



Learn English Through Stories

A Series

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Chapter 25 – Father



When we are very close to the beach, we see that the cannibals are around the fire. They start to eat the first prisoner. The second prisoner is still alive. He isn't one of Friday's people. He is European. The cannibals want to eat him too. I decide to save him if it's possible.

We move closer to the cannibals but we are still hidden behind the trees. Twelve cannibals are still around the fire, but two cannibals go for the white man.

When I see this, I prepare the guns. I ask Friday if he can do the same.

Then we shoot quickly at the cannibals from six guns. We kill 3 and seriously injure 2 of the cannibals. The other cannibals jump up. But they don't know where to run. They don't know from which direction the danger comes. Some run to their canoes. Some stay on the beach.

We continue to shoot. We shoot three other cannibals. After that, we take our guns and we run to the beach. We shout very loud. I run to the prisoner and Friday shoots another cannibal who is near.

I free the European. He says something in Spanish to me. I give him a gun. He is weak but he can shoot.

The cannibals are shocked by our quick attack. Our unusual guns scare them a lot.

Only two cannibals try to fight us. We shoot them with our guns. Friday fights very well. He quickly kills one cannibal who is injured. The second injured cannibal runs to the forest. Friday runs after him and he kills him with his knife.

Only three cannibals are able to run away. They jump in their canoe and they start to leave. Friday shoots at them, but he doesn't hit them. It's dangerous to let them go because they can tell their people about us.

We want to jump in one canoe and we want to follow them. But to our surprise, we find another man on the bottom of the canoe. He is scared. He doesn't see the fight. He only hears the fight. Ropes are around his neck. He is in great pain. It's difficult for him to breathe.

I quickly cut the ropes. When Friday sees him, he starts to cry. Then he laughs and he hugs the man. Then he jumps and begins to dance around him. Then he cries and laughs at the same time.

When the strongest emotions are gone, Friday tells me that the prisoner is his father. I feel tears in my eyes when I see the son's love for his father.

This happy incident delays us and the cannibals are already gone.

Friday massages his father's hands and feet. The massage helps him. It brings more blood to the hands and feet. Soon his father feels much better.

When they talk, Friday suddenly jumps up. He runs to the forest very fast.

When he comes back, he has a bottle full of fresh water. He gives the water to his father who is extremely thirsty.

After he drinks, I ask Friday to give the rest of the water to the Spanish. He needs water very much too.

The Spanish thanks me a lot. He has problems to walk. He is very weak. I ask Friday to massage his feet too. It helps him.

Then, I want to help the Spanish go to the canoe because it's very difficult for him to walk. We want to take our new guests to our house.

But Friday is young and strong. He has a lot of power. He takes the Spanish on his back and carries him to the canoe. He carefully puts him inside the canoe.

Chapter 26 – Dinner



When the Spanish is inside the canoe, Friday jumps out of the canoe. He pushes the canoe along the beach.

Soon, we reach the place near our house. Friday helps our new guests out of the canoe. But they aren't able to walk. We have to carry them to our home.

We have another problem when we reach our house. Friday's father and the Spanish can't go over the fence. I think about the solution.

First, I want to pull them over the fence. But the cannibals are already gone. There is no danger from them now. So, we can stay outside the fence.

We make a tent for them outside the fence. We prepare soft beds for them too.

When we finish this, I start to cook dinner. Friday brings some fish and we cook them quickly. We have dinner together in the tent. Friday translates for me because the Spanish can speak Friday's language.

After the dinner, Friday goes back to the beach. He brings back all the weapons. The next day, we bury the bodies of the killed cannibals. It's a lot of work.

I speak with Friday's father the next morning. I want to know what he thinks about the cannibals. I ask, "Can they return? Can they attack us?"

He says, "No, they can't attack us. They are scared of the guns. They think that you and Friday are spirits sent from heaven."

I'm still worried that the cannibals can return. But they never return.

When our guests are strong enough, I begin to think about the journey by

sea again. I ask the Spanish why he is on these islands. He says that he is from the Spanish ship. He says that there are sixteen Europeans on Friday's island. They are Spanish and Portuguese. They want to go home, but they can't build a ship because they have no tools. I show the Spanish the tools which I have from the ship. He says that with my tools it's possible to build a ship.

I think that the Spanish and Friday's father can return to their island. They can tell other Europeans about my tools. Together we can build a ship. Then, we can go to Brazil or Havana or maybe Europe.

