



**Learn English Through Stories**

**A Series**

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# 1. Lucy and the Power of Friendship

## Chapter 1: A New School

It was the first day of sixth grade. Lucy Thompson felt excited but nervous. She looked in the mirror. She fixed her pink backpack and blue t-shirt. Her stomach felt funny. This year was new. She wanted new friends, but she was scared.

"Lucy! Breakfast!" her mom called. Lucy ran to the kitchen. Pancakes smelled good. Her little brother, Max, ate with syrup on his face.

"Lucy, you'll be the coolest kid in school!" Max said with a big smile.

Lucy smiled, but she was worried. What if no one liked her? She ate her pancakes and felt stronger. Today was a new start.

After breakfast, Lucy and Max walked to school. The air was cool. Leaves were on the ground. Max talked about summer. Lucy laughed. She felt better.

At Maplewood Middle School, Lucy saw many kids. Some laughed. Some looked serious. Her heart beat fast. She told herself, "I am brave."

"See you at lunch!" Max said and ran to his friends. Lucy waved, but she felt alone.

Classes were fast. Lucy listened to her teachers, but she felt different. Some girls looked at her and whispered. She felt like an outsider.

At recess, Lucy sat on a bench. She watched kids play. She felt sad and lonely. Then she saw a girl, Mia, on the swings. Mia looked sad too.

Lucy took a deep breath. She walked to Mia. "Hi, I'm Lucy. Want to swing?"

Mia looked surprised. "Okay," she said.

They swung and talked. Mia was new. She felt nervous too. They liked the same books and pets. Lucy felt happy. Maybe this year was okay.

## Chapter 2: Mean Words

Lucy and Mia became best friends. They laughed and shared secrets. But soon, something bad happened. A girl named Jenna was mean. Jenna was popular and had friends.

At first, Jenna smiled and looked at Lucy and Mia. But then she said mean things.

One day at lunch, Jenna came to their table. "Nice backpack, Lucy. It's for babies!" she said and laughed.

Lucy felt bad. Her backpack was her favorite. "Thanks," she said quietly.

Mia looked angry. "That's not nice, Jenna," she said.

Jenna laughed more. "Oh, the new girl talks!" she said.

Lucy felt sad and scared. She wanted to say something, but she couldn't. Jenna's words hurt. Every day, Jenna said mean things. Lucy didn't like school anymore. She was afraid of Jenna.

At home, Lucy sat on her bed. She felt heavy. She heard her mom in the kitchen. She wanted to tell her mom, but she was scared. What if it got worse?

After dinner, Lucy walked outside. The stars were bright. She felt a little hope.

Her phone buzzed. It was Mia. "Meet me at the park? I need to talk."

Lucy smiled. "Okay!" she replied. She walked to the park. Maybe Mia felt the same.

### **Chapter 3: Being Brave**

At the park, Mia sat on a bench. She looked sad. "Lucy, Jenna is mean to me. I feel alone," Mia said. Tears were in her eyes.

Lucy was sad too. "Me too, Mia. I thought it was only me."

They sat quietly. Then Lucy said, "We can't let Jenna bully us. We need to tell someone."

Mia was scared. "What if it's worse?"

Lucy felt strong. "We can tell a teacher. They will help us."

Mia nodded. "Okay. Let's do it together."

The next day, they went to Mrs. Jenkins, their kind teacher. They were nervous. They knocked on the door.

"Hello, girls!" Mrs. Jenkins smiled. "What's wrong?"

Lucy spoke. "Mrs. Jenkins, Jenna is mean to us. She says bad things."

They told her everything. Mrs. Jenkins listened. "I'm proud of you for telling me," she said. "No one should feel scared. We will fix this."

Mrs. Jenkins said they would talk to the school counselor. Lucy and Mia felt better. They were not alone.

## **Chapter 4: Getting Stronger**

Lucy and Mia met Mr. Thompson, the school counselor. He was kind. He taught them how to be strong. They learned to say, “Stop,” to bullies. He said, “Always ask for help.”

Lucy felt braver. She wasn’t scared anymore. Mia was brave too. They started a group for kids who felt sad. They told everyone, “It’s okay to ask for help.”

One day, Jenna tried to be mean again. “Lucy, your shirt is ugly,” she said.

Lucy stood tall. “Jenna, I don’t like that. Stop it,” she said.

Jenna was surprised. She didn’t say anything. She walked away. Lucy felt happy and strong.

That day, Lucy and Mia ate ice cream. “You were so brave!” Mia said.

“It felt good,” Lucy said, smiling.

