



Learn English Through Stories

A Series

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1. Ice-cream Man

When summer's in the city,
And brick's a blaze of heat,
The Ice-cream Man with his little cart
Goes trundling down the street.
Beneath his round umbrella,
Oh, what a joyful sight,
To see him fill the cones with mounds
Of cooling brown and white:
Vanilla, chocolate, strawberry,
Or chilly things to drink
From bottles full of frosty-fizz,
Green, orange, white, or pink.
His cart might be a flower bed,
Of roses and sweet peas,
The way the children cluster round
As thick as honeybees.

2. Ice Cream on a Hot Day

It is a hot summer day in Goraya. Mareena is a kind girl. She has a big smile. She walks to the park with her little brother, Inder. The sun is bright. The air smells of flowers. Inder holds Mareena's hand. He is excited.

"Mareena, can we get ice cream?" Inder asks. He points to an ice-cream van. The van is colourful. It has pictures of ice cream: chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla. Mr. Banta is in the van. He is a happy man. He waves at children.

Mareena checks her pocket. She has money for two ice creams. "Okay, Inder, let's go!" she says. Inder jumps with joy.

They run to the van. "Hello, Mr. Banta!" Mareena says. "Two ice creams, please. Chocolate for Inder and strawberry for me."

Mr. Banta smiles. "Here you are!" He gives them the ice creams. The cones are cold and creamy. Inder licks his chocolate ice cream. "Yum!" he says. His face is messy.

Mareena laughs. She wipes Inder's face with a napkin. They sit on a bench under a big tree. The park is busy. Children play. Birds sing. Mareena eats her strawberry ice cream. It is sweet. She likes it.

Then, a little girl cries. Her ice cream is on the ground. She holds an empty cone. She is sad. Mareena feels sad for her.

Mareena takes the girl to Mr. Banta. "Her ice cream fell," Mareena says. "I have money. Can she have a new one?"

Mr. Banta smiles. "No money today," he says. He puts vanilla ice cream in a new cone. He gives it to the girl. "Be careful now," he says.

The girl smiles. "Thank you!" she says. She licks her ice cream. She is happy.

"Mr. Banta is kind," Inder says.

"Yes," Mareena says. "Kind people are good."

Mareena and Inder go home. They do not know the girl's name. But they are happy. The girl's smile is like the sunny day.

3. Uncle Sandhu's Dairy Farm

Last weekend, my father took me to Uncle Sandhu's dairy farm. It was exciting! Uncle Sandhu has fifty cows. They eat fresh grass all day in the green fields. The cows look happy and healthy. Every evening, the workers take them to a big barn. In the barn, they milk the cows. The machines make milking fast and easy. Uncle Sandhu sells the milk in the city. People like his fresh, thick milk. He also gives free milk to poor families, which is very kind. I watched the workers work hard. I learned how milk comes from cows to our homes. The farm is clean and busy. I enjoyed my visit and want to go again. Uncle Sandhu's farm is a special place, and I am happy I saw it.

4. Day at the Park

My name is Ana, and I am happy today. The sun is bright, and the park is full of people. My friends, Sam and Lila, are with me. We are excited to spend the day together.

Sam is tall and funny. He is always laughing. Lila is kind and loves animals. She is carrying a bag of bread for the ducks. I am good at running, so I am the first to reach the lake.

The ducks are swimming in the water. They are hungry and quack loudly. Lila is happy to feed them. Sam is taking pictures of the ducks. I am watching the little ducklings. They are so cute!

After the lake, we are hungry. There is a small café in the park. The tables are outside, and the food is delicious. I am eating a sandwich, Sam is drinking juice, and Lila is having ice cream. We are talking and laughing.

Later, we are playing Frisbee. Sam is very good, but I am learning. Lila is cheering for us. The park is a fun place, and we are enjoying every moment.



As the sun sets, we are tired but happy. I am grateful for my friends. The park is quiet now, and we are ready to go home. Today is a perfect day.

5. Teamwork

Dara lived in Bebohana, a small village with a beautiful park. The park had tall trees, green shrubs, and colourful flowerbeds. One Sunday morning, the sun shone brightly, and a soft breeze blew. Dara took his wife and three children to the park for a picnic. They sat on a blanket, ate cheese sandwiches, crispy mathia, biscuits, and drank cold mango juice. The children laughed and played.

In the evening, the weather changed. A big storm came with heavy rain and strong winds. Many trees fell. The next morning, the sky was clear. Dara put his flour-grinding machine on his tractor and started work. But soon, he saw a big tree on the road. It was too heavy to move alone.

Dara called his friends: Ramu, Akbar, and Sam. Ramu ran to help with a rope. Akbar came on his bicycle. Sam arrived on his motorbike. They tied ropes to the tree and pulled hard. It was difficult. Ramu sang a fun song, and everyone joined in. Together, they pulled and pulled. Finally, the tree moved to the side.

