

## LISTENING SHORT STORIES 48-60

48.

The kitchen is where we make and eat our meals. There is a stove in the kitchen.

Inside the stove there is an oven where you ----- things.

You can put a cake into the oven to bake.

On top of the stove are -----.

The burners get hot.

You put pots or pans on the burners.

The ----- is where we store the food that needs to be kept cold.

We keep milk, eggs, cheese and vegetables in the refrigerator.

At the top of the refrigerator is the -----.

The freezer keeps things frozen.

We have frozen vegetables, ice cream and ice cubes in the freezer.

We have a ----- in the kitchen.

You put the bread in the toaster, and it turns into toast.

We have an electric kettle.

We boil water to make tea in the -----.

There is a double sink in the kitchen.

That is where we wash the dishes.

We turn on the hot tap, and put some dish detergent into the sink to wash the dishes.

Sometimes we put the dishes into the dishwasher,

and the dishwasher washes the dishes.

There are other things in the kitchen.

There are utensils like -----, forks and spoons.

There are tea towels and dish cloths.

There are oven ----- and pot holders to take hot things out of the oven.

There are pots to cook and boil things in.

There are pans to fry things.

We have dishes that we eat from.

We have plates for our dinner, and bowls that we can put our soup in.

We drink from cups or coffee ----- or glasses

We keep our juice in a pitcher or a jug.

There is a timer that you can set when you are cooking.

The timer buzzes when the food is ready.

We also have a ----- oven in the kitchen.

If we are in a hurry, we cook our food in the microwave.

49.

Here are some questions that you might be asked.

And some ----- that you might make.

Hello, how are you today?

I am fine, thanks! How are you?

It is a beautiful day today, isn't it?

Yes, it is a lovely day.

I wish the weather would clear up, don't you?

Yes, I'm getting ----- of all this rain.

How old are you?  
I am 12 years old.  
Where are you going?  
I am going to my friend's house.  
Do you know how much this costs?  
Yes, it costs \$12.  
What is your name?  
My name is Mary Jones.  
Would you like a ride to school?  
No, thank you. I never ----- rides from strangers.  
How do I get to main street?  
Turn right at the next corner, walk about two blocks and you will see main street.  
Have you seen that movie?  
No, but I have ----- that it is very good.  
What is your favorite color?  
My favorite color is blue.  
Is your father home?  
Yes, just a -----, I will get him for you.  
May I help you?  
Yes, I am looking for the shoe department.

50.

Vegetables are very good for you.  
They say that you should have three ----- of vegetables every day.  
I like green peas. Peas come in pods.  
I also like snow peas. You eat the pods on the snow -----.  
I like corn when it is on the -----.  
Carrots are good to eat raw.  
Beans are good for you.  
There are many different types of beans.  
There are string beans, ----- beans, baked beans and lots of other types of beans.  
Some people don't like green vegetables like broccoli and Brussels sprouts.  
I like broccoli and Brussels sprouts.  
You can make a salad and put lots of different vegetables into the salad.  
In my salads, I like lettuce, tomatoes, -----,  
cucumber, radishes, cauliflower and spring onions.  
I try to have a salad with dressing on it every day.  
My dad likes root vegetables like ----- and parsnips.  
My brother will only eat potatoes.  
He likes his potatoes baked.  
My mother likes to buy her vegetables at the market.  
She says they are fresher there.  
My mother buys a lot of -----.  
She puts onions in almost all the meals that she cooks.  
Some children won't eat their vegetables.  
I didn't like some vegetables at -----,  
but I have become used to them.  
I like having vegetables with my meals.

51.

There are many different animals that you can have for pets.

The most ----- pets are cats and dogs.

I think the second most common pets are birds and fish.

You can hug a cat or a dog.

You can play with a cat or a dog,

but it is difficult to play with a bird or a fish.

Some birds are very smart, and they can be ----- to do things.

Parrots are very clever. Some of them even talk.

Birds usually stay in ----- .

Fish have to stay in the water in a tank or a fishbowl.

Some people have gerbils or guinea pigs as pets.

There are even people who have ferrets as pets.

I have a friend who has a ----- for a pet.

She has to buy live crickets for her lizard to eat.

Another friend of mine has a pet snake.

I don't think I would like to have a pet snake.

There are different types of dogs.

Some dogs are very big, and some are small.

A Labrador retriever is a big dog.

A ----- is usually a small dog,

although there are some large poodles.

Some dogs are noisy, and they bark a lot.

Other dogs are quiet and ----- .