But the Spanish wants something else. He says, "It's be better if we wait for some time. There isn't enough food for sixteen other men on the island. We need more food to eat when we build the ship." I agree with him.

He and Friday's father help us expand the fences and fields.



We catch more goats. Now, we have 50 goats. We collect a lot of fruit. Then we dry the fruit. We also prepare the materials for the ship. I choose some trees. I show the others how to cut the trees. Then we make long and thin pieces.

Soon, we have a lot of food. We have a lot of corn. We need more baskets and pots for the corn. The Spanish knows how to make baskets. He has a great talent. His baskets are excellent. He uses a special technique when he makes baskets. The technique is fast and effective. He makes the baskets three times faster than me.

I want to learn his technique. He teaches me. I'm not as fast as the Spanish. But I'm faster than before.

Chapter 27 – Englishmen



We put all the food in my cave. The food is safe there. The Spanish and Friday's father can go back. They can bring the other men here.

We give them food and four guns in case the cannibals want to attack them again. Then they take the canoe and they go away.

Two days pass when something unusual happens.

Friday wakes me up at 6 in the morning. "Are they here?" I ask Friday. He says, "No. But somebody else is here. There is a boat at sea."

I go to the top of the nearest hill. I see the boat. It's clear that these people are not the friends from Friday's island. The boat comes from a different direction. I also see a ship. I know this shape. The ship is English.

I'm confused. It's true that I'm happy when I see Englishmen after twenty-seven years on the island. But I'm also worried. The island isn't near ways of English ships. I don't remember any storm yesterday. So, why are they here? Maybe, the men are pirates. Maybe, they want to hide something on the island.

I decide to be very careful. Friday and I stay in the forest and we watch them. The boat comes to the beach and I count eleven men. Soon, I see that they are all Englishmen.

Three men have hands tied together. The eight other men take them to the beach. Two prisoners are calm, but the third prisoner tries to say something. He looks very scared. He asks the men in the boat for something.

When Friday sees this, he turns to me and he tells me that Englishmen also eat people.

I tell him that they definitely don't plan to eat them. I think that they want to shoot them.

After some time, we see that this isn't their plan. The men from the boat start to explore the island. The three tied prisoners sit on the beach with two men as guards. The prisoners look very sad. Their situation is bad.

Low tide comes soon. The level of the sea is low. Their boat is on the sand. They can't move the boat. I hear them say, "We have to wait and leave with the next high tide." This give us some hours.

Friday and I stay in the forest until dark. Then I see that the men who stand the guard start to sleep. The three prisoners sit under a tree quite close to us. It looks like they are also quite far from the other sailors. We can come closer to them.

When we are very close to them, I speak quietly to them. We are still behind the trees and they can't see us.

When they hear my voice, they can't believe that somebody speaks English to them from the dark forest.

"What is that?" asks one of the men.

"I hear something. I hear a tree speak," answers the other. "But it's impossible. A tree can't speak English."

"Yes, you hear something but it's not a tree," I say quietly. "My name is Robinson Crusoe. I'm an Englishman. I live on this island. I can help you if you tell me who you are."

After the first shocking moment, one man answers my question. He is the captain of the ship. But after a rebellion on the ship, the captain, his assistant and a passenger are prisoners. The other sailors want to leave them on the island.

The captain says, "The truth is that there are only two dangerous sailors who control the others in the group. Eighty percent of them are still loyal to me. If the leaders are caught, the rest can return under my control."

Chapter 28 – Control



I say, “I can help you but I have one condition. I want full control over the ship if we manage to get the ship back.”

The captain and the other two prisoners agree. They give me full control over the ship and over their lives.

We free the prisoners. Then we go back to the forest. I give them guns and we start to plan the attack.

In the middle of our conversation, we see that the sailors who stand guard wake up. They stand up. They shout to three other men who are near to them. At that moment, we shoot the guards. Then the captain speaks to the three other men. He doesn’t want to shoot them but they must be loyal to him and help him get the ship back. They agree. We tie them and leave them on the beach.

The other three men who hear the shots come back. They see that the situation is changed. We are five. We have a lot of guns. The situation is bad for them.

They also say that they want to be loyal to the captain. We tie these men too.

We hide our six prisoners in the forest. Then I and the captain have finally time to talk to each other. I tell him my story and he is shocked. He also thanks me a lot for my help.

He and his two friends are hungry, so we go to my house. I show them the results of my work during all the years on the island. They are surprised when they see what I have.

But we don't have much time to explore my home. We have to plan how to get the ship back. There are sixteen men on board and we are only five.

