

LISTENING SHORT STORIES 61-80

61.

I keep my ----- in the bank. I have saved up my money. I saved all my pennies in a jar. A penny is only worth one cent. I have nickels. A nickel is ----- five cents. A dime is worth ten cents. A quarter is worth twenty-five cents. A quarter is a quarter of a dollar. Four quarters make up a dollar. A dollar is worth 100 cents. I saved up all of my dollars. Our dollars used to be paper, but now they are coins. We call our dollars loonies. It's a funny name.

We also have 2 dollar coins. We call those ----- . We have 5 dollar bills and 10 dollar bills. If you are lucky you will have 20 dollar bills, 50 dollar bills and even hundred dollar bills. Our bills in Canada are different colors.

That makes them easy to ----- if you go somewhere to spend them. It is wise to save your money. If you save enough, you could have hundreds or thousands of dollars.

62.

It is good to be ----- . People like you more when you are polite. Always say please and thank you. If you ask for some milk, you should say, "Please, may I have a glass of milk?" When someone gives you the milk, you should respond with "Thank you". It is not difficult to be polite. You should not ----- or shove people. You should cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. You should address people properly. If you are trying to get someone's attention, you would say, "excuse me". You wouldn't say, "hey you".

There are table ----- . That is where you eat properly and politely at the dinner table. You don't shove food into your mouth. You don't reach over other people's plates. You don't talk with your mouth full. All of these things are common sense. Being polite is mostly thinking about how you would like to be treated. You wouldn't want people to be impolite to you. It is not polite to point at people. It is not polite to ----- out loud. It is not polite to use someone else's things without asking first. Being polite just comes naturally if you have been brought up in a home where everyone was polite.

63.

There are two sexes or ----- . There is the male gender, and there is the female gender. Males and females are different, both physically and mentally. Humans are both male and female, and animals are both male and female. If you have a dog, it is either a girl dog or a boy dog. Boys grow up to be men. Men grow hair on their ----- . Men are usually more muscular than women. Men dress differently than women. Men are males. Males are masculine. Girls grow up to be women. Only women can have babies. Women are females. ----- are feminine. Another word for women is ladies. It is good that we have males and females. Your father is a male.

Your grandfather, brother and uncle are males. Your mother is a female.

Your grandmother, sister and aunt are females.

64.

I am ----- . Nobody in the world is exactly like I am. They might have the same hair color and eyes that I do, but they are not exactly like me. I am the only person in the world who thinks my thoughts. No two people in the world are exactly alike. It is good to be your own person. It is good to be ----- and be natural. People have to follow the laws and the rules. People should always be kind to others. I try to follow all the rules. I am kind to

others. I am a lot like many other people, yet I am ----- . I am like my friend Jane, but she has red hair and I have dark hair. She has a loud voice, and I have a soft voice. She likes to eat vegetables, and I do not. Jane and I are the same height.

We both like movies, and we are both afraid of spiders. We wear the same size shoes, and we both have the same favorite color. We are best friends, but sometimes we disagree about things. We are alike in many ways, and different in many ways. If we were all exactly the same, the world would be a very boring place. I am myself, and I am glad that I am special. You are special too. Use your own special -----, and take the time to meet other people. The world is made up of a lot of different people, and that's what makes life exciting.

65.

I got my cat when she was just a tiny kitten. I named her Puff because her ----- is soft and fluffy. She has white fur, but her tail, paws and ears are black. She has a little pink nose and yellow eyes. She says "meow" whenever she wants a ----- of milk. I feed her cat food and treats. She washes her face with her paw when she is finished eating. My whole family loves her, and we can tell that she loves us. She loves to curl up in our laps. She purrs whenever we ----- her. She is very playful. We sometimes roll up a piece of paper and throw it to her. She loves to chase the paper and hit it with her paws. She also chases bugs. Last night she chased a spider, but she was afraid to ----- it. At night she curls up in my bed with me. She likes to be warm. I have given her a blanket of her own, but when I put her on it her tail twitches. Her tail twitches whenever she is upset or angry. I know she doesn't want to be on her blanket. She wants to be in my bed. I let her into my bed, and she falls asleep ----- loudly.

