



Learn English Through Stories

A Series

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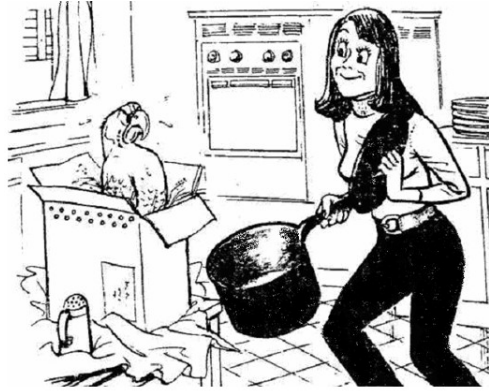
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1. Mini Stories 1.

Story 1.



Jack was a young sailor. He lived in England, but he was often away with his ship.

One summer he came back from a long voyage and found new neighbours near his mother's house. They had a pretty daughter, and Jack soon loved her very much.

He said to her, 'My next voyage will begin in a few days' time, Gloria. I love you, and I'll marry you when I come back. I'll think about you all the time, and I'll write to you and send you a present from every port.'

Jack's first port was Freetown in Africa, and he sent Gloria a parrot from there. It spoke five languages.

When Jack's ship reached Australia, there was a letter from Gloria. It said, 'Thank you for the parrot, Jack. It tasted much better than a chicken.'

Story 2.



Fanny and Ethel worked in the same office, and, they were neighbours at home. Fanny was rather a careless girl, and she often lost things. Then she usually went to Ethel to borrow more from her.

Ethel was a kind girl, but she sometimes got tired of lending things to her friend.

One Saturday afternoon Fanny knocked at Ethel's front door, and when Ethel came to open it, Fanny said to her, 'Oh, hullo, Ethel. Please lend me a bag. I've lost mine. I'm going to the shops, and I feel very stupid when I haven't got anything in my hand when I go out in the street.'

Ethel laughed and answered, 'Well, Fanny, go down to the end of the garden. You'll find a nice wheelbarrow in the shed there. Take that when you go down to the shops. Then you'll have something in both of your hands.'

Story 3.



Dave married, and when his new wife saw the clothes in his cupboard, she said, 'Dave, you have only got one good shirt. The others are very old, and they've got holes in them. I'm going to buy you a new one this afternoon.'

Dave liked his old shirts, but he loved his wife too, so he said, 'All right, Beryl, but please don't throw any of the old ones away.'

Dave went to work, and when he came back in the evening, Beryl said to him, 'Look, Dave, I've bought you a nice shirt. Here it is. Put it on.'

Dave put the shirt on, and then he said, 'Look at the sleeves, Beryl. They're too long.'

'That's all right,' Beryl answered. 'They'll get shorter when I wash the shirt.' Then Dave said, 'But the neck's too small.'

'That's all right,' Beryl answered. 'It'll get bigger when you wear the shirt, Dave.'

Story 4.



Mrs. Williams lived in a small street in London, and now she had a new neighbour. Her name was Mrs. Briggs, and she talked a lot about her expensive furniture, her beautiful carpets and her new kitchen.

‘Do you know,’ she said to Mrs. Williams one day, ‘I’ve got a new dishwasher. It washes the plates and glasses and knives and forks beautifully.’

‘Oh?’ Mrs. Williams answered. ‘And does it dry them and put them in the cupboard too?’

Mrs. Briggs was surprised. ‘Well,’ she answered, ‘the things in the machine are dry after an hour, but it doesn’t put them away, of course.’

‘I’ve had a dishwasher for twelve and a half years,’ Mrs. Williams said.

‘Oh?’ Mrs. Briggs answered. ‘And does yours put the things in the cupboard when it has washed them?’ She laughed nastily.

‘Yes, he does,’ Mrs. Williams answered. ‘He dries the dishes and puts them away. And he also makes me a cup of coffee at the same time.’

Story 5.



One day a man went to see his doctor and said to him, 'I've swallowed a horse, doctor, and I feel very ill.'

The doctor thought for a few seconds and then said, 'All right, Mr. Lloyd, I'll help you. Please lie down on this bed.'

The doctor's nurse gave the man an injection, the man went to sleep, and the doctor went out quickly to look for a horse in the town.

After half an hour he found one, borrowed it and took it into his office, so when Mr. Lloyd woke up, it was there in front of him.

'Here's the horse, Mr. Lloyd,' the doctor said. 'I've taken it out of your stomach, and it won't give you any more trouble now.'

At first Mr. Lloyd was happy, but then he looked at the horse again and said, 'But, doctor, my horse was white, and this one's brown!'

Story 6.



A history teacher was talking to his class about the ancient Romans.

‘They were very strong, brave people, and they were good soldiers,’ he said. ‘They always wanted to have strong bodies, so they played a lot of games.’

‘Did they like swimming?’ one of the girls asked. ‘That makes people’s bodies strong.’ She was very good at swimming.

