



Learn English Through Stories

A Series

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Chapter 13 – Dream

One of my dreams is really crazy. I am in a pub. The pub is on my island. I want to drink some rum. But the waitress is very lazy. She sits at the bar. She does nothing. I don't like lazy people. I am angry but I wait.

Then my wife comes to the pub. She gives me paper with some text. It is a message from her father. He writes that I have to go home. He writes that I have to work on the plantations. But I don't want to go home.

I go to the kitchen in the pub. My mother is in the kitchen. She prepares some steaks. She also cooks soup. I taste the soup. The soup tastes fantastic.

Then two Englishmen come to the pub. They want to sell gunpowder. One man looks like a gentleman. But the second man is horrible.

I tell the horrible man, "I am sorry. I don't need your gunpowder. I have a lot of gunpowder in my camp."

The horrible man says, "You have to buy our gunpowder. We travel from London. We want to do the business."

I say, "Thank you. I don't want your gunpowder."

The horrible man is really angry. Our conversation is not good. He says some horrible things about me. I say some horrible things about him.

The conversation gets to a point when he wants to kill me. He takes his gun. I start to run away. He shoots at me. Then I wake up.

One week later, I feel better. But I still need to relax. I need to sleep a lot.

In August, I am OK again. But I still feel a little weak. I need to do some physical activity. The next ten days, I walk around the island. I feel better after these trips.

When I feel strong again, I decide to explore the whole island. I find a new interesting part of the island. It is a valley. It is a valley with a lake. The valley is in the central part of the island.

I find melons here. The melons look like big balls. They are very sweet. I also find apples, oranges and lemons in this valley. I want to take some fruit home. But I need a big bag. I don't have a big bag with me.

I collect some fruit. I put the fruit in one place. I return to my cave. I bring a big bag for the fruit. I like the fruit valley very much. The nature is beautiful here. I think, "Maybe, I can move here."

But the beach is far from this place. I have to be close to the beach. I need to see a ship which can save me.”

Chapter 14 – House

I don't move to the fruit valley. But I decide to build a house here.

I visit the valley very often. Step by step, I build a house here. The house is small. I make a double fence around the house. The house is protected like a castle.

Again, I use a ladder when I want to go inside. And inside, I have stairs in one corner of the fence. I use the stairs when I go outside. And I use the ladder when I go inside.

This activity takes the whole August and the beginning of September. But I enjoy it a lot. The fruit valley gives me so much energy. I feel so healthy and strong here.

Sometimes, when I am in the valley at night, I watch the moon and the stars. I think about my wife. I think about my family in England. I know that they see the same moon. They see the same stars. But we can't be together. I think about my family very often. I wish the best for them.

I also think about all the people who see the moon. I think about the places where they live. I feel connected with them. Sometimes, I feel connected with the whole universe.

I also think about God. I have questions for God. I ask him, "Why am I on this island? Why am I still alive when my friends are all dead?"

I don't have answers to these questions. But I believe God. I believe that he knows what he is doing.

It is the time when the rainy season starts. The rainy season continues until the middle of October. This is my first year on the island.

When the rains end, I return to my valley house. I see that the fence is all green. New leaves are growing everywhere. This isn't only beautiful. It is also useful because it is really hard to see the house.

The leaves create shadow. It is very nice to stay here. I want to make a fence from the same wood around my first house too.

When the rainy season is finished, I put my corn in the ground. I have a bad feeling that something bad can happen. I only use a half of the corn. This is a

good idea because no corn grows up.

I put the second half of the corn in the ground before the next rainy season. This time, the corn grows up. Now, I have a small farm on the island.

I see that the seasons on the island are different from England. The seasons are not spring, summer, autumn and winter. We have two rainy and two dry seasons. With this information, I can now plan when to put corn in the ground.

Chapter 15 – Basket

I make longer and longer trips around the island. I need a basket for these trips. With a basket I can carry more food during my trips. I can also carry more fruit from the fruit valley.

I cut branches from the tree which I use for my fences. I use the branches for the basket. When I finish the basket, I decide to make a long trip around the island.

I go through the fruit valley. After the valley, I find some fields. A lot of grass is on the fields. The fields are very flat.

There are a lot of flowers on the fields. The flowers smell so good. Many insects fly around these flowers. I see some big butterflies. Their wings are ten centimetres wide.

I also see small trees around these fields. I find nuts on these trees. These nuts are different from nuts in England. They have a different shape. They are also more sweet than nuts in England.

I discover some new animals on this side of the island. Wild cats live here. I also see many parrots and other interesting birds.

I catch one parrot. I take the parrot with me. His body has many colours. I see red, green, orange, blue, pink and yellow.

This part of the island is very nice. More food is here. But I don't want to move here.

My dog catches a young goat on the way back. I save the goat. I take the goat with me. I want to keep goats. Now I have another chance.

I leave the goat in my valley house. I want to prepare some space for the goat in my first home. I am so tired from the trip. I relax the whole day. I make a cage for the parrot. I bring home the goat. The goat starts to be calm.

I make a map of the whole island. I put these new places on the map.

The time goes very fast. Soon, it is September again. This is my second year on the island. I am less sad now. I accept my situation. I have many good things in my life.

My days are similar. I hunt in the morning. I cook at noon. I relax in the afternoon when the sun is very strong. And I work in the evening. This is my typical day.

