



# Learn English Through Stories

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# 1. The Loyal Mongoose



In a small village, a farmer lived with his baby boy and pretty wife. One day, while coming home from his field, the farmer saw a hurt mongoose lying on the side of the road. The farmer felt terrible for the poor mongoose and picked him up and took him home.

But, his wife was not very happy. She was scared that the mongoose would harm their baby. But the farmer wanted to make sure that the mongoose was healthy and well before he let it go to the jungle. Taking care of the hurt mongoose was a tough job. But, the kind farmer was happy to care for this sick animal.

The mongoose was badly hurt and was bleeding in many places. The farmer put medicine on the many cuts and scratches on the mongoose's body. He ensured the mongoose had a warm bed, food, and water. The farmer's wife could not understand why her husband would take so much care of a sick mongoose.

As the farmer's wife was not very happy about a mongoose in their home, she said to her husband, "Dear husband, you have brought home a wild animal, why don't you leave him back in the jungle?" The farmer replied, "Dear wife, please do not be scared, this is a sick mongoose, once he is well, he will go back to the jungle." But the farmer's wife was still unhappy.

After a few days, the mongoose was well again. The cuts and scratches on his body had healed. He was very thankful to the farmer for taking good care of him. The mongoose now wanted to live in the farmer's house. He did not want to leave the kind farmer. He wanted to stay by his side as he loved him and his family. The farmer was also happy with his new friend and saw the mongoose as one of his family. Soon the farmer and the mongoose loved each other dearly. The farmer enjoyed playing with the mongoose. The mongoose enjoyed his time with the farmer. The mongoose ate out of the farmer's hand and was very happy to sit in the farmer's lap or climb all over the farmer's body. The farmer loved the mongoose as much as he loved his baby.

But the farmer's wife was still scared of the mongoose. The mongoose was now big and strong. He had sharp pointy teeth; he was quick and had sharp claws.

The farmer's wife feared that the mongoose would hurt her baby. She wanted the mongoose to go back to the jungle where he came from. Many times, she said to her husband, "Why don't you take this mongoose back to the jungle? He should not live in our home; he is a wild animal, and may hurt our baby."

But the farmer trusted the mongoose; he knew that this animal would not hurt his family in any way. He loved the mongoose and did not think that the mongoose would ever harm his baby. So, he did not listen to his wife's words, and the mongoose remained in their home.

Many days passed, and the mongoose stayed with the farmer and his family. The farmer's wife was very unhappy about this. But she had to do as her husband said, and could not get the mongoose out of the house. The mongoose became bigger and stronger. He was always ready to stop any harm from coming to the farmer and his family.

One day while the farmer was in his fields, and his wife was busy in the kitchen, the village caught on fire. Everyone ran to the fire to put it out with large buckets of water. When the news of the fire reached the farmer's wife, she went running as well. At this time, the mongoose was alone with the baby at home. The clever mongoose knew that he needed to protect the baby while the farmer and his wife were away.

The fire spread from house to house, and after some time, the farmer's house was on fire. The smart mongoose knew he had to do something, so he carried the baby by the diaper in his mouth, and he ran out of the house. All the villagers were running here and there, and the fire was all around. The mongoose knew he had to keep the baby safe, so he ran to the forest with the baby. By evening, the farmer was back home, and his wife was crying loudly, "Your mongoose has run away with my baby while our house was burning. What will we do now, we will never see our baby again. I'm sure that mongoose has eaten our baby by now." The farmer was very sad and afraid. The farmer's wife was crying loudly. The farmer still believed that his dear friend would not hurt his son. He tried to make his wife understand, but she was too afraid for their baby's safety.



In the forest, the mongoose was afraid as well. He knew that all the wild animals of the jungle would be happy to eat the baby for dinner. This forest had many tigers, leopards, and even bears. So, he climbed up a tree and placed the baby in an empty bird's nest. The baby was missing his mother, so he was crying very loudly. The mongoose did not want any wild animals to hear the sounds of the crying baby. So, he licked the baby's face until the baby fell asleep. The mongoose stayed awake all night and kept his eyes on the baby. He knew he had to take good care of the farmer's child, just like the farmer had taken care of him. All night, the mongoose was very tired and hungry. He had not eaten anything for many hours, and he was so tired after carrying around the heavy baby. But, the mongoose knew his job; he knew he had to keep the farmer's baby safe.

So, the next morning, when he heard the sound of the villagers cheering from far away, he carried the baby by the diaper and started walking to the village. Now the brave and smart mongoose was very tired and weak because he had not eaten anything for a long time. He could not walk straight, he was dizzy, and carrying the baby was a hard job.

