yellow. She wrote 200 on it. She took her yellow paper to the toy store in town. “I want to buy a toy,” Mannu said. “Here is some yellow paper.” The lady at the store said, “Sorry. That's not real money. It is just yellow paper.”

Mannu asked her dad about money. He said that money was a special type of yellow paper. He also said you have to go to work to earn money. That is the only yellow paper you can spend. “Can I work and earn some money?” Mannu asked. “Yes,” said her dad, “wash the car, and I will pay you 100 rupees.”

Mannu washed the car and got paid 100 rupees. She went back to the store and bought a toy. Now, she knows why her mum and dad work for money.

Mannu thought, “When I grow up, I need a job to earn money. I need a good job to earn more money. In order to get a good job, you have to be educated. So education is very important.”

### 3. Princess and the Pea



In a faraway Kingdom lives a Prince. He is looking for a princess to marry. Every week, he goes to a new Kingdom looking for a Princess.

But, he can never find the right one for him.

Some are too old.

Some are too young.

Others are not princesses at all.

One day, there is a big storm in the Kingdom.

The rain falls all day, and the wind makes a lot of noise.

As everyone is going to bed, they hear a loud knock at the castle door.

Knock! Knock! Knock!

The King goes to check the door.

He opens it up and sees a girl standing in the rain.

Her hair is soaked, her clothes are soaked, and her shoes are soaked.

“Who are you? Why are you knocking?” asks the King.

“I am a Princess,” says the girl, “and I need somewhere to sleep tonight.”

The King does not believe her.

The girl doesn’t look like a princess at all, but the King lets her in anyway.

As the King brings the girl into the castle, he sees the Queen.

The Queen asks, “Who are you?”

“I am a Princess,” says the girl, “and I need somewhere to sleep tonight.”

The Queen does not believe her.

The girl doesn’t look like a princess at all, but the Queen lets her in anyway.

“You can sleep here tonight,” says the Queen.

“Thank you very much,” says the girl.

“I will get your bed ready, and you can wait here,” says the Queen.

The Queen goes into the bedroom and comes up with a plan.

She removes the mattress from the bed and places a single pea underneath it.

She then piles ten mattresses on top of the pea.

“Only a real Princess could be sensitive enough to feel that pea,” thought the Queen.

The Queen goes outside and brings the girl back into the room.  
The girl climbs up the mattresses and falls asleep.

The next morning, the King, Queen, Prince, and girl all have breakfast.  
The Queen asks, “How was your sleep?”  
The girl replies, “My sleep was terrible! It felt like I had a lump in my mattress.  
I’ll be sore for weeks!”

Then, the Queen knew that this girl was a Princess.  
She invited the Princess to stay at the castle as long as she wanted.

Over time, she and the Prince fell in love.  
She was not too old.  
She was not too young.  
And she was definitely a Princess.

So the girl became the prince’s wife. And the pea became very famous and was kept in the museum.

## 4. Kalla Wants to Get Married



Kalla was the eldest of three brothers. But Kalla was still single while the other two got married many years ago. Kalla was almost thirty-nine years old.

He taught at a university. He taught at a university in Chandigarh. He was a good teacher. Everybody called him Professor Kalla. Ten years ago, his mum introduced a girl to him, but he didn't want to get married then. And also, he wanted to find a wife himself.

Now he wanted to get married. He went to clubs. He went to gyms. He went to parks. He went to parties: birthday parties; wedding reception parties; engagement parties. He talked to girls. He talked to tall girls. He talked to short girls. He talked to thin girls. He talked to plump girls. No girls wanted to be his wife. He called on his neighbour. She lived next door to him. She was a middle-woman. Her name was Kamsar Kaur. He explained his problem to her. She offered to help. She knew two girls. She arranged a meeting. All four of them met in a coffee shop. They all had a good time.

Later, he asked her, "Did either girl like me?"

She said, "They both like you. They both are willing to be your wife! Which one did you like?"

He answered, "The one with the blue salwar kameez."

"Okay, said she, "her name is Kelly, Kelly Mattu."

"Thank you," he said.

She asked, "When will you pay my fee?"

He asked, "How much?"

She said, "Going rate is 70,000 rupees, but I will charge only 65,000 rupees."

