

LISTENING SHORT STORIES 36-50

36.

in Canada, we have many different days that we -----.

On the first day of January, there is New Year's Day.

That is when we ring in the new year, and say goodbye to the ----- year.

In February, there is -----day.

That is the day when you tell your girlfriend or boyfriend that you love them.

You can buy them flowers or candy, or take them out to dinner.

In March, there is ----- Patrick's Day.

Everyone ----- that they are Irish on Saint Patrick's day.

They all wear green.

----- comes in the spring.

Easter is a religious holiday.

Some people celebrate by going to -----.

Some people think that the Easter ----- comes and leaves chocolate eggs for them.

In May, there is Victoria Day.

We celebrate this day in ----- of England's Queen Victoria.

There are fireworks on Victoria Day.

July the first is Canada Day.

In September, there is Labor Day.

This is the day that we honor the working man or woman.

In October, there is -----.

We give thanks for all the things that we are ----- to have.

We usually have a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving day.

On the last day of October, there is Halloween.

The children dress up in -----, and go from door to door collecting candies.

----- day is in November.

People wear red poppies, and they remember all the people that died for their country.

Christmas comes in December.

Christmas is also a ----- holiday,

but many children believe that Santa Claus arrives on Christmas Eve in a sleigh pulled by -----.

They believe that Santa Claus fills up their stockings with toys and goodies.

He gets in and out of people's houses ----- their chimneys.

We don't get off work or school for all these days,

but many of them are holidays from work and school.

37.

There are many -----.

Some diseases are very deadly, and some are not so serious.

Most people catch a cold sometimes.

A cold makes you cough and sneeze.

Colds can be ----- on from person to person.

Some people get the flu.

With the flu, you get chills and a fever.

A -----is a high temperature.

If you have the flu, you will feel very bad.

You have to stay home in bed.

There are diseases that children get.

The -----makes you have lumps in your neck.

Chicken pox and measles leave you with red -----dots on your skin.

Older people sometimes get arthritis.

Their bones get -----and sore.

There are people who get heart disease.

In many cases, a healthy lifestyle can -----heart disease.

Cancer can attack different parts of the body.

Many smokers get -----cancer.

Some diseases are treated with pills or medicine.

Other diseases need to be -----in the hospital.

Sometimes doctors need to give you tests to find out what kind of disease you have.

The doctor might have to do a -----test or an x-ray to find out what is wrong with you.

Most diseases can be -----by a doctor.

38.

There are many different jobs that you can -----from.

You can be a doctor or a nurse.

You could work in a hospital or doctor's office.

You might be a -----and put out fires.

A policeman enforces the law.

An actor plays -----on stage or in the movies.

You could drive a taxi or be the pilot of an airplane.

What kinds of things do you like to do?

You might want to be a sales -----in a store.
Maybe you are good at a sport.
You could be a baseball player or a hockey player.
Being a -----is a good job.
A dentist fixes teeth.
If you are good at -----, you might want to be a -----.
Do you like to fix people's hair?
You could be a hairdresser or a barber.
If you are good with your hands, you might want to be a carpenter or a mechanic.
If you like to travel, you could be a stewardess or a travel -----.
You could be a teacher or a photographer.
Are you -----or creative?
You might want to be an artist or a writer.
You could work on construction and build houses.
You could look after animals and be a -----.
If you like to cook, you could be a cook or a chef.
There are so many places to work, and so many jobs to do.
Maybe you could -----computers or work in a library.
You could wash windows or be the captain of a ship.
There is no -----to what you can be.

39.

On the top of my head, I have hair.
Below my hair is my face.
I have two eyes.
I have -----and -----.
Below my eyes, I have a nose.
My mouth is below my nose.
I have lips.
If I open my lips, you will see my teeth and my tongue.
Below my mouth is my chin.
On the sides of my head, I have two ears.
My cheeks are on -----side of my nose.
My neck holds up my head.
My neck -----my head to my chest.
On either side of my chest are my shoulders.
My arms hang down from my shoulders.
I have wrists on my arms.
My hands are attached to my -----.