I once had a dog. It was a Cocker Spaniel.

I used to take it for walks.

There are different types of cats too.

My favorite type of cat is a Siamese cat.

Siamese cats have ----- eyes.

My mother had a Persian cat.

It was very furry.

My mother said that it used to shed fur all over the house.

Pets are a lot of fun, but they are a lot of work too.

To be a good pet owner, you have to be very ----- .

52.

Parties can be a lot of fun. People get ----- to parties. You can have a party because it is a special ----- , or just because you want to have a party. Sometimes, people wear paper hats at parties. These are called party hats.

Some people decorate with streamers and balloons.

At some parties, there is a cake.

Sometimes, there are just snacks and drinks.

At some parties, people play games.

There are also parties where people just stand ----- and talk.

People wear different things to parties.

You can go to some parties in ----- clothes.  
At other parties, you need to be dressed up in good clothes.  
There are other parties where you are supposed to wear a costume.  
There are many different kinds of parties.  
There are Christmas parties, birthday parties,  
going away parties, and parties for no reason at all.  
I have been to parties for people who are retiring,  
or for people who have ----- had a new baby.  
There are hundreds of reasons for having a party.  
At some parties, you take a gift.  
If it is a birthday party,  
then you take a gift and a birthday ----- to the person who is having the birthday.  
Sometimes, people will ask you to bring food or drinks to the party.  
All parties are different.  
It is nice to be invited to parties.

53.

What do you see when you go to the grocery store?

The aisles are filled with food.  
There are also refrigerators and ----- filled with food.  
There are sometimes things in bins in the middle of the aisles.  
There are different departments in the grocery store.  
There is the bakery.  
In the bakery, there are sweet things such as cakes, -----, cookies and tarts.  
There are also things that you would eat with your dinner like bread and buns.  
There are other things in the bakery department like bagels and biscuits.  
The baker works in the bakery.  
There is the canned ----- section.  
This is where you might find sauces and soups.  
Vegetables and fruits also come in cans.  
There is the section for ----- products.  
Here you would find milk and cream.  
The dairy section would also have cheese and butter.  
Yogurt is also found in the dairy section.  
In the meat department, there is beef and -----.  
Poultry is also found in the meat department.  
Poultry is chicken, duck and goose.  
There are also ----- cuts in the meat department.  
Cold cuts are the meats that are sliced up for sandwiches.  
Some examples of cold cuts are ham and baloney.  
The ----- works in the meat department.  
The produce department is full of fruits and vegetables.  
Clerks spray water on the fruits and vegetables to keep them fresh.  
There is a section in the grocery store for personal -----.  
This is where you would find shampoo and toothpaste.  
Soap and skin products would also be in this section.  
There is even a ----- for your pets.  
You can buy cat food and dog food.

There are toys for cats and dogs.

54.

Are you tall or short? Are you big or small?

People come in many different shapes and ----- .

Some people wear size small clothes.

Other people wear size medium clothes.

There are people who wear large size clothes.

Some people even wear extra large clothes.

Some people are thin. Some people are fat.

Some people are in between.

There are people with short hair.

Other people have long hair.

Some people have no hair at all.

No two people are ----- .

Some people have long legs.

I have short legs.

I don't walk as fast as a person with long legs.

I am not a tall person. In fact, I am quite short.

My feet are a size seven.

My mother has size five feet.

My father has size twelve feet.

We are all different sizes.

It is not a bad thing.

It is a good thing that we are all ----- .

55.

When you go to a restaurant you might see a ----- that says,

"Please wait to be seated".

A host or hostess will ask you how many people are in your party.

Then they will want to know if you want to sit in the smoking or non-smoking section.

The host or ----- will take you to your seat.

You might sit at a table or at a booth.

The host or hostess will give you a menu to look at.

Sometimes, there are different ----- for different meals.

There can be a breakfast menu, a lunch menu and a dinner menu.

Sometimes, there is also a wine list and a dessert menu.

The food and the prices of the food are listed on the menu.

On your table, there will be cutlery.

Cutlery is the knives, ----- and spoons.

There will also be a napkin.

You are supposed to put your napkin on your lap when you eat.

Your waiter or waitress will take your order.

You might want an ----- before your meal.

Some people want a salad or soup before their meal.

After your meal, you might have a ----- , or tea, or coffee.

When it is time to go, you will pay your bill and leave a tip for the waiter or waitress.

56.

Traffic moves along on the streets and ----- .

There are rules that drivers must follow to make the traffic flow smoothly.