Kalla called his mum, 'Mum, the girl you showed me 10 years ago; is she still unmarried?'

## 5. Kitten's Choice



Kitten plays with her new toy. She loves her new toy. Her brother likes her new toy, too. When Kitten isn't playing with it, her brother takes it to play.

Kitten is having fun. Then, she sees a mouse! She wants to chase the mouse. If she chases the mouse, her brother will take her toy.

Kitten thinks. She can only choose one thing to play with. If she picks the mouse, her toy will go away with her brother. If she picks the toy, the mouse will run away. Which one should Kitten pick?

She phones her massi, Big Billi. Big Billi does not pick up the phone. Then she phones her chacha, Brown Billa. Brown Billa does not pick up the phone.

Kitten thinks again. She decides: she runs after the mouse. She does not see a lot of mice, so that is more fun. She does not catch the mouse, but she has fun running after her. Kitten is happy with her choice. But she is tired and hungry.

Kitten goes to the fridge. She opens the door and takes the milk bottle out.



She drinks the milk and puts the milk bottle in the kitchen. Then she goes to the bathroom. After brushing her teeth, she goes to sleep in the sink.



There is a small note hanging on the bathroom door:

**Do not disturb;  
The Queen is asleep.**



## 6. Birthday Present

Rohini's birthday is on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January. She will be eight years old. She is in year three. She goes to a Modern Primary school. She lives on the farm. Her school is one kilometre away. She walks to school. It only takes 20 minutes. When it rains she wears a raincoat.

She used to have an umbrella, but she lost it. Her dad bought another one for her. But she broke this one. Then her mum gave her a big umbrella. It was a pretty umbrella with many colours. One day, Rohini's teacher borrowed it. Her teacher left the umbrella at the McDonald's. It was never found.

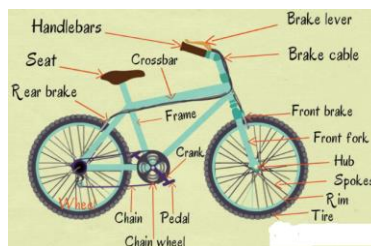
Her mum said, "You and umbrellas don't get along. The umbrellas don't want to stay with you."

For her eighth birthday, Rohini wants a bicycle. So she can ride the bike to school. After school, she can ride with her friends. She can ride the bike to the pond. She can ride the bike to the library. She can ride the bike to her grandma.

Her mum and dad took her to the bike store. They looked at all the bikes. Dad chose a blue one. She didn't like it. Mum chose a green one. She didn't like it.



Then Rohini said, 'I choose it myself.' She chose a pink one. It was very shiny. They all liked it. She was very happy. They came home. She started her computer and looked at the part names of a bike.



## 7. She Writes Letters



She will write a letter to her grandma. She will write about her day at school. She will write about her classmates. She will write about her teacher. She will write about the classroom. She will write about the stories she read. She will write about her school bus. She will write about her school bus driver.

She won't write about her pets. She won't write about her fat black cat. She won't write about her little red dog. She won't write about her soft white rabbit. She won't write about her big brown horse.

Next week is her granddad's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party. He lives twenty kilometres away. The party is on Wednesday. So she cannot go to school on that day. She needs a day off from school. Her parents have to write a letter to the school and ask for permission. Her mum has gone to see her own mum. Dad doesn't know how to write. He can read a little but cannot write.

She writes for Dad.

Respected Madam,

My child, Chithi Kaur, studies in your school, class three. I request you to grant two days' leave for her – Wednesday and Thursday next week. It's her granddad's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party and he lives twenty kilometres away. The party is likely to finish late in the evening, so we would not be able to come back on the same day.

I will be grateful to you.

