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STORY 1: Mike is a Cook

Mike gets up at 6:00am every morning. He makes breakfast and drinks a coffee. He drives to work in his car. His work starts at 7:30am. Mike is a cook at a restaurant. He makes food for hungry customers. The customers are from many countries. They speak many different languages. Mike can meet many friendly people. Mike is happy when he talks to the customers.

STORY 2: Dustin Wants to Take a Vacation

Dustin is excited for the winter holiday. He has some time off in the winter. He doesn't have to work for two weeks. He wants to go on vacation. But, he doesn't know where to go. He wants to go to France. But France is expensive. The airplane tickets cost a lot. And Dustin doesn't speak French. He decides to study, to save money, and to stay home.

STORY 3: Karen Gets a Cat

A) Karen is bored at work and at home. She does the same thing every day. She wants a new hobby. First, she tries to cook. But her food does not taste good. Then, she tries to swim. But she is afraid of water. Karen walks home and sees a pet store. In the pet store, she sees a cat! Karen buys the cat, and is now very happy.

STORY 4: My daughter is a Good Student

A) My daughter goes to school every day. She likes school very much. She is a good student at school. The teachers like my daughter a lot. My daughter also has many friends. Her best friend is Amy. Amy likes math and science. My daughter likes English and history. They help each other with homework. They study hard and do well in school.

STORY 5: Jon Has Lots of Homework

Jon is in high school. He has lots of homework. Clare is a university student. She has lots of homework, too. Jon does not like homework. He likes to play on his computer. Clare likes reading and writing. She does her homework every day. Clare is Jon's older sister. She always makes him do his homework.



STORY 6: Jane and Fred's Night Routine

Jane and Fred are tired at night. They eat dinner together at seven. Their son eats dinner with them. They relax and watch TV together. Their son watches TV, too. They put their son to bed at eight. Jane has a hot bath. Fred has a shower and brushes his teeth. Jane reads a book, but falls asleep. Fred also falls asleep soon.

STORY 7: James Works in an office

James works in an office. He is very busy every day. He has many meetings with his customers. James does not like these meetings. He thinks they are very boring. Some customers are friendly to James. Some customers are not nice, though. James takes long lunch breaks. He can go home at five. He waits every day for five to come.

STORY 8: Lisa Goes Shoe Shopping

Lisa wants to buy new shoes. She goes to a shoe store. There are many pretty shoes there. Lisa tries on a blue pair of shoes. The blue shoes are too tight. She tries on a black pair of shoes. These shoes are very comfortable. Lisa asks how much the black shoes cost. The black shoes are four hundred and fifty dollars. Lisa sadly puts the shoes down and leaves.

STORY 10: Jack is Going to a Birthday Party

A) Jack is going to a birthday party. He needs to buy a present for Meg. Jack doesn't go to many parties, though. He is nervous and wonders what to buy. Meg likes jewelry, animals, and the color blue. Jack goes to a jewelry store. He sees a pretty, silver necklace. The necklace has a blue cat on it. Jack is happy, and he buys the necklace. He hopes Meg will like the necklace.

STORY 12: Janet Buys a New Computer

Janet uses the computer a lot. But, she needs a new computer. Her computer is old and slow. She goes to an electronic store. She sees many computers in the store. She wants a big screen on her computer. And she wants a good keyboard. She sees a nice, blue computer. She likes the screen, the keyboard, and the style. She buys the computer with a credit card.