## **Chapter 5: A Better School**

The school changed. Teachers helped. The school had classes about being kind. Kids were nicer. Lucy felt happy. The school was fun again.

Lucy and Mia were best friends. They helped other kids. Everyone talked and laughed together.

One day, Lucy heard girls talking. They said the kindness classes were good. They wanted to be nice. Lucy was proud.

At the end of the year, Lucy and Mia stood with friends. They laughed about the first day. They were stronger now.

“Next year will be great,” Mia said.

“Yes,” Lucy said. “We are together.”

They hugged. Lucy knew friends made her strong. She could do anything.

## **Chapter 6: A New Year**

Summer was fun. Lucy and Mia played and read books. They were ready for seventh grade. Lucy was a little scared. She remembered Jenna. But she was ready.

On the first day, Lucy walked to school with Mia. She felt happy. They wanted to help everyone be kind.

Lucy saw Jenna in the hallway. She felt scared, but she walked to her.

“Hi, Jenna,” Lucy said. “Let’s be nice this year.”

Jenna looked surprised. "Okay," she said.

Lucy smiled. She felt good. Kindness was strong.

The school year was good. Lucy and Mia helped others. They made the school happy. Lucy learned to be brave and kind. With friends and family, she was ready for anything.

## 2. Comprehension Questions and Answers

1. Question: Why was Lucy nervous on the first day of sixth grade?
2. Question: Who is Max, and what did he say to Lucy before school?
3. Question: What did Lucy do when she saw Mia looking sad at recess?
4. Question: How did Jenna act toward Lucy and Mia?
5. Question: What did Lucy and Mia do to deal with Jenna's bullying?
6. Question: Who was Mr. Thompson, and what did he teach Lucy and Mia?
7. Question: What happened when Lucy told Jenna to stop being mean?
8. Question: How did the school change after Lucy and Mia spoke up?
9. Question: What did Lucy say to Jenna at the start of seventh grade?
10. Question: What did Lucy learn by the end of the story?

## **Answers**

1. Answer: Lucy was nervous because it was a new school year, and she was scared about making new friends.
2. Answer: Max is Lucy's little brother, and he told her, "You'll be the coolest kid in school!"
3. Answer: Lucy walked over to Mia, introduced herself, and asked if she wanted to swing.
4. Answer: Jenna was mean, saying hurtful things like Lucy's backpack was for babies and mocking Mia for being new.
5. Answer: They told their teacher, Mrs. Jenkins, about Jenna's mean behavior.
6. Answer: Mr. Thompson was the school counsellor, and he taught them to be strong, say "Stop" to bullies, and ask for help.
7. Answer: Jenna was surprised, didn't say anything, and walked away.
8. Answer: The school had classes about being kind, teachers helped, and kids became nicer.
9. Answer: Lucy said, "Hi, Jenna. Let's be nice this year."
10. Answer: Lucy learned to be brave, kind, and that friends and family make her strong.



### 3. Picture Dictionary



**pane** (पैन) A thin piece of glass which goes in a window frame. खिड़की में लगी काँच की पट्टी.



**panther** (पैन्थर) [An animal like a leopard.] तेन्दुआ.

**paper clip** (पेपर क्लिप) A piece of bent metal which fixes sheets of paper together. कागज आदि एक साथ पकड़े रहने के लिए तार, धातु या प्लास्टिक की बनी चिमटी.



**parachute** (पैराशूट) A large round piece of cloth with strings attached to the edge. You use a parachute when you have to fall a long way in the sky. हवाई छतरो (जिसके द्वारा विमान या ऊँची जगह से उतरते हैं).



**parasole** (पैरासोल) An umbrella which shades you from the sun. छाँटा छाता.



**parcel** (पार्सल) Something wrapped up in paper and tied with string or sticky tape. बंडल; पुलिन्दा.



**park** (पार्क) A large garden usually in a town. People and children can walk and play in a park. उद्यान; वाटिका; बगोचा.

**parrot** (पैरट) A bird with bright feathers. People sometimes keep parrots as pets because you can teach them to talk. तोता.



**passenger** (पैसेन्जर) A person who rides in a car, bus, train or aeroplane. यात्री; मुसाफिर; सार्वजनिक या आम गाड़ों का सवार.



**patchwork** (पैचवर्क) Lots of little pieces of material sewn together to make a pretty cover. भिन्न-भिन्न आकार तथा रंगों वाले कपड़े के टुकड़ों से बनाया गया सामान.



**path** (पाथ) A road which you walk on. Cars and bicycles do not ride on a path. रास्ता; मार्ग.