66.

My family is very musical. My father plays the guitar. He plays in a band. The band plays ----- music. My mother is a singer in the band. She also plays the piano. I took the flute in music class at school. I play the flute in the school band. I also sing in the school choir. I have a low voice. My sister has a high voice. She is a ----- . At home I like to practice the drums, but my mother says that it's too loud. Sometimes I play so loudly that I break a drumstick. I practice whenever she goes out. I would like to be in a rock band. Some of my friends and I are thinking of starting our own rock band. My sister is a very good piano player. She has won many awards at music ----- . She likes to play classical music, but sometimes I get her to play rock music with me. She is also a very good singer. I like to sing with her. We sing in harmony. I listen to music all the time on the radio. I know a lot of songs. I can sing ----- with most of the songs that come on the radio. I memorize the lyrics of the songs.

My sister and I sometimes get together and sing our favorite songs. Maybe someday we will start our own rock band, and I will be the drummer.

67.

It rains a lot in the spring. The trees are full of -----, and the flowers are starting to bloom. My favorite spring flowers are tulips and daffodils. The birds come back from the south. I can always tell that spring is here when I see my first robin of the season. The robins pull worms from the wet ----- . When it isn't raining, my friends and I go outside and toss a ball around. We look forward to the summer, but we are glad to get outside after the

long winter. The air smells so fresh in the spring. My mother always tells me not to track ----- into the house. It's very muddy in our yard in the springtime. I wipe my muddy feet before I go into the house. There are a lot of puddles in my yard. I sometimes ----- in the puddles, and I get wet and cold, so I have to go into the house. I like it when the snow has melted, the rain has stopped, and the sun comes out. On sunny days I always get together with my friends. On those days we either ride our bikes or play ball. My parents like to go for ----- on spring evenings. They also like to clean up the yard in the spring. Everyone seems to be outside. The springtime brings people out of their houses.

68.

Yesterday I went to a birthday party. My friend Jane had her tenth birthday. Her house was ----- with balloons and streamers. Her mother had baked a big birthday cake. The cake had "Happy tenth birthday Jane" written on it. There were ten candles on the cake. Jane blew out the ----- and made a wish. I wonder what she wished for. Your wish won't come true if you tell anyone what it was. We sang "Happy birthday to you". At the party we played some games. I won one of the games so I got a prize.

We also swam in Jane's swimming pool. Jane opened her gifts. Her gifts were wrapped in ----- paper and bows. She got lots of nice gifts. She got some compact discs, some clothes and some computer games. Jane thanked everyone. We ate a lot of food at Jane's party. We had hot dogs. I put mustard and ketchup on my hot dog. Then we ate cake and ice cream. We had pop to drink. I think I had too much cake and ice cream. I was very full by the time the party was over. We thanked Jane and her mother before we all went home. It was a very good party. Everyone had a good time. I hope Jane had a happy ----- birthday.

69.

My classroom is a large room. It's full of brightly colored pictures. My teacher hangs pictures up all over the walls. There are blackboards at the front of the room. My teacher always has writing all over the ----- . Sometimes the chalk squeaks when she writes on the blackboard. We cover our ears when that happens. Our classroom is full of desks. There are a lot of students in our class. Our desks are full of books, notebooks and pens. I try to keep my desk ----- , but I have a lot of things in there. My ruler and pencils are always falling out of my desk.

At the back of the room is a bookcase full of books. We can sign those books out and take them home to read. I have read a lot of the books. I like mysteries and biographies, so I have taken many of those home. There are also ----- at the back of the room. That's where we do our artwork. We spread out big sheets of paper, and use paints or crayons to make pictures. Sometimes we cut things out of magazines with scissors and we glue pictures to the paper. I like art class. After school, my friends and I often erase the blackboards for the teacher. Then we take the erasers outside and clap them together to get the chalk ----- out of them. My friends and I walk home together and talk about what we did in school and what we're going to do after supper.

70.