My fingers are part of my hands.
I have ten fingers and ten fingernails.
My back is at the back of me.
Further down, there is my waist.
If I wear a belt, I put it on my waist.
My -----are below my waist.
My legs come down from my hips.
My legs are made up of my -----, my knees and my -----.
My knees can bend.
My ankles are below my legs.
My feet are attached to my -----.
My toes are part of my feet.
I have ten toes and ten toenails.
I am me from the top of my head to the tip of my toes.

40.

I change my clothes a lot.

If I am going somewhere fancy, I wear a dress.
I wear ----- on my legs, and I wear a pair of nice shoes.
If I am going to play sports, I wear a -----and jeans.
If I am going to the beach, I wear a bathing suit or a bikini.
My brother wears swimming -----to the beach.
At work, I wear a skirt and a blouse.
----- my clothes, I wear underwear.
A lady wears a bra and panties as underwear.
A man wears -----or jockey shorts as underwear.
Today, I am wearing a blouse and a pair of jeans over my underwear.
I have socks and shoes on my feet.
In the summer, I often wear -----on my feet.
In the summer, the tops that I wear are usually sleeveless.
I usually wear shorts in the summer.
Sometimes, I wear a sweater or a jacket if the weather is cool.
I wear a -----or a hat on my head.
I wear a belt to hold up my jeans or my slacks.
Women sometimes wear a dress or a -----.
Men wear a pair of -----and a shirt.
Some men wear a suit and a shirt and tie.
If it is very cold outside, I wear a winter coat.
If it is cold, I like to wear gloves or -----on my hands.

Sometimes, I wrap a scarf around my neck to keep warm.
I wear a tuque on my head in cold weather.
I wear -----on my feet in the winter.
If it is raining, I wear a raincoat.
The way that I dress -----a lot on the weather.

41.

Red is a -----color.

Roses are sometimes red.

Blood is red.

White is the color of snow.

-----are very often white.

Blue is the color of the sky and the ocean.

Black isn't really a color at all.

-----is black, a crow is black.

Green is the color of grass.

It is also the color of leaves on the trees in the summer.

Brown is the color of -----.

Many people have brown hair.

Yellow is a bright color.

Most people use yellow

when they draw a picture of the sun.

Orange is an easy color to remember,
that is because an orange is orange.

Pink is the color that we dress -----girls in.

We dress baby boys in blue.

Purple is the color of some violets.

The Canadian -----is red and white.

What color is your flag?

42.

Some animals are -----.

They don't live in homes or cages.

They live in -----or on plains.

The lion is the king of the beasts.

He is very ----- . He -----loudly.

The giraffe has a long neck.

He eats leaves from the -----trees.
The elephant is very large.
He has a trunk and two -----.
A tiger has stripes.
Some bears are black, and some are brown.
There are even white bears called -----bears.
A kangaroo lives in Australia.
That is the only place that you would find a kangaroo, except in a zoo.
It might be -----to run into a wolf or a fox.
Monkeys run and play in the trees.
In Canada, we don't see lions, tigers, giraffes or monkeys running wild.
There are -----in my backyard.
Sometimes, I see a raccoon or a chipmunk.
In northern Ontario, you might see a -----or a bear.
I have seen a deer in the forest.
There are many wild animals.
You can see wild animals if you go to the zoo.

43.

There are -----months in the year.
January is the first month of the year.
It is usually cold in January.
February is the second month of the year.
It is still winter when February comes.
They say that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a -----.
That means that it is still usually cold, and sometimes -----when March begins.
By the time that March ends, the weather is starting to get a little better.
April is the -----month.
April showers bring May flowers.
Many of the spring flowers bloom in May.
The weather can be quite -----in May.
June is usually a -----warm month.
Many people get married in June.
July can be hot. People have -----in July.
It is a month to do summer things.
It is still summer in August, but the summer is winding down.
August is the time to have last -----vacations.
In September, we go back to school.
The autumn winds begin to blow.

