



Learn English Through Stories

A Series

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1. Going to Zoo

“Good morning, Joti. It’s time to get up,” says Mum.

“Is it 8 O’clock already? I’m still sleepy, says Joti.

“That’s okay, dear. Are you Hungry?” asks Mum.

“Yes, Mum. I am so hungry. Can I have pancakes?” replies Joti.

“Of course, you can have pancakes. I’ll get them ready soon,” says Mum.

“Thanks, Mum. I’m getting up,” says Joti.

“It’s a beautiful morning, dear,” says Mum.

“Yes, it’s a sunny, bright day,” says Joti.

“Are we going somewhere today?” asks Mum.

“Is it to the park or the seaside?” asks Joti.

“It’s not a park. It’s not the seaside. It’s somewhere else,” says Mum.

“Mum, give me a clue,” says Joti.

“We’ll see an elephant,” says Mum.

“Mum, before I guess it, can you tell me what sort of sound an elephant makes?” asks Joti.

“Elephants, they trumpet. They make a sound like a trumpet. A trumpet is a brass instrument. I’m sure you’ve seen it in the picture dictionary.



Some people blow their own trumpet. It means they are boastful. They show off. They tell everyone about their achievements or how great they are,” says Mum.

“We are definitely going to a zoo,” says Joti.

“Yes dear, you are right. We’re going to the zoo. We’re going to Twycross Zoo. It’s near Coventry,” says Mum...

Joti gets up. She goes to the bathroom. She brushes her teeth. She washes her face. She dries her face with the towel.

She gets ready. She puts on her dress. She puts on her new, pink socks. She puts on her pink and white trainers.



She goes to the kitchen. She sits on a stool. She sits at the table. Pancakes and syrup are already on the table. Joti puts pancakes on a blue plate. She pours some syrup on the pancakes.



“Mum, pancakes are delicious,” says Joti.

“Yes. What drink would you like, tea or juice?” says Mum.

“Orange juice, please,” says Joti...

Mum makes some sandwiches: tuna, cucumber and tomatoes.



Joti and her mum go to Twycross Zoo.



They see an elephant. The elephant is trumpeting. It has a long trunk.



They see zebras. They are braying. They have lines all over their body. The lines are black, brown and white.



They see a lion. The lion roars. They see a turtle. It is very slow. They see a rabbit. It has soft fur. It is squeaking.

They see bees. They are buzzing. They see gorillas. They are eating bananas. They see a giraffe. It has a very long neck. It is bleating like a sheep. They see a goat. It is bleating saying maa, maa...

They sit on a bench and eat their sandwiches. Then they go to the café to have some drinks and crisps. They enjoyed their day and came back home.

2. The Bird Who Gave Milk

Once there lived a farmer with his wife and two children. His name was Shanta Ram and her name was Shanti Rani. His son's name was Makhan Ram. His daughter's name was Lassi. He had two strong, white oxen. He always wore a white dhoti because it matched the colour of his oxen.



He was very fond of having good-quality farming tools such as yoke and plough.

However, there was one problem in his family. They never had any milk or butter. They bought some cows. As soon as they arrived at their house they stopped giving milk. They bought buffaloes. The same thing happened. They bought goats. The same thing happened. They bought a female camel. The same thing happened. It was very embarrassing. His son's name was Makhan which means buttercream. His daughter's name was Lassi which means buttermilk...

One year, in the month of October, it rained for two days and then it stopped. So it was time to sow the seeds. So he went to his field and ploughed it. Then he levelled it with a plane.



The next day he got up very early. He got his oxen ready and His wife made tea. Off course, it was black tea because they had no milk in the house. He drank it reluctantly and they left for the field.

He was shocked when he saw his field. It was all bumpy. He said to his wife, "I levelled it yesterday. It was nice and smooth. Who made it bumpy?"

His wife did not believe him. She said, "You always leave half-finished jobs."

So he levelled it again with the oxen and the plane. They went home and he had a sleepless night.

The next day, they left for the field again. The field was bumpy again.

He said to his wife, "I will wait tonight and see who did this."

Shanta Ram hid behind some bushes. He was surprised to see a bird. It was a multi-coloured bird: yellow, blue, red, black, and many more colours. It was singing very loudly. As the bird sang, the field turned around and became bumpy!



Seeing this, Shanta Ram jumped out and caught the bird.

"Sir, I'm sorry about this. But if you let me go now, I will give your family lots of milk. You will enjoy it for many, many days. I can also tell you the reason why your family is deprived of milk" said the bird.

"Sorry dear bird, please explain," said Shanta Ram.

This is what the bird said:

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Majesty's humble and obedient servant bird,

Your family has been cursed with a special spell. The Milk God sent me to break the spell. Now, because I am a beautiful, colourful bird, nobody would like to harm me. So I thought I do something that would hurt your family. I knew you are so much dependent on your crops. That is what I did. I prevented you from sowing the seeds into your field. Then you got annoyed and caught me. Now, you sir, may be wondering what is a spell. A spell is a magic. In your language, it is called 'Jadu Tuna'.

Some people cannot spell the word 'Psychology'. Sorry, that was a joke.

In the modern language, it is called coding and decoding. As the Milk God ordered me to break this spell, I will do it. All I have to do is just decode it. Are you sir, happy? Shall I perform my humble duty?

"Please do, please do!" Shanta Ram stuttered.

So the spell was broken or you can say it was decoded. It is all like: do it and then undo it. It is also called counter-curse action.