My family and I went on vacation to Lake Huron. The water is ----- and blue there, and the sand is nice and white. The week that we were there was very hot. The sun was hot, but the water was still very cold. I went swimming and tried to catch little fish in my hands. I was careful not to get sunburned. We stayed at a hotel that had a pool and a game

room. I played pinball and video games sometimes. I liked to swim in the hotel pool, but I liked the beach better. I would lie on a big beach ----- and get warm, then I would jump in the water and cool off. Sometimes I would just lie on the sand and watch the waves roll up on shore. I found some seashells, and saw a crab walking on the sand. At first I was a bit lonely because I didn't know anyone there. It wasn't long before I met some other kids my age. We built sandcastles together and swam in the lake. The other kids were from different towns, so we told each other stories about our schools and friends. We found that we had a lot in common even though we were from different places. Our families got together and went to restaurants together. We played volleyball on the beach, and we sat around a ----- at night and sang songs. At the campfire we would roast marshmallows on a stick. I always burn my marshmallows. That is okay. I like them that way. Mostly we just ----- in the lake until we were very tired. I was sorry when our vacation was over. I had a good time at Lake Huron. I met some very good friends there. We still write to each other. Maybe we'll see each other next summer.

71.

I live in a two-storey house. The bottom of the house is painted white. The upper part of the house is made of red ----- . The chimney is also made of red brick. If you go through the front door and turn right you'll see the living room. The living room is very large and ----- . There are easy chairs, a coffee table and a sofa in there. I like to sit in there and relax. Next to the living room is the dining room. There are a dining table and chairs in there. We use this room whenever we have visitors over for dinner. Beside the dining room is the kitchen. The kitchen has a stove and a refrigerator in it. There's also a kitchen table with some benches at it. Most of the time we eat in the kitchen. Upstairs there are three bedrooms. My parents' bedroom is very big. They have a large queen-sized bed in there, and there are two ----- for their clothes. My room is smaller. My room is painted pink, and I have ruffled curtains on the windows. From my bedroom window, you can see the front yard. There is a pine tree in the front yard. My brother's bedroom is painted blue. He has blinds on the windows. He has a bunk bed in his room. If he has a friend stay over, one of them can sleep on the top bunk, and the other can sleep on the bottom bunk. You can see the backyard from his bedroom window. There are rose ----- and a picnic table in the backyard. There is also a white fence that has a gate in it. In the basement there is a recreation room. This is where we watch television and have friends over to visit.

The laundry room is also in the basement. There's a washing machine and a dryer in there. Beside our house is a garage. We keep the car in the garage whenever the weather is bad. Our house is just the right size for our family. Friends are always welcome at our house.

72.

My grandparents are coming to visit us from Calgary, Alberta. My father is very happy because they are his parents, and he's glad that he will see them. We don't see them very often because Calgary is a long way from Toronto. My grandparents have two sons: my father and my Uncle Bill. Uncle Bill is ----- to my Aunt Susan. They have a daughter who is my cousin. My cousin is a lot older than I, so we do not have a lot in common. They also have a son who is the same age as me. He is my favorite cousin because we both like the same television shows and the same games. I have two brothers and one sister. My brothers are both younger than I. They are twins, so they have the same birthday. My sister

is one year older than I. People say that my sister and I look ----- . We both have blonde hair and blue eyes. My mother's parents live near us. They are my grandmother and grandfather who visit us often. My mother does not have any brothers or sisters. She is an only child. I like it when all my family is together. I don't have a lot of cousins like some people do, but I have fun with my ----- . My uncle will often take my cousin and me to the movies. I like to take my grandparents for walks so they can see my school, and they can meet my friends. My parents talk to my brothers and my sister and I a lot. We are a very close-knit family. People who have close families are very lucky.

73.