Dara smiled and said, "Thank you, friends!" He drove his tractor to work. Dara is a Sikh, Ramu is a Hindu, Akbar is a Muslim, and Sam is a Christian. They are different, but they worked together. In Bebohana, friends help each other, no matter what.

6. Anu's Happy Day

Anu is a young girl. She lives in a small village in India. Every morning, she wakes up early. She likes the cool air. Anu brushes her teeth and washes her face. She eats breakfast with her family. Her mum makes tasty desi ghee parathas. Anu loves them with lemon pickle and yoghurt.

After breakfast, Anu gets ready for school. She wears her blue uniform. She puts her books in her bag. Her brother, Ravi, helps her. He says, "Hurry, Anu! The bus comes soon!" Anu smiles and runs to the door. Here comes the school bus! Anu waves to her mum and climbs on the bus.

At school, Anu meets her friend, Priya. They talk and laugh. The teacher, Mrs. Sharma, teaches English. Anu listens carefully. She writes new words in her notebook. She likes English class. Priya draws a picture, and Anu claps. "It's beautiful!" she says.

At lunchtime, Anu and Priya eat together. Anu has rice and dal. Priya shares her mango. They play in the schoolyard. They run and jump. Anu feels happy.

After school, Anu goes home. She helps her mum in the kitchen. They cook dinner together. Anu's dad comes home. He works in a shop. The family eats dinner and talks. Anu tells her dad about school. He smiles and listens.

At night, Anu reads a book. She likes stories about animals. Then, she says goodnight to her family. Anu goes to bed. She dreams about her happy day.

Tomorrow, Anu wakes up again. She loves her village, her school, and her family.

7. A Scene at a Bus Stand

Last Monday, I visited the local bus stand to say goodbye to my sister. The bus stand was full of energy and very crowded. It showed a mix of people from all parts of Indian society. There were separate areas for buses going to different places. A bus was parked at each area, ready to leave.

Men at the ticket counters were busy selling tickets. Bus conductors shouted loudly to call passengers for their buses. Everyone seemed in a hurry. When a bus was full, the conductor blew his whistle, and the bus left the stand. Right away, another bus took its place. This went on all day without stopping.

There were also many vendors, young and old, selling things like newspapers, magazines, pens, and diaries. Their voices added to the noisy, lively atmosphere. The bus stand was a busy place, full of movement and sounds, showing how people travel and live their daily lives.

8. Jumbled Sentences:

playing/is/the/cat/outside

book/I/reading/a/am

dog/my/is/cute/very

blue/is/sky/the

eating/they/are/lunch

orange/a/has/he

Answers

1. The cat is playing outside.
2. I am reading a book.
3. My dog is very cute.
4. The sky is blue.
5. They are eating lunch.
6. He has an orange.

9. Picture Dictionary



orchestra Lots of people playing musical instruments. वाद्य-यन्त्र बजाने वालों का समूह; वादकवृन्द.
(ऑर्केस्ट्रा)

orchid (आरकिड) Brightly coloured flowers. Large ones grow in hot countries or in a hot greenhouse in colder countries. Small orchids grow wild. एक प्रकार की सुन्दर फूलों वाला सदाबहार पौधा.



organ A big musical instrument with black and white notes like a piano. पियानो जैसा वाद्य यन्त्र.
(ऑर्गन)



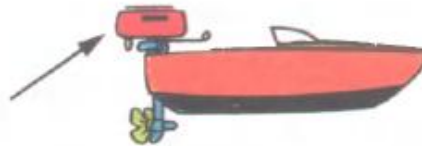
osprey A sea eagle. समुद्री चोल.
(ऑस्प्रे)



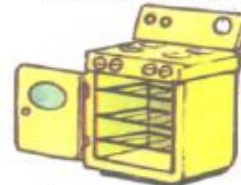
ostrich A very large bird which cannot fly. An ostrich has long legs and can run very fast. शतरुमंग.
(ऑस्ट्रिच)



otter A fish-eating animal which lives near a river. It is not easy to see an otter. ऊद बिलाव.
(ओटर)



outboard motor A motor which goes on the outside of a boat. नाव के बाहर लगा हुआ मोटर अथवा इंजन.
(आउटबोर्ड मोटर)



oven The part of a cooker where you put food in to bake. बिजली की भट्ठी अथवा चूल्हा.
(ओवन)



overalls Something you wear on top of your clothes to keep them clean. चोगा; लबादा आदि जो कारखाने के कारीगर अथवा मशीन चलाने वाले पहनते हैं.
(ओवरऑल)



owl A bird which usually flies at night. Owls catch and eat small animals. उल्लू.
(आउल)