‘Oh, yes, some of them swam a lot,’ the teacher answered. Then he told them a story about one famous Roman.

‘There was a big, wide river in the middle of Rome,’ he said. ‘It was the Tiber, and this man swam across it three times every day before breakfast.’

The girl laughed when she heard this.

‘Why are you laughing?’ the teacher asked her angrily. ‘Have I said anything funny?’

‘Well, sir,’ the girl answered, ‘Why didn’t he swim across the river four times, to get back to his clothes again?’

Story 7.



Betty Brown was five years old, and her mother wanted her to begin going to school, because she wanted to start working in an office again.

A month before the beginning of the school year Mrs. Brown began telling Betty about school. 'It's very nice,' she said. 'You'll play games and paint pictures and sing songs.'

Mrs. Brown began doing these things with Betty. Betty liked the games and the painting and the singing very much, but she always wanted to be near her mother, so Mrs. Brown was rather afraid and thought, 'What will she do when I leave her at school?'

But on the first day at school Betty was very good. She did not cry, and she was happy.

On the second morning Mrs. Brown said, 'Put your clothes on, Betty. I'm going to take you to school in half an hour's time.'

'School?' Betty said. 'But I've been to school!'

Story 8.



One morning Mrs. Perry said to her husband, 'Jack, there's a meeting of our ladies' club at Mrs. Young's house at lunch time today, and I want to go to it. I'll leave you some food for your lunch. Is that all right?'

'Oh, yes,' her husband answered, that's quite all right. What are you going to leave for my lunch?'

'This tin of fish,' Mrs. Perry said. 'And there are some cold, boiled potatoes and some beans here, too.'

'Good,' Mr. Perry answered. I'll have a good lunch.'

So Mrs. Perry went to her meeting. All the ladies had lunch at Mrs. Young's house, and at three o'clock Mrs. Perry came home.

'Was your fish nice, Jack?' she asked.

'Yes, but my feet are hurting,' he answered. 'Why are they hurting?' Mrs. Perry asked.

'Well, the words on the tin were, "Open tin and stand in hot water for five minutes".'

Story 9.



Miss Green was very fat. She weighed 100 kilos, and she was getting heavier every month, so she went to see her doctor.

He said, 'You need a diet, Miss Green, and I've got a good one here.' He gave her a small book and said, 'Read this carefully and eat the things on page 11 every day. Then come back and see me in two weeks' time.'

Miss Green came again two weeks later, but she wasn't thinner: she was fatter. The doctor was surprised and said, 'Are you eating the things on page 11 of the small book?'

'Yes, doctor,' she answered.

The next day the doctor visited Miss Green during her dinner. She was very surprised to see him.

'Miss Green,' he said, 'Why are you eating potatoes and bread? They aren't in your diet.'

'But, doctor,' Miss Green answered, 'I ate my diet at lunch time. This is my dinner.'

Story 10.



Rose left school when she was seventeen years old and went to a college for a year to learn to type. She passed her examinations quite well and then went to look for work. She was still living with her parents.

A lot of people were looking for typists at that time, so it was not difficult to find interesting work. Rose went to several offices, and then chose one of them. It was near her parents' house. She thought, 'I'll walk there every morning. I won't need to go by bus.'

She went to the office again and said to the manager, 'I want to work here, but what will you pay me?'

'We'll pay you £27 now,' the manager answered, 'and £30 after three months.'

Rose thought for a few seconds before she answered. Then she said, 'All right, then I'll start in three months' time.'

Picture Dictionary



milk (मिल्क) A white liquid food. दुग्ध; दूध.



mink (मिंक) A small animal with soft fur. The fur of a mink is very valuable. एक प्रकार का ऊदबिलाव.



minnow (मिनो) A very small fish. नदी या तालाब की एक छोटी मछली.



mirror (मिर्र) A piece of glass with silver painted on the back. You can see yourself in a mirror. दर्पण; आईना; शीशा.

mitten (मिट्टेन) A covering for the hand. A mitten is like a glove but with one place for all the fingers and one place for the thumb. हाथ का दस्ताना; जिस्से चारों अँगुलियाँ एक साथ तथा अँगूठा अलग ढक लिया जाता है.



mole (मोल) A small animal which lives under the ground. छद्मन्दर.



monkey (मंकी) A small animal which can climb trees and swing from branch to branch. A monkey can be very clever. बन्दर; वानर.

moon (मून) It looks like a large bright light in the sky at night. The moon seems to change its shape each night. चाँद; चन्द्रमा.



mop (मोप) A sponge on a long handle. You clean the floor with a mop. कूँची जैसा झाड़ू जो फर्श साफ करने के काम आता है.



mosaic (मोज़ाइक) Lots of little pieces of glass or stone put together to make a picture. मोती; रत्न; शीशे के टुकड़ों को जड़कर चित्र बनाना; पच्चीकारी.