First, we decide to take everything out of the boat. We think that the sailors can send another boat to the island if the men from the first boat don't come back with the next high tide.

In the morning, we hear a gun. It's a signal from the ship. After some time, we hear the gun again and again. There is no answer. Then we see that the sailors take another boat and go to the beach.

We see eight men. They all have guns. The captain tells me that six men are still loyal to him. But there is also the man who is the leader of the rebellion.

The captain thinks that it's difficult to beat them. But I tell him that we have a good chance to win. But we have to do something quickly.

The captain trusts two of our prisoners. They promise to fight on our side. We give them weapons. We are seven men ready to fight. We wait for the arrival of the boat.

When the boat reaches the beach, the men jump out of the boat. They pull the boat on the beach. Then, they run to the other boat. They are surprised when they see the boat empty. They call their friends. They shout.



Then, they shoot in the air but it's all useless. Nobody shouts back. The sailors are confused. They don't understand the situation. They start to put the boat in the water again.


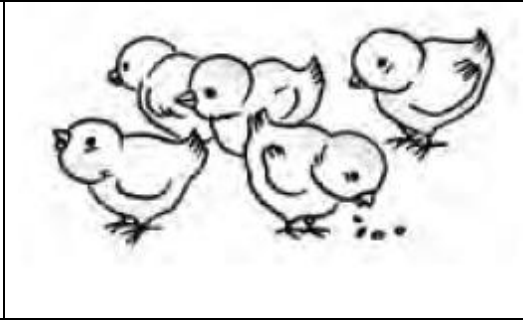


It looks like they want to go back to the ship to tell the others that there is a problem.

When the captain sees this, he is afraid that they can go back to the ship and leave the island forever.

But 10 seconds later, the sailors change their plan. Now, they leave three men in the boat. The other five men go to the forest to look for their friends.

2. Story of Nouns 10

Here are more collective nouns that are used for groups of people, animals or things.

	
a band of musicians	a brood of chickens
	
a school of fish	a team of players

Here are some more collective nouns:

a bunch of keys; a class of pupils; a collection of books; a deck of cards;
a fleet of ships; a flock of sheep; a gaggle of geese; a gang of robbers;
a herd of cattle; a litter of cubs; a pod of whales; a pack of wolves;
a pride of lions; a set of stamps; a swarm of bees; a troupe of actors;
a troop of monkeys.

3. Dialogues

The ATM

A: I'm going to the bank.

B: What do you need to do?

A: I need to withdraw some money.

B: How are you going to do that?

A: I'll just use the ATM.

B: What's that?

A: It's the Automatic Teller Machine.

B: It gives you money?

A: I just insert my debit card into the machine.

B: And it gives you money?

A: Well, it gives me money, but it's my own money.

B: Oh. What good is that? I thought it gave you free money!

A: If you want free money — do this.

B: What is that?

A: Go to your dad and ask for money politely.

B: Okay. I will try that.

4. Picture Dictionary Page

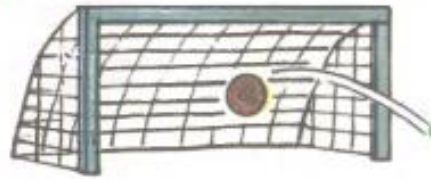
glasses (ग्लासिज़) We wear glasses when we cannot see very well. Glasses are sometimes called spectacles. चश्मा; ऐनक.



gnome (नोम) A little make-believe man who lives underground. बौना.



glider (ग्लाइबर) An aeroplane without an engine. बिना इन्जन का विमान.



goal (गोल) A wooden frame with a net. You kick a football into a goal. गोल; लक्ष्य.



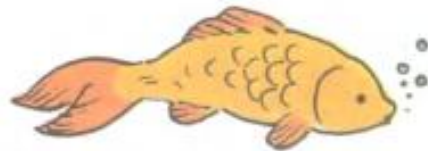
globe (ग्लोब) A round shape like a ball which shows you all the countries of the world. गोला जिस पर पृथ्वी का मानचित्र बना होता है.



goat (गोट) An animal with horns. A goat gives milk. बकरी.



glove (ग्लव) A covering for the hand. Gloves keep our hands warm. दस्ताना.



goldfish (गोल्डफिश) Fish which are gold in colour. सुनहरे रंग वाला मछला.



glue (ग्लू) Something which is used to stick things together. सरेस; चिपकाने का कोई भी पदार्थ.



goose (गूस) A bird which looks like a big white duck. कलहंस.