

# Reading Ex. > Simple Past - TOP HAT TONY



Ever since Tony was a small boy, he wanted to be a truck driver like his father. Tony wished he were bigger so that he could drive his father's eighteen-wheel truck.

When Tony was a young kid, he pretended he was driving a big truck as he drove his little red toy truck down the neighborhood sidewalk. Tony always wore a red top hat. Tony waved his red top hat at the neighbors as he drove by. *"There goes Top Hat Tony, the truck driver,"* the neighbors exclaimed.

Sometimes, Tony rode along with his father in the eighteen-wheel truck. Tony waved his red top hat at all the other trucks he saw on the road. He waved his top hat at the police cars. He waved it at the fuel, milk, and lumber trucks. Tony waved his hat at the pickup trucks carrying fresh farm vegetables. He waved his top hat at the firefighters on the fire truck, too.

Tony's father said "Listen, a good truck driver must be a good reader. We have to read well the driving rules and the road signs." Tony went to school and learned to read very well. Obviously, he liked to read everything about trucks. For example, he read about how milk trucks are refrigerated to keep the milk cold.

After graduating from high school, Tony went to a truck driving school and did other studies later. He learned to drive all sizes of trucks. Tony read the driver's manual, practiced driving different trucks, and passed all the driving tests. So, Tony received his truck driver's license five years ago. Now, as Tony drives his own eighteen-wheel truck down the street to the highway, he waves his red top hat. *"There goes Top Hat Tony, the truck driver,"* the neighbors exclaim.

**Based on the story, answer the questions below.**

**1. This story was written to tell —**

- How to drive different trucks.
- How famous a boy was in his town.
- How Tony learned to drive.
- How a boy became a truck driver.

**2. When Tony was a child, he made others believe—**

- he waved a red top hat.
- he could drive a truck.
- he read very well.
- he could be a famous driver.

**3. What did Tony do with his father?**

- They waved their red hats.
- They traveled together.
- They read the road signs together.
- They drove different trucks.

**4. What was Tony's father advice?**

- To read well.
- To buy an 18-wheel truck.
- To get a driver's license.
- To graduate from high school.

**5. Based on the story, what was Tony like?**

- Reserved, negligent, and creative
- Happy, smart, and immature
- Friendly, curious, and responsible
- Lovely, funny, and fast

**6. Another good title for this story is —**

- Tony's Favorite Truck
- A Dad's Advice
- Driving Trucks
- One Dream, One Truck

**Decide if the following statements are TRUE (T), FALSE (F) or NOT MENTIONED (NM).**

- Tony attended university. \_\_\_\_\_
- His dad drove a big truck. \_\_\_\_\_
- Tony failed one of his driving test. \_\_\_\_\_
- He can drive any truck. \_\_\_\_\_
- His license expired 5 years ago. \_\_\_\_\_
- Tony's father gave him a truck. \_\_\_\_\_
- Tony always wore a red cap. \_\_\_\_\_
- He drove a milk truck before. \_\_\_\_\_