Just then, the mongoose saw a dead bird. So, he decided to eat the bird so that he could get some strength. The mongoose knew that he had to eat something to get the energy he needed to carry the baby back to the village. He quickly ate the dead bird, and while eating, he licked the baby to comfort him. Now both the mongoose and the baby were covered in the blood of the dead bird.

After eating, he again started walking with the baby towards the village. When he reached the farmer's house, he kept the sleeping baby near the farmer's feet. When the farmer's wife saw the baby and the mongoose's face covered with the blood of the dead bird, she thought that the mongoose had hurt her baby. She cried out to the farmer, "See what this mongoose has done, he has killed our baby, hit him, and kill him."

But the farmer still had some trust left in his friend, the mongoose. He picked up his son and gave him a tiny pinch. The baby woke up and started crying. Both the farmer and his wife were very happy to see that their baby was alive and safe. Then the farmer and his wife knew that the mongoose had saved their baby. They knew the baby was alive because the mongoose carried the baby out of the burning house into the forest. The farmer's wife now knew that the clever mongoose was no danger to her family. Seeing this, she now trusted the mongoose just as much as her husband did.

From then on, the farmer, his wife, his baby, and the mongoose were one happy family. The brave and smart mongoose protected the farmer's family from any harm. The farmer took him to the field every day, where he killed many snakes and kept the farmer safe. At home, the farmer's wife loved and cared for the mongoose, just like her son.

**Moral: Do not judge someone before you know them.**

## 2. The Clever Wolf



Once upon a time, some students from a certain college went into a forest for a day out. They wanted to enjoy the holiday to its fullest. They took plenty of food and drinks with them. After walking a lot, they were very hungry. They ate all the meat they had brought with them at lunchtime. They didn't leave anything. Then they suddenly realized what they would eat in the evening. They wanted to enjoy the trip and without proper food, it was quite impossible.

One of the students was a Sikh. He had a small sword with him. He said, "There is no need to worry. I will bring some fresh meat. We will make a fire here and roast it. It will be great fun too". After saying this, he took the sword and went to the river. He knew that the animals would definitely come to the riverside for drinking water. He lay down on the ground with a sword in his hand and pretended as if, he was dead.

After some time, a group of wolves came down to the lake. When they saw the man lying on the riverside, they kept an eye on him for some time. The king of the wolves said, "I think, this man is playing tricks on us. All of you stay here, while I will go and check whether he is really dead or pretending to be dead". So, the clever king of the wolves slithered up to the man and pulled his sword a little cautiously. The man pulled back his sword at once.

The King of the wolves ran from the place and shouted, "If you had been dead, you would not have pulled back your sword when I tried to pull it. I caught you tricking. You pretended to be dead so that you may kill one of us for your dinner". The man quickly jumped up and tried to kill the wolf. He flung his sword at the king of the wolves. Unfortunately, the man missed his aim and the wolf safely ran away. He looked for the other animals, but none of them was visible. All of them ran away.

The man got frustrated at this, but could not do anything. Thus, he went back to his friends and said, "I tried to get fresh meat by playing a trick on the animals, but the clever wolf played a better trick on me. I am sorry. I

could not get fresh meat for you". The rest of the students had collected plenty of dry wood for the roast. That was a waste of time, they all said and went back to their college.



### 3. The Talking Cave



Long ago, there resided a lion in a dense forest. He was aged and not very strong any longer. Once, he failed to get any prey for two days. He tried to search for food almost everywhere but could hardly find a thing. He has become really weak.

One day, while he was roaming in the jungle hopelessly, he discovered a cave. He thought to himself, "There must be some animal inside this cave. I will hide myself behind the bushes. When the occupant will come out, I will eat it."

He hid himself behind the bushes and waited for several hours, however, no one came out of the cave. He was hungry terribly and got frustrated. Suddenly he thought, "Maybe the occupant is somewhere out in the forest. I should wait inside the cave, not outside."

Looking around the cave, the lion quietly got inside, believing, "Now, this is an excellent plan. I will jump on the animal the moment it enters the cave." Again he anxiously waited for hours but there was nobody. He was losing his patience.

After some time, a fox came towards the cave. The cave belonged to her. The fox was very intelligent. She was residing in that cave for a long time and was familiar with the surroundings of the cave, and sensed that something was certainly wrong.

She was walking quite slowly and quietly towards the cave. All of a sudden, she realized the footprints of a lion going towards the cave and thought, "It appears like a lion has entered my cave. How do I ensure that if he is still inside, and waiting?"