Once the fall is over and the ----- start to fall I get very excited. I can hardly wait for the ground to be covered with a blanket of white snow. I put on my mittens, my scarf, my hat, coat and winter boots, and I run out into the fluffy snow. I have to be careful not to slip on the ice. It can get very icy and cold in the winter. The first thing that I do is to build a snowman. I sometimes build a snow fort too. My friends and I have a good snowball fight. We laugh a lot, and our ----- and noses get very red. When we get too cold, we go into the house and have a cup of hot chocolate. My father fills the backyard with water that freezes and turns into an ice rink. When the ice is hard enough, my friends and I get our skates and we go out on the ice to play hockey. All of my friends own hockey sticks. I am usually the goalie, and I have to keep the puck from going into the net. My sister and her friends don't really like to play hockey. They would rather just ----- around on the ice. I took skating lessons, so I don't usually fall down. My little brother is just learning to skate, so he falls down a lot. My father has to shovel the snow off the paths and the driveway in the winter. I help him. Shovelling snow is hard work. When my dad and I finish shovelling the driveway, we go into the house and warm our hands and feet in front of the fireplace. There is probably nothing more beautiful than fresh ----- snow on the trees. In the morning, when the sun shines on the snow, it glistens. I like to leave my footprints in the snow. Winter can be very beautiful and exciting.

74.

Some people call autumn the "fall". You can call it either one. Autumn is the time when the leaves change color. They change from green to beautiful ----- of gold, orange and red. It looks like an artist has come along and painted all the trees. The air starts to get a little colder in the autumn. We begin to wear jackets or sweaters. We go back to school in the autumn. The teacher sometimes gets us to make leaf collections. We collect different types of leaves and make a display of them. Autumn is the time when old friends get back together and talk about what they did on their summer vacations. Halloween comes in the autumn. We dress up in costumes. Some of them are -----, and some of them are funny. We go from door to door and say "Trick or treat" and people give us candies. We wear masks on our faces, and we have a lot of fun. The autumn winds start to blow. The wind blows the leaves right off the trees until the trees have ----- branches. My friends and I have a lot of fun outside before the winter leaves us shivering. We play football and soccer at school. After school, we ride our bikes through the piles of dry leaves. The leaves go flying through the air as we drive through them. My parents rake the leaves up and put them in a big pile. I like to jump in the big ----- of leaves, but then my parents just

have to rake them up again. The skies get a little cloudier in the autumn, and we know that soon there will be snow, so we enjoy the brisk autumn weather while we can.

75.

Yahoo! School is over! We are free for the summer. My friends and I run out on the last day of school into the bright summer sun. We sing a song about "no more pencils and no more books". We can hardly ----- to do all the summer things that we like to do. We go swimming, we play baseball, we ride our bikes and we go to the beach. We go on vacations, or some of us go to summer camp. It is just nice to run barefoot through the grass or lie on your back and look up at the clouds. Summer days are ----- days. We don't have to do school work. We listen to the buzzing of the bees. We watch the birds as they fly from tree to tree. We go down to the pond and toss rocks into the water. We eat ice cream, and we have barbecues.

Some of my friends' parents have boats, so we go for rides in their boats.

Some of my friends go to their ----- . They have cottages on lakes. Some of my friends even have summer jobs. My best friend works at a supermarket. My father pays me to do jobs for him. I cut the grass, take out the garbage and wash the car. I like to be outside in the sunshine. On Sundays, my mother will pack a picnic lunch, and we go down to the park. Sometimes we play baseball. There is also a tennis court at the park. I'm a very good tennis player. My sister just likes to swing on the swings and slide down the slide. We eat our sandwiches and watch out for the ants that always seem to be at picnics. After we have our lunch, my sister and I run off to play with the other children. My dad has a nap, and my mother reads her book. My skin gets brown from the sun in the summer. Summer is my favorite season. I like the sounds, ----- and feelings that come with the summer sun. Summer is a lot of fun. I wish summer could go on forever.

76.

I didn't feel very well last week. I had a ----- throat and a fever. My mother took me to see the doctor. When we got there, the nurse took my name and said that the doctor would be with me soon. The doctor was a very nice man in a white jacket. I had seen the doctor before when I had my tonsils out at the hospital. The doctor took a light and looked in my ears. He put a stick on my tongue, and he shone his light into my mouth. He looked at my throat. He said that my throat was a bit ----- and red. He felt my neck and said my glands were swollen. He took my temperature and said that it was quite high. He listened to my ----- , and he made me cough. He asked me some questions. He said he might have to do some tests. He sent me to get some ----- taken out of my arm. I was scared, but it didn't really hurt. The doctor gave me some pills and told me to take one in the morning and one at night. He told me to drink lots of fluids. He told me to get plenty of sleep. I did exactly what the doctor told me to do. It wasn't very long before I was feeling well again. I think that I might like to be a doctor when I grow up. I would like to make people feel better.

