



Learn English Through Stories

A1 Stories

Elementary Level

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MY ENGLISH COMPANION
(An Integrated Course)

(For Class Sixth)

1. The Farmhouse Cows



Rajinder got very happy that his parents had bought a farm in a village, where they were moving from a city. It was so different! There were small green lanes instead of busy streets, big trees instead of tall buildings, and a lot of animals and birds. Rajinder counted the animals and said to his mother, “There are thirty-two goats in the fields and six little kids. Mom!” said Rajinder to his mother, “and there are nine horses at the farm, and I saw two rabbits this morning and about twelve ducks. I could not count them properly because they would not stay still in one place. The hens would also not stay still.”

“What about the cows?” said his mother.

“Have you counted those?”

“I do not like cows”, said Rajinder. “They have big horns and they roar at me.”

“Oh, no,” said his mother. “Lions roar. Cows only moo.”

“Well, it sounds just like lions to me,” said Rajinder.

“I do not like the cows at all. They are bad.”

“No, they are very good friends! They give us delicious gifts.” said Mother. She took down a jug of milk. She poured it into a mug and gave it to Rajinder. He drank it. “So, did that come from the cow?” he asked. Mother nodded. “Well, it was simply delicious!”

At lunch time Mother put down a dish of sweetened apples for Rajinder. He looked around for the custard that mother usually made for him with this dish. There was none. “The cow has sent you this gift instead!” said mother and she gave Rajinder a small jug full of thick cream. How lovely it was! Rajinder poured it all over his apples. They tasted much nicer than usual. “So that comes from the cow too!”, said the little boy. “Well, it must be a very kind animal!” “Yes it is. All these things are made of cow milk,” said Mother. Rajinder was surprised to know that cows give so much milk that his mother could make so many things out of it.

At teatime, Mother served a loaf of bread on the table with home-made jam. Usually, there were slices of bread and butter. "Look Rajinder, the cow has sent me a present too!" Mother lifted up the lid of the cheese-dish, and underneath Rajinder saw a big lump of home-made cheese. Mother cut for herself a piece of cheese and said it was delicious. "May I put some on my loaf," said Rajinder.

"Oh! My God!" said Rajinder. "What a nice friendly creature the cow is! I will not hate it any more or be frightened of it."

"There is no reason to be!" said Mother.

"I shall go and stand on the gate that leads to the cow fields and say 'Thank you' to the cows!" said Rajinder. "I did not know they were so kind!"

And now Rajinder is not a bit afraid of cows, and he likes them very much. He says they are his friends. What do you say?

2. Ice-cream

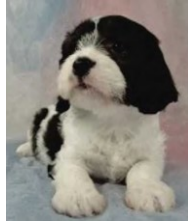
Amit sells ice-cream in the Atal park. His ice-creams are of different flavours: strawberry, vanilla, chocolate and many more. Harjot wants some ice-cream. He tells his mother, "I want to go to the park to buy ice-cream." Harjot's sister, Jyoti laughs and claps her hands. She also loves ice-cream. Mother says, "I have to go to the grocer's and also to the supermarket. So let's go by our jeep. We will go to the park by Gandhi Road. There is less traffic there. We will reach the park soon and then we can buy ice-cream there." Harjot and Jyoti are very happy.

3. The Right Way to Brush

Not many of us know how to brush our teeth properly. Proper brushing takes at least two minutes twice a day. Brushing should be gentle. Use small headed tooth brush because it can reach all the areas of the mouth. You must clean the outer surfaces of your upper teeth and then your lower teeth. You must clean the inner surfaces of your upper teeth and then your lower teeth. Also clean the chewing surfaces. You must not forget to brush your tongue too. Brushing of tongue removes bacteria and freshens the breath. You must replace your toothbrush every three months. You must also change your toothbrush if you have had a cold or any other form of mouth infection. It is because the bristles can collect germs that can lead to the same infection once again.

4. My Furry Friend

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I brought home a puppy
He looked very happy!
Soft brown eyes!
Is very small in size.

Black and white
Sleeps day and night
As small as a rat,
But has a tummy, so fat!

Always ready to fight
And happy to bite
Nibbles like a mouse
Eats whatever he finds in the house.

He makes a funny noise
When he tears down his toys
He loves to be part of the fun
And listens to our conversation.

He comes and sits between us.
And makes a fuss
You ask him to go
He growls loudly to say NO.

Now fully grown,
His forehead has a frown
If you touch his food
He spoils his mood.

He loves to eat
Always hungry for meat
He is quick on his feet
When you give him a treat.