The fox used her presence of mind. She played a trick. She was standing at some distance from the cave in order to save herself in case there is a sudden attack. So she shouted, "Hello cave! I have come back. Why are you so quiet today, my dear cave? May I come in and occupy my residence?"

On receiving no response, she once again shouted, "Are you upset with me, dear cave? If you welcome me in a regular way, I will come in, otherwise, I will go to some other cave. I will never ever return to you again!"

Listening to this, the lion thought, "Ah, the cave in which I am hiding, should certainly be a talking cave! The cave is keeping silent because of my presence inside. If the cave will not respond to the fox's query, the fox will go away."

Thinking that he was very smart, the lion responded in a roaring voice on behalf of the cave, "I have not ignored my practice of talking to you when you come, my dear fox. I was asleep so I possibly could not hear your voice. Please come in."

And now, the smart fox was sure that a cruel lion was hiding in her cave. She ran away very quickly. She was pleased with the trick she had played. While running, she laughed and said to herself, "Only a stupid would certainly think that a cave can talk!"

## 4. Grammar Page

What if there is a vowel before the **y**?  
In that case, add **-s** to form the plural.



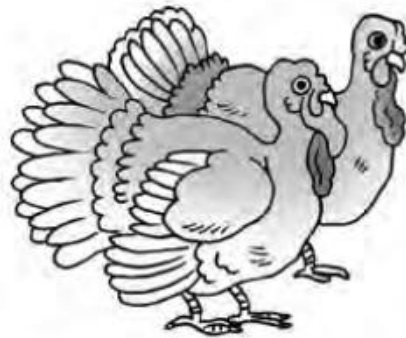
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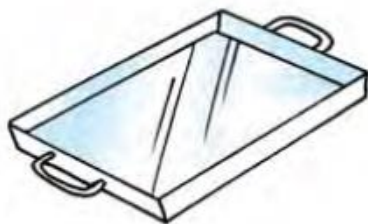
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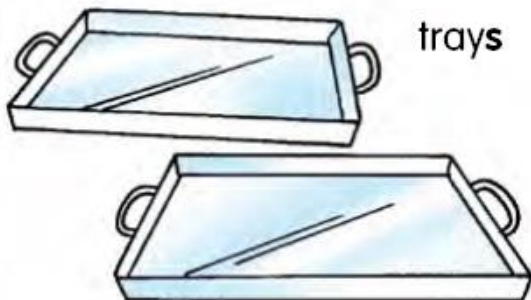
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trays

### Word File

#### Singular

chimney  
cowboy  
day  
donkey  
jersey  
kidney  
monkey  
toy  
trolley  
valley

#### Plural

chimneys  
cowboys  
days  
donkeys  
jerseys  
kidneys  
monkeys  
toys  
trolleys  
valleys

If a noun ends in **-f**, you often change **f** to **v**, and add **-es**.

**Singular**

calf  
elf  
half  
leaf

**Plural**

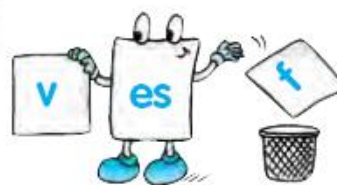
calves  
elves  
halves  
leaves

**Singular**

loaf  
shelf  
thief  
wolf

**Plural**

loaves  
shelves  
thieves  
wolves



Often nouns that end in **-f**, just need **-s** to form the plural.



**Singular**

chef  
chief  
cliff

**Plural**

chefs  
chiefs  
cliffs

**Singular**

handkerchief  
roof  
sheriff

**Plural**

handkerchiefs  
roofs  
sheriffs

For some words that end in **-f**, the plural can be spelled in two different ways.

**Singular**

dwarf  
hoof  
scarf

**Plural**

dwarfs or dwarves  
hoofs or hooves  
scarfs or scarves



With some words that end in **-fe**, you change **f** to **v**, and add **-s**.

**Singular**

knife  
life  
wife

**Plural**

knives  
lives  
wives



But you only add **-s** to **giraffe** to form the plural.

If a noun ends in **-o**, you just add **-s** to form the plural.



a rhino



rhinos



a kangaroo



kangaroos

### Word File

#### Singular

a hippo

a video

a zoo

#### Plural

hippos

videos

zoos

But with some nouns that end in **-o**, you add **-es** to form the plural.



a flamingo



flamingoes

### Word File

#### Singular

a tomato

a potato

a hero

#### Plural

tomatoes

potatoes

heroes



With some nouns that end in **-o**, you can add either **-s** or **-es** to form the plural.

#### Singular

a mango

a mosquito

a zero

a buffalo

#### Plural

mangoes

mosquitoes

zeroes

buffaloes

#### Plural

mangos

mosquitos

zeros

buffalos