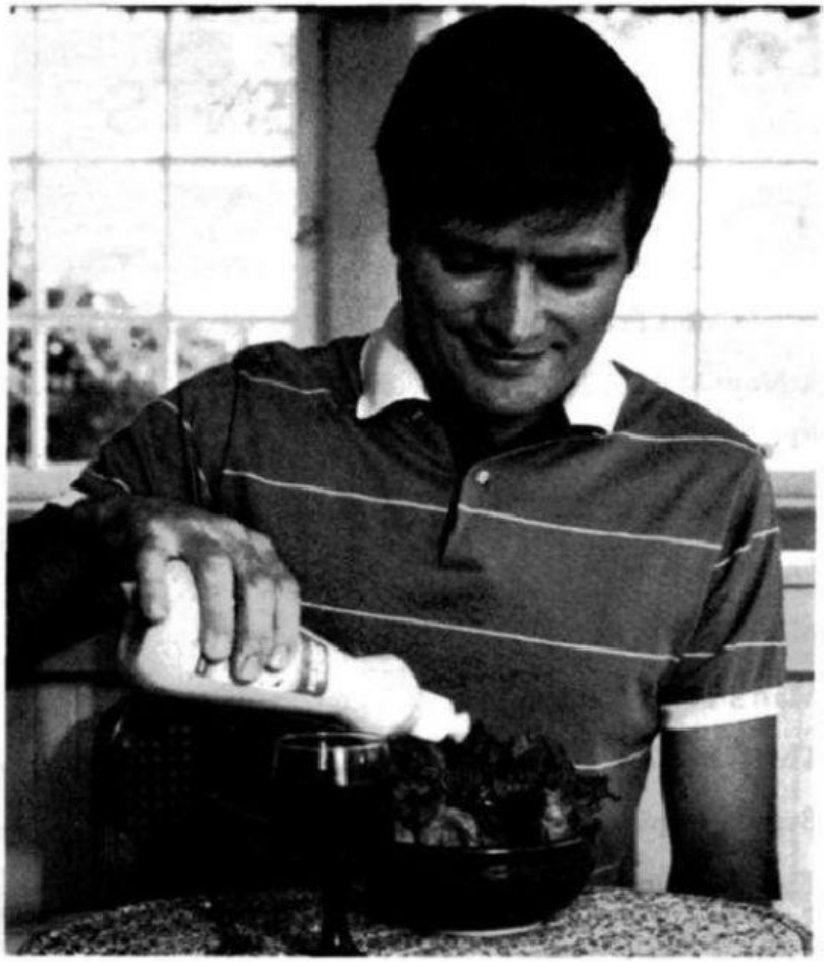
UNIT 1



1. PRE-READING

Look at the picture.

- What is the man eating?
- What is he putting on his salad?

Read the title of the story. Look at the picture again.

- What do you think this story is about?
- Can you guess what happens?

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Dish Soap for Dinner

Joe came home from work and opened his mailbox. In his mailbox he found a yellow bottle of soap—soap for washing dishes.

The dish soap was a free sample from a soap company. The company mailed small bottles of soap to millions of people. It was a new soap with a little lemon juice in it. The company wanted people to try it.

Joe looked at his free bottle of soap. There was a picture of two lemons on the label. Over the lemons were the words "with Real Lemon Juice."

"Good!" Joe thought. "A free sample of lemon juice! I'm going to have a salad for dinner. This lemon juice will taste good on my salad." Joe put the soap on his salad and ate it. After Joe ate the salad, he felt sick.

Joe wasn't the only person who got sick. A lot of people thought the soap was lemon juice. They put the soap on fish, on salads, and in tea. Later they felt sick, too. Some people had stomachaches but felt better in a few hours. Some people felt really sick and went to the hospital. Luckily, no one died from eating the soap.

What can we learn from Joe's story? Read labels carefully. And don't eat dish soap for dinner!

2. VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences. Find the right words. Circle the letter of your answer.

1. The dish soap was a ____ from a soap company.
- **a.** letter
- **b.** free sample
- **c.** mailbox

2. The company wanted people to ____ the soap.
- **a.** try
- **b.** eat
- **c.** mail

3. There was a picture of two lemons on the ____.
- **a.** soap company
- **b.** label
- **c.** salad

4. What can we learn from Joe's story? Read labels ____.
- **a.** fast
- **b.** happily
- **c.** carefully

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3. COMPREHENSION

REMEMBERING DETAILS

One word in each sentence is not correct. Find the word and cross it out. Write the correct word.

1. In his mailbox Joe found a ~~green~~ yellow bottle of soap.
2. The dish soap was a free ticket from a soap company.
3. It was a new soap with a little orange juice in it.
4. The company wanted people to eat it.
5. There was a picture of two bananas on the label.
6. Joe put the soap on his dishes.
7. After he ate the salad, Joe felt fine.
8. A lot of people thought the soup was lemon juice.
9. They put the soap on fish, on salads, and in coffee.

UNDERSTANDING CAUSE AND EFFECT

Find the best way to complete each sentence. Write the letter of your answer on the line.

1. The company mailed soap to people __d__
2. There was a picture of two lemons on the label ____
3. Joe put the soap on his salad ____
4. Some people went to the hospital ____

a. because they ate the soap and got sick.
b. because he thought the soap was lemon juice.
c. because the soap had a little lemon juice in it.
d. because it wanted people to try the soap.

UNDERSTANDING A SUMMARY

Imagine this: You want to tell the story "Dish Soap for Dinner" to a friend. You want to tell the story quickly, in only two sentences. Which two sentences tell the story best? Check (✔) your answer.

1. __ Joe came home from work and opened his mailbox. He was happy because he found a free sample—a yellow bottle of dish soap.
2. __ A soap company mailed soap to millions of people. Some people thought the soap was lemon juice, so they ate it and got sick.

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4. DISCUSSION

With a partner, read the sentence above each pair of labels. Then read the labels carefully and circle *a* or *b*. Check your answers in the answer key. Were you right?

1. This is a good dinner for Joe.

a.

b.

2. This will taste good on Joe's salad.

a.

b.

3. Joe likes to eat them.

a.

b.

5. WRITING

Read this story. It is in the present tense. On your own paper, write the story again in the past tense.

Joe comes home from work and opens his mailbox. In his mailbox he finds a free sample of dish soap. The dish soap has a little lemon juice in it.

Joe looks at his bottle of soap. There is a picture of two lemons on the label. Over the lemons are the words "with Real Lemon Juice."

Joe thinks the soap is lemon juice. He puts it on his salad and eats it. After he eats the salad, he feels sick. Poor Joe!

Joe came home from work and opened his mailbox.

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