I also teach my parrot how to say his name. His name is Poll.

I have a problem with my corn in November and December. The wild goats want to eat the little plants.

I don't want to lose my corn. So I quickly make a fence around the field with the corn. I make a gate in the fence. I put my dog inside the fence. He protects my corn at night. Soon, the plants are tall, but another danger comes. Birds start to eat the seeds.

I shoot at the birds. They fly away. I must watch my field every day.

Chapter 16 – Bread



I have my first corn at the end of December. It isn't a lot of corn. I don't want to eat the corn. I decide to keep all the seeds. My goal is to put the seeds in the ground and have more corn later. I need some pots for the seeds. I look for clay on the island.

I find some clay and I try to make a pot. I have no success at the beginning.

But I try again and again. It is long work. But after two months of experiments, I make two pots. I put the pots in baskets. I put dry grass between the baskets and the pots. The dry grass and the baskets protect the pots very well.

I continue to make small pots. Their quality is better and better.

I also make long but not very high pots. I put sea water in them. When the water is gone, I have salt.

One day, I find a broken piece of a pot in the fire. The fire makes the piece very hard. It is like a stone. The piece is very red too.

I have an idea. I take one pot and I make a fire around the pot. The pot is very hard after two hours. I am happy with the result.

I also need a tool with which I can make flour. I take a big piece of hard wood. I make a hole in the wood. I put the seeds in the hole. Then I take another piece of hard wood. I break the seeds in the hole with this second wood.

The flour stays on the bottom of the hole.

Now, I want to bake bread. I have an idea. I mix the flour with water. Then, I take two stones. I put the stones near the fire. When the stones are very hot, I put the bread between them.

Now, I have my first bread on the island. The bread is not perfect. But I like the bread a lot. It is my first bread after a long time. It is during my third year on the island.

I think about travelling around the island by sea. I think that it is possible to make a canoe. I want to make a canoe from a big tree. I find one big tree. I cut the tree. I start to make a hole in it.



But after some days, I start to think about something. I start to think how to get the canoe from the forest to the beach. I think about it because I am quite far from the beach. I see that it is a problem. I see a small hill between the forest and the beach.

It is not possible to move the canoe over the hill. The canoe is very heavy for it.

I am really angry. I have to leave the canoe in the forest. Many days of work are lost.

I don't believe that I can make such a mistake. I have to plan my work better next time.

2. Story of Nouns 7

Singular and plural

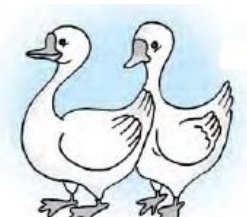
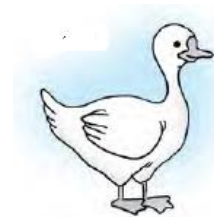
Some plural nouns don't follow the -s rule. They don't end in **-s**, **-es**, **-ies** or **-ves**. Instead, the word changes form.



Mouse



Mice



One goose and two geese

Singular — Plural: child — children; man — men; ox — oxen; tooth — teeth;
woman — women; foot — feet.



One computer mouse and three computer mice.

3. Dialogues

Leisure Activities - 1

A: Tell me, what do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

B: I enjoy drawing and painting.

A: You know how to draw and paint?

B: Yes, I do.

A: When did you learn how to do that?

B: I learned back in high school.

A: Oh, so you took an art class?

B: Yeah, I loved that class.

A: I see that you're pretty talented.

B: Thank you very much.

A: I wish I had a talent like that.

B: I'm sure you have a talent. It's just hidden.

Leisure Activities - 2

A: What kinds of things do you like to do?

B: I've always liked to draw and paint.

A: I didn't know you knew how to draw and paint.

B: I do it every once in a while.

A: How long have you known how to do that?

B: I first learned how to do it in high school.

A: Did you take some sort of art class or something?

B: That was my favourite class.












A: You have got to be talented.

B: Thanks.

A: If only I was talented.

B: You have a talent. You just don't know what it is yet.

4. Picture Dictionary Page

 <p>fire (फायर) Something which burns and gives out warmth. आग; अग्नि.</p>	 <p>flag (फ्लैग) A coloured piece of cloth fixed to a stick. झंडा; ध्वज.</p>
 <p>fire engine (फायर एन्जिन) A large motor car which carries water to put out fires. आग बुझाने की गाड़ी; अग्निशमन वाहन</p>	 <p>flamingo (फ्लेमिंगो) A bird with a long neck and long legs. You often see a flamingo standing in water at the zoo. राजहंस पक्षी.</p>
 <p>fireman (फायरमैन) A man who rides in a fire engine and puts out fires. आग बुझाने वाला कर्मचारी.</p>	 <p>flower (फ्लावर) The part of a plant which holds the seeds. A flower is usually a bright colour. फूल; पुष्प.</p>
 <p>fish (फिश) A creature which lives in water. We eat some fish. मछली; मत्स्य.</p>	 <p>fly (फ्लाय) A small insect with two wings. मक्खड़ी.</p>
 <p>fisherman (फिशरमैन) A person who catches fish. मछुआरा.</p>	 <p>foal (फाल) A young pony. घोड़े या गधे का बच्चा.</p>
<h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">5</h1>	 <p>foot (फुट) The part of your body you stand on. पाँव; पैर.</p>