October really feels like autumn.
October is Halloween time.
November is when we really start to feel the -----.
December is the Christmas month.
Most people do a lot of Christmas shopping in December.
They -----quite a bit of time getting ready for Christmas.
All of the months are different.
Which month were you -----in?

44.

There are seven days of the week.
Sunday is a day of -----for some people
but many people still have to work.
Quite a few people go to church on a Sunday.
On Monday morning, we go back to school after the -----.
Many people say they don't like Monday because it is the beginning of the work week.
Tuesday is a school day and a -----day.
I don't think that there is anything special about a Tuesday.
Wednesday is the middle of the work week.
On Thursday, many of the stores and malls stay open later.
It gives you a chance to run some errands on a Thursday night.
On Friday, you feel like the work week is nearly over.
Some people say, "thank -----it is Friday".
They look -----to the weekend.
On Saturday, many people can sleep in late.
People get errands done on Saturday.
You see a lot of people in the grocery store on a Saturday.
Most children look -----to Saturday
so that they can play with their friends.
Then, Sunday comes again.
The weeks -----into months, and the months turn into years.
Time goes by -----quickly.

45.

Some things are different shapes.
They can be -----by their shape.
A circle is round.

A -----disc is a circle.
A square has four equal sides.
A rectangle is similar,
but two of the sides are longer.
A triangle has only three sides.
Have you ever seen anyone play a triangle in an -----?
The word "triangle" can stand for an -----or a shape.
An oval is rounded, but it is not round.
An egg is an oval -----.
The floor is flat.
If something is smooth, it has no bumps or -----
Silk is smooth.
Some things are rough. -----is rough.
If something is dull, it is not sharp or pointed.
A -----knife will not cut bread because the blade is not -----.
If something is -----, it has a sharp end.
A sharp pencil has a pointed end.
A pencil that has been used a lot, and hasn't been sharpened has a dull end.
Some things are soft. A teddy bear is soft. It feels good to -----.
Some things are hard. A rock is hard.
Soft can also -----a noise level.
If you have a soft voice, it is not very loud.
If someone tells you to speak softly,
they want you to speak quietly.
"Loud" is the word used to describe noises that -----your ears.
A big truck will make a loud noise.
Sometimes your mother will tell you that your music is too loud.

46.

Some fruit grows on trees.

Apples -----on trees.
You can get red, yellow or green apples.
Some apples are green until they ripen,
then they turn red.
Peaches grow on trees.
Peaches have a -----skin.
Cherries grow on trees.
You can -----a ladder and pick cherries from the tree.
Cherries and peaches have -----inside them.

The pits are not -----.
Pears also grow on trees.
Lemons grow on trees. They are very -----.
Have you ever picked strawberries?
Strawberries do not grow on trees.
You have to -----down to pick strawberries.
Have you ever tried strawberry shortcake? It is very good.
Grapes grow on ----- . People use grapes to make wine.
There are many types of berries. There are blackberries,
blueberries, raspberries and cranberries, just to name a few.
Some fruits are more -----.
There are mangoes and papayas.
They don't grow in Canada.
Bananas and oranges don't grow in a Canadian climate either,
but we are able to buy them here.
Some fruits have to be -----, and some can be -----as they are.
It is always a good idea to wash fruit before you eat it.
The farmers -----the crops with -----to kill bugs,
so it is good to wash that off.

47.

Many people are -----of bugs.
Some bugs do bad things like eating crops or clothes.
Some bugs, such as -----, even eat wood.
Other bugs can be good.
Spiders catch flies.
Flies are not good because they carry ge-----rms.
-----get caught in the web that the spider builds.
Ants get into homes and eat food.
Bees are good because honey comes from bees.
It is not good if you get -----by a bee.
A -----turns into a butterfly.
Butterflies can be very beautiful.
You can find -----outside on a sunny day.
Grasshoppers hop through the grass.
Crickets make a noise by -----their legs together.
-----usually live near water.
They have large, colorful wings.
-----are red with little black dots.
There are many types of -----.