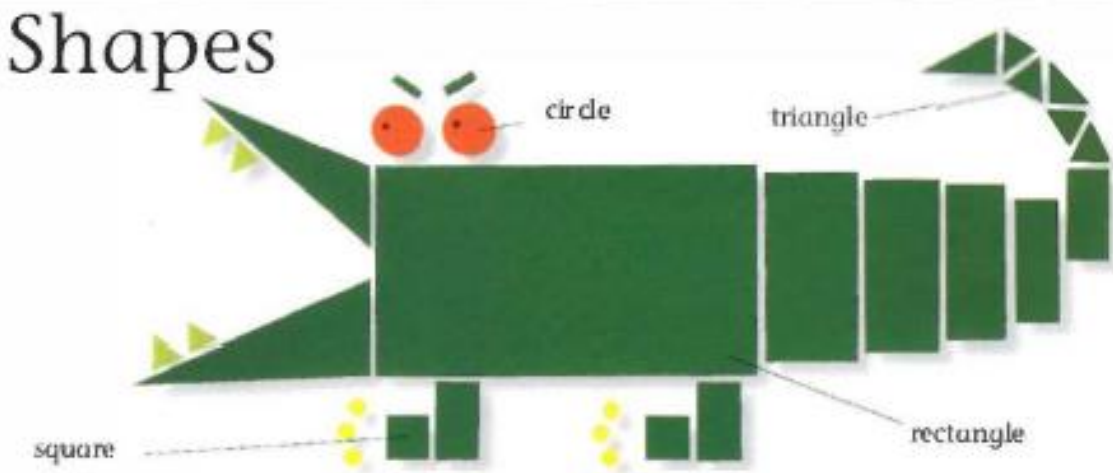
Yours Sincerely,

Sohan Singh

March 10, 202...

## 8. Picture Dictionary Page

# Shapes



circle



triangle














square

rectangle


  

# Colors/ Colours











			
red	blue	yellow	green
			
orange	brown	pink	purple
			
white	 gray  grey	black	

What color/colour do you like?  
> I like blue the best.

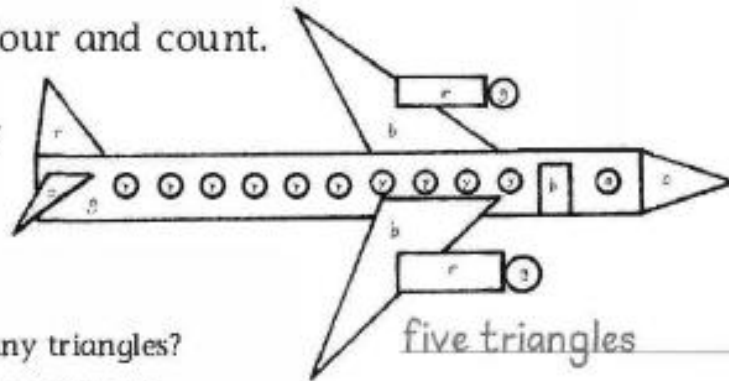


1. Color/colour and write the shape.

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|---|--|
| 1. red  <u>rectangle</u> | 5. purple  _____ |
| 2. black  _____          | 6. yellow  _____ |
| 3. blue  _____           | 7. pink  _____   |
| 4. green  _____          | 8. white  _____  |

2. Color/colour and count.

- b = blue  
 g = gray/grey  
 r = red  
 o = orange  
 y = yellow

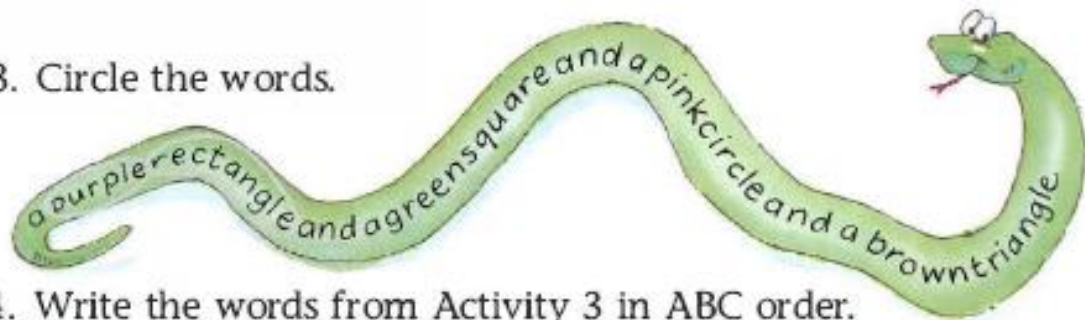


- How many triangles?
- How many circles?
- How many rectangles?
- How many squares?

five triangles

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3. Circle the words.



4. Write the words from Activity 3 in ABC order.

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|-----------------|----------|
| 1. <u>brown</u> | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____        | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____        | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____        | 8. _____ |