

Exercise 10.1 Intermediate interactive stories

Speaker Copy

Instructions for the Speaker

Read the story out loud to the listener. Then ask the questions that relate to each of the stories.

Story one. The disappointed cat.

One day, a little bird sat in a tree and looked around. He wanted something to eat and saw a piece of bread on the ground. He flew down and began to eat it. An old black cat saw the bird and crept up behind him. She almost caught him, but the little bird heard her and flew back into the tree. The cat was disappointed. She lay down on the steps and went to sleep. Then the little bird flew down again and ate the bread.

Questions

- 1 How big was the bird?
- 2 What did the bird see on the ground?
- 3 Did the cat catch the bird?
- 4 What color was the cat?
- 5 Where did the cat fall asleep?
- 6 Did the bird get to eat the bread?

Story two. Roller skates.

Last summer, John asked his father for a pair of roller skates. John's father told him to save his money. He gave John a piggy bank for the coins he saved. For two months, John saved hard. When he opened his piggy bank, he only had ten dollars. He was very disappointed because he needed another twenty dollars. His father told him he would pay him twenty dollars if he did some jobs. John mowed the lawn, cleaned up the garden and washed the car. He worked hard and when he had finished, his father gave him the money. John went to the shop next morning and bought some skates.

Questions

- 1 What did John want to buy?
- 2 How much money was in the piggy bank?
- 3 How much did his father say he would give John for doing some jobs?
- 4 Did John want the roller skates last spring or last summer?

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- 5 When did John go to the shop to buy the roller skates?
- 6 How did John feel when he realized he didn't have enough money?
- 7 What three jobs did John do for his father?

Story three. Jungle pictures.

Not long ago, some people went far into the jungle in Africa to take pictures of the wild animals that live there. They built a house and covered it with leaves and the branches of trees.

When it was finished, they waited patiently for the animals. They succeeded in taking many very interesting photographs of giraffes, zebras, elephants, lions and a great hippopotamus.

Questions

- 1 Where was the jungle?
- 2 What did they do with the leaves and branches?
- 3 What did they do in the house?
- 4 Tell me what they didn't see – giraffes, flamingos or lions?
- 5 How many hippopotamuses did they see?
- 6 How long ago did they go into the jungle?