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1. Mini Stories 1

(I). Secret Party

Steven Singh is fifteen-year-old. He lives in Canada. His parents – Mr and Mrs Sangha – were on holiday in India. They were coming back soon.

Steven was staying home alone. He had the house to himself. He decided to throw a party. He invited a few of his friends.

“My parents will never find out,” he thought to himself, “it will be a small party.”

Khao piyo aish karo mitro dil par kisey da dukhayo na...

Eat, drink and enjoy, oh my friends, but hurt no one's heart!

Saturday arrived. His doorbell wouldn't stop ringing. People he had never even met were in his house. Steven could not kick them out. There were too many of them. He could hear dishes breaking. Drinks were spilled on the carpet. His parents would find out about this for sure. Steven decided to just relax and enjoy his freedom, which would be taken away when his parents got home. Steven thought, “Make hay while the sun shines.”

(II). A New Phone

Dhanna is a truck driver and lives in America. He has only son and his name is Manna. Manna is a spoilt brat. He is as stubborn as a mule. He hates doing his homework; he loves playing computer games.

Last week, Manna wanted the latest phone. It cost \$700. He begged his parents for it. "Sorry," they said. "It's far too expensive." Still Manna kept bugging them. He would not give it up. He cried to them like a little baby.

His mum, Dhanno, is very soft-hearted. His dad is little hard-hearted, but she is too kind-hearted. Maybe that is why Manna behaves the way he does.

Dhanno spoke to her husband. They wanted to make their son happy. Mr and Mrs Gill saved some money. They bought the phone for Manna's birthday. "Just be careful with it," they told him. "Of course I will be!" he replied.

Manna was as pleased as Punch. He was full of the joys of spring. He was floating on air.

He put the phone in his pocket. He ran to show it off to his friends. The phone slipped out of his pocket. It landed in a sewer. He looked at the sewer. He had a long face like a long aubergine.

(III). Too Old for Children

Mrs Jones was a kindergarten teacher. She was not happy with her life. She used to love children, but now she couldn't stand them. Mrs Jones thought they were too loud. "All they can do is shout or cry," she complained. "I'm too old for this now."

She used to love this nursery rhyme:

Baa, baa, black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir,
Three bags full.
One for the master,
One for the dame,
And one for the little boy
Who lives down the lane.

Now she hated this nursery rhyme.

It was time to retire. Mrs Jones bought a house by a lake. She was going to live the quiet life she wanted. But Mrs Jones still wasn't happy. Her new house was too quiet. She missed the children. Mrs Jones decided to buy a rope.

Her neighbours thought that she was going hang herself. They called the police. The police went to see Mrs Jones...

She hung the rope on a tree by the lake. Every weekend, the children went to her house. They swung into the lake. She always joined them.

(IV). Teena's First Car



Teena Malik lived in England. She finished her schooling. Teena achieved excellent grades for A Levels: English A, Maths A-Star, French B and Chemistry A. She was going to university to do a degree in Dentistry.

Teena had just gotten her driver's license. Now, all she needed was a car. There was one problem: she had no money. Teena got a part job at a library. She also got a summer job at an ice cream store. She worked hard all summer. She saved every pound. After three months, Teena could finally afford a car. She bought a used one. The car had a lot of scratches. One of the windows was cracked. The seats all had big stains on them.

"It's perfect!" Teena insisted. All her work had paid off. She did not care if other people liked it or not. She was proud of herself.

(V). What do You Wear?

Different workers wear different clothes to work. A lifeguard wears a swim suit. Many workers have uniforms. Workers at Burger Hut wear black shirts. The managers wear black shirts, too. The managers also wear ties. Mechanics and painters wear coveralls. The coveralls protect their clothes. The coveralls protect their clothes from oil and paint.

Pilots wear blue or black uniforms. Sometimes they wear white shirts. Nurses wear white uniforms. Doctors wear white jackets. Bus drivers and soldiers wear uniforms. Policemen and firemen wear blue uniforms. Prisoners wear orange uniforms. Orange is a bright colour. Orange uniforms are easy to see. Prisoners can't hide in their orange uniforms. Chefs wear white jackets and tall white hats. Cowboys wear jeans and boots. Clowns wear big plastic noses and big shoes.

Fashion models wear beautiful clothes. Most workers don't wear uniforms. Teachers and truck drivers wear regular clothes. Most workers wear regular clothes.

2. The Greedy Dog

Once, there lived a dog with his master. His name was Lalchi. His master – Dhanna Ram – was a poor man. He lived on only dal and rice. The dog had no choice. He had to eat dal and rice, too. Dhanna Ram was content with what he had. He desired no more. But the dog was not happy. He saw other dogs eating meat and chewing bones.

One day, he left his master and went to a town. In the town, he found a new master. He was a butcher. The dog enjoyed eating a variety of meat: pork, lamb, beef, venison, and a lot more.

One day, the butcher gave the dog a nice bone. The dog decided to go to the river and chew his bone there. He held the bone tightly in his mouth and went. On the way, the dog saw his reflection in the stream he was crossing. Seeing it, he thought that there was another dog with a bone, in the water.

If he had stopped to think, he would have known better. But instead of thinking, he dropped his bone and sprang at the dog in the river. Off course, there was no other dog in the water. The water was quite deep. One thing which is instinct to animals is that they can swim. With some difficulty, he manage to come out of the water.

He stood sadly thinking about the good bone he had lost, he realized what a stupid dog he had been.

Moral: Greed brings a feeling of regret.