You must wear a seatbelt.

The ----- helps to keep you safe.

You must stop at all stop signs.

You must also stop at a red light.

A green light means go,

and a yellow light means to be careful.

If you see a sign that says school crossing,

you have to be careful because you are near a school,

and children might be ----- the street.

Some places are crosswalks.

Those are places where people cross the street.

People who are walking have the right of way.

If you hear a siren behind you, you must pull over.

An emergency vehicle like a police car or an ----- might need to get somewhere fast.

When a school bus puts on its flashing signals, you have to stop.

You can't go past the school bus because children may be crossing the street from the bus.

You should always obey the speed ----- .

It is not good to drive too fast.

People should never drink and drive.

Driving is a ----- business.

You have to obey all the rules to be a good driver.

57.

If you were in an orchestra, what would you play?

Would you play a tuba, a ----- or a saxophone?

Perhaps you would prefer a stringed instrument like a violin or a cello.

Maybe you would enjoy ----- more.

You could play the kettle drum.

There are instruments that have keyboards.

A piano and an organ have keyboards.

There are instruments that have ----- on them.

A guitar, banjo and mandolin have strings on them.

There are instruments that you blow into.

A flute, a French horn and a harmonica are all instruments that you blow into.

There are instruments that you hit with a stick.

A drum and a ----- are two things that you would hit with a stick.

If you are in an orchestra, you have to watch the conductor.

He will lead you through the ----- of music.

You might just want to be in a band for fun.

You could join a rock band or a dance band.

Some people learn to read music.

Music notes are written on a staff.  
Each note represents a sound.  
There are whole notes, half notes, quarter notes and eighth ----- .  
Each one of these is held for a different number of beats.  
It is good to learn about music.  
You have to learn your ----- , and learn about sharps and flats.  
If you want to learn how to play an instrument,  
it's best to take music lessons.

58.

These are important words.

They're all words that begin questions.  
"Who" is about a person.  
Who is the girl with the blue dress on?  
Who ----- my watch?  
Who will come with me to the game?  
Who is driving us to the party?  
"What" is about a thing.  
What is that big thing on the sidewalk?  
What should I do when I get to your house?  
What kind of clothes should I wear to the party?  
What shall I buy you for your birthday?  
"Where" is about a place.  
Where are you going for your vacation?  
Where did I ----- my glasses?  
Where did my brother go?  
Where on earth is Timmins?  
"Why" is the word that asks for an ----- .  
Why did you take the last piece of pie?  
Why is the world round?  
Why should I give you any money?  
Why did the chicken cross the street?  
They say that you ----- answer all of these questions if you are writing a good story.  
You have to give the who, what, where and why to write a good story.

59.

Which ----- should I go in?

Should I go up?  
If I go up, I will head toward the sky.  
I can go up the stairs.  
Should I go down?  
I can go down the stairs to the ----- .  
I can climb down into a hole.  
Should I go left or right?  
I am right-handed, so I know which way right is.  
Should I go backwards?

I would be going away from the things that I am ----- now if I went backwards.  
If I went backwards from the thing that I am facing,  
I would go away from it.  
Should I go forward?  
I will just go straight ahead if I go forward.  
If I am facing something and I go forward,  
then I will go toward the thing that I am facing.  
Maybe I should go sideways,  
but which side, left or right?  
It sounds very ----- , but it is not.  
Directions are very easy to follow if you just stop and think about them.

60.

Some people work in an office. There are special tools that people in an office need to do their work. There is a computer in the office. There is a telephone.

Most of the time, the ----- answers the telephone.  
The secretary sits at a desk.  
The secretary has pens and pencils on the desk.  
The secretary writes on a note pad.  
Some other things that you would find in an office would ----- the following:  
a stapler to staple pages together,  
a photocopier to copy pages,  
a pencil ----- to sharpen pencils,  
a water cooler where the employees could get a drink of water,  
a hole punch to make holes in sheets of paper,  
and liquid paper which is used to blank out errors on a page.  
Some offices have many ----- in them.  
All of the employees have their own desks.  
Other offices just have one person at a desk.  
In some offices, there is a secretary or a receptionist,  
and then there is the boss in another room.  
There are often many important papers in an office.  
Important papers can be ----- documents.  
You might have to sign a document or fill out a form in an office.  
Some offices have bookshelves filled with books.  
The books are ----- with information that the people in the office need.  
You'll have to visit an office sometime.  
Maybe it will be a doctor's office or a lawyer's office.  
There are many different types of offices.