So what happened next?

I am sure you can guess it. Off course, Shanta Ram and his family don't have to drink black tea anymore.



Makhan and Lassi put six milk cans out in the yard every morning. As soon as the cans are placed, they get filled with fresh creamy milk.

Don't forget there are six cans.

Can 1: Milk of cow; Can 2: Milk of buffalo; Can 3: milk of goat;

Can 4: Milk of camel; Can 5: Milk of Sheep; Can 6: Milk of deer.

Shanta Ram and his family are not greedy people. They share this milk with whoever needs it - Ayurvedic doctors; teachers; carpenters; labours; and so on.

Manumati the teacher comes to collect milk every morning and teach Makhan and Lassi – free home tuition;

Dayavati the midwife comes to collect milk every morning and checks Shanta Rani because she is having a third child...

3. Baby Bear and His Mum



Once there lived two bears, Mummy Bear and Baby Bear, near a forest. On a sunny, summer day, Mummy Bear decided to go to the woods. She and her baby were very hungry. Mummy Bear walked through the woods. The baby bear followed his mum. She was looking for berries to eat. She found some blackberries.



She started eating them. The baby started eating them, too. They ate all the berries. The baby bear was full. Mum Bear was still hungry. She started walking again. She wanted to find more berries to eat.

Baby bear lay down. He was full. He wanted to take a nap. But Mum Bear came back. She growled at the Baby Bear. He understood Mum's growl. When Mum growled, he obeyed. Otherwise, Mum might slap her baby right in the face. He got up and followed his mum.

Mum found nice and juicy blueberries.



Mum was super happy. She ate them slowly with relish. Baby Bear was not looking at the blueberries. He was thinking about a nap. He sat down on the grass. Mum gave him five blueberries. He started eating them reluctantly. Mum's belly was full and she was cheerful. She wanted to play with her baby. But the baby was not interested in doing anything other than a nap.

Mum started singing:

Mummy Bear never makes his bed;
He sleeps on the grass instead;
He has no blanket, no quilt, no sheet;
Except for the rain and snow and sleet...

Baby Bear was thinking:

Someday I will take a nap after a meal;
I will do it, it's not a big deal;
Someday after a meal, I will fall asleep;
Nothing will disturb me, even a loud bleep...

Three years later, Baby Bear was not a baby anymore. He was a grown-up bear. He went to the woods himself. He found some blackberries. He ate them. He walked further and found some blueberries. He ate them and was full. He wanted to take a nap. There was nobody to stop him. He lay down on the grass. He fell asleep and dreamt:

It was a hot summer day. He went to the seaside. There were no trees. The sun was too hot. He went into the sea. It was nice and cool. The sea was full of fish. He ate many of them. He wanted to take a nap. A frog jumped on him. The frog's jump woke him up. He left the woods and said to himself:

I will take a nap at home. Then I will wake up and sort my hair with a comb.

I will have dinner soup and bread. Then I will make my own bed.

Then sweet dream, sweet deem. Till the morning sun's beam...

4. Horse Rider



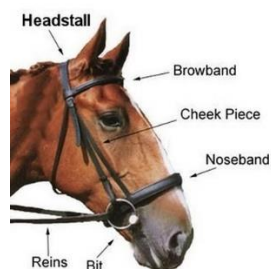
"Can I ride my horse, Daddy?" Seema asked her dad. Seema loved to ride her horse. She rode her horse almost every Saturday.

"Okay, honey, get ready to go, but eat your breakfast first," her dad said.



Seema decided to have chocolate milk. She went to the kitchen. She took the milk out of the fridge. She put the carton of milk on the table. She opened the kitchen cabinet. She took a glass out of the cabinet. She put the glass on the table next to the milk. She took the cap of the carton of milk. She poured some milk into the glass. She put the cap back on the carton of milk. She put the milk back into the fridge. She took the chocolate syrup out of the fridge. She poured some syrup into the glass of milk. She stirred the milk with a spoon. She licked the spoon. It was very tasty. Seema drank her chocolate milk and wiped her face with kitchen paper.

Seema was happy. She went into her bedroom. She put her blue socks on. She put her blue trainers on. She grabbed her blue scarf. She went to the front door. "I'm going to wait in the car," she told her dad. "Okay, I'll be there in a minute," her dad said. Seema opened the car door. She sat down in the front seat. She put on her scarf. She was excited. She had already learnt many names of the horse gear.



5. Picture Dictionary Page

bucket (बर्कट) A container for holding water. A bucket always has a handle. बाल्टी; डोल.



bud A leaf or a flower before it opens. (बड) कली; अंकुर.



budgerigar (बजरीगर) A small brightly coloured pet bird. एक पालतू पक्षी.



bull The male of any kind of large animal, usually cattle. साँड; बैल.



bus A very large car which carries people. यातायात का साधन; बस.



butcher He sells meat. कसाई; मांस बेचने वाला.



butter Soft yellow food made from cream. मक्खन.



bulldozer A big machine which moves lots of earth and rubbish. भूमि को कटाई करने की मशीन.



buttercup A bright yellow wild flower. गहरे पाले रंग के फूल वाला पौधा.



bungalow A house with no upstairs. All the rooms of a bungalow are on the ground. कोठा; डाक बँगला.

butterfly (बटर फ्लाई)

An insect with large coloured wings. A butterfly grows from a caterpillar. तितली.

button (बटन) A small round object. A button fastens your clothes together. बटन, कपड़ों पर लगने वाला.