3. A Dog in the Manger



Once, there lived a dog called Besharm-Kuta. One day, he had a fight with his wife – Besharmi-Kuti. He left the forest and walked towards a farm. He saw a kettle shed on the farm. It was empty. The dog was tired. There was a manger in the shed. It was filled with hay. The dog thought. “This is perfect. I will make this my bed.” The dog lay on the hay and fell asleep.

When the cattle and the goats came back, they were shocked to see the dog snoring on their hay. They were hungry, so they started to eat the hay from the side. Hearing the sound, the dog woke up and began to bark at the cattle.

“This dog is so rude and selfish. He isn’t getting up from our hay, nor is he letting us eat it,” said the animals.

He is like the Indian Prime Minister – Narendra Modi.

Na khaunga na khane dunga...

I will not eat and would not let others eat!

Finally, the animals had a meeting and decided to chase the dog away.

Moral: A person who is a spoilsport can cause others trouble.

4. The Vain Crow

In a daring raid, a crow swooped through an open window, grabbed a hunk of cheese from a farmer's table and flew away. With the cheese still safe in his beak, he settled on a high branch. Just as he was about to tuck in, there was a voice: 'Crow.'

The crow saw a fox below. 'Well that was nifty work, to steal a treasure from under the farmer's nose.

I'd have been proud of myself, if I'd done it, and we foxes are expert thieves.' The crow hopped along the branch delightedly.

'And now I look,' said the fox, 'you're a striking creature. People go on and on and on about the peacock but what good are they, strutting about and shrieking? Waste of space, if you ask me! You – you're smart and you're beautiful.' The crow liked that.

'You have black silken wings, eyes like jewels, and your claws – I mean, your talons – why, I bet in a fight you could take out an eagle!' The crow puffed out his chest.

'You know, I don't think I've ever heard you sing. A bird like you,' said the fox, 'I bet you've got a wonderful voice. Have you got a wonderful voice?' The crow nodded his head up and down. 'You have?' said the fox. 'Would you do me the honour of singing for me now?'

The crow eagerly threw back his head, opened his beak...and down tumbled the cheese into the fox's mouth.

5. The Oak Tree and the Sugarcane



Near Khanna lived Mr Ganna in a village. He was a farmer. Mr Ganna owned more than 20 acres of land. The land was very fertile. For many years, he grew wheat and rice. One year he decided to plant sugarcanes. Next to the sugarcane fields, there was a big oak tree.

One day, Mr Ganna called his wife and said, “Dear Sweet Wife, I am going to the town today. Do you need anything from the town?”

The name of his wife was Khand, and she was so sweet. For this reason, he called her Sweety.

Sweety said, “I don’t want anything but our son Mithhu wants some jalabis and daughter Chini wants namkeen.”

When the farmer had gone to the town, the oak tree and the sugarcanes started to chat.

The oak tree said, “Sugarcanes, I feel sorry for you. You are so small and weak. Look at me, I am solid and strong. Even the wind cannot bend me.” “Maybe the wind can bend me. But it cannot break me,” said one of the sugarcane. A couple of hours later, the weather changed. The wind started blowing really fast. Soon it was a terrible storm. Many trees swung side to side. The oak tree also started to swing. There was a big bang. The wind broke the trunk of the oak tree. All the sugarcanes were safe. The wind bent them but did not break them.

The oak tree was lying on the ground. He was so ashamed of his rude behaviour. But he could do nothing. It was too late.

That is why they say: **Pride goes before a fall.**

6. Punctuation 1

Punctuation marks are signs such as **periods (full stops)**, **commas** and **question marks**. You use them in sentences to make the meaning clear.

Period or full stop

You put a period at the end of a sentence.

Meena is my good friend.

Please don't be late.

The bird is sitting on a branch.

It's snowing heavily today.

There's a rainbow in the sky.

This big house belongs to a rich man.

I can swim.

Manga is good at drawing.

They all enjoyed playing cricket.

Comma

1. Use a comma between nouns and noun phrases in a list.

I bought two apples, three oranges and some grapes.

He enjoys tennis, badminton, skating and football.

At school we study English, math, science, history and geography.

2. Use commas between adjectives when you use several of them to describe something.

A giraffe is a tall, long-necked and long-legged animal.

He is a tall, handsome, smart and ambitious young man.

You need paper, scissors and glue.

Teena, Meena, Zeena and Sheena all went shopping together.

3. Use a comma after yes and no, and before please in sentences. You also use a comma before or after the name of the person you are speaking to.

Is it raining? No, it has stopped.

Good morning, sir!

Can you tell me what time it is, please?

Yes, it's a quarter past three, Pappu.

"Has Sarban had breakfast yet?" "No, he hasn't."

4. Commas are used before please and thank you.

Could you pass me that pencil, please?

"Would you like some more orange juice, Santrey?" "No, please."

I've had enough to eat, thank you.

"Would you like another piece of cake, Kaka?" "No, thank you."

5. Commas are used to show where there is a brief pause.

Unfortunately, she injured her knee skiing.

She was in the bedroom, listening to music on the radio.

6. More sentences with commas

I love vanilla ice cream, but my brother prefers chocolate.

In the beginning, there was light.

Shatan, a very naughty boy, went to Pakistan.

I was born on September 5, 1995.

7. Picture Dictionary Page

Food 2



tea



egg



meat



coffee



cheese



fish



milk



nuts



soup



sugar



pasta



rice



bread



cereal





pizza



salad



noodles



mayonnaise



spaghetti



 shrimps
 prawns



vinegar



jam



olive oil





stew



honey



 burger and French fries
 burger and chips





chocolate



ketchup



 yogurt
 yoghurt



pepper



salt