77.

My friend's father is a dentist. He has an office near my house. I went to see him on Thursday. His ----- told me to sit in a very big chair. She tied a bib under my chin. The dentist came in. He examined my teeth with some shiny silver tools. He looked at my front teeth and my back teeth. He told me that the back teeth were called ----- . He told me to "open wide". He had a little mirror that he used to look at my teeth. He said that I had

good strong teeth. He told me that I didn't have any cavities. I told him that I didn't eat a lot of candies and that I always brushed my teeth after every meal. He said that was very good. He asked me if I ----- my teeth, and I said, "Yes, I use dental floss every day". He told me that my teeth were healthy because I took very good care of them. He left and told me to keep up the good work. The dental hygienist came in, and she said that she would clean my teeth for me. She scraped my teeth with a sharp tool, and then she put some polish on my teeth and began to clean them. When she was done, she told me to spit into a bowl, and then I rinsed my mouth out with water. I looked into a ----- and saw that my teeth were very shiny and white. If I take care of my teeth, I'll have them forever. I would like to keep my teeth healthy and white. I like to smile.

78.

We are putting on a play at school. Some of the students are actors in the play. Some people are building the sets. Some people will sew costumes, and some people will be makeup artists. The teacher is the ----- of the play. The play will be held on a big stage in the gymnasium. The curtains will open, the lights will go on, and the play will begin. It will be very exciting. All of our families will come to see the play. They will clap when the play is over. My friend is very good at cutting ----- and building things. He's helping to build the set. My other friend, Michael, is an artist, so he is painting the set so that it looks like a forest. My friend Marie likes to put makeup on people, so she is a makeup artist. She will put makeup on me so that I will look like an old woman. Some of the mothers helped to sew the costumes. The play is called "Hansel and Gretel". I will play the part of the witch. The boy who plays Hansel has to wear shorts and a shirt. I wear a witch's hat and a black dress. I also carry a broom. Some of the people in my class will be dressed like trees and flowers. This is a ----- play, and the trees and flowers will sing to Hansel and Gretel as they walk through the forest. I can hardly wait for opening night. I want my family and friends to see me acting on stage. I hope they will like the play. We have all ----- our lines and worked very hard at making this play a success.

79.

Do you ever think about your -----? What kinds of things make you sad? I get sad when I get a bad mark in school or when someone that I like moves away. I sometimes see sad movies that make me cry. I don't like to be sad. I don't like to have a frown on my face. I like to be happy. I'm happy most of the time. Parties make me happy. Being with my friends makes me happy. Lots of things make me happy. If someone tells me a joke, I laugh. I enjoy laughing. Funny movies make me -----, I think that people look the best when they smile. What kinds of things make you mad? I get mad when my brother breaks one of my toys. I try not to show it when I get mad. My parents get mad at me if I come home late. I don't think anger is a good emotion. It is best to stay calm and talk things over. Emotions come from inside you, but they show on your face. People can tell when you're mad, or sad or happy. I ----- to look happy. Sometimes I even smile when I'm feeling sad, and the smile makes me feel a little better.

80.

I just got a job at the grocery store. This is my first job. I will receive a pay cheque every two weeks. I wear a uniform. The ----- has the name of the grocery store on it. I have many jobs at the grocery store. I have to collect all the carts from the parking lot and bring

them back into the store. I have to put all the produce out for the people to see. I will be putting out the vegetables. There are carrots, lettuce, -----, cucumbers and beans to put out this morning. I also have to put the fruit out on the stands so that it looks nice. The oranges roll away when I put them out, so I have to be careful. I put out the apples, bananas and grapes. I stack ----- up so that people can buy cereal and cookies. I have to be careful, or the boxes will fall. There are cans of things which also need to be placed on the shelves. Yesterday, I filled the shelves with canned vegetables and soup. I like talking to people at the grocery store. This morning, a lady asked me where the bakery department was. She needed a loaf of bread. I have directed people to the meat department, and to the dairy products. I would like to work in the bakery. I think I would like to bake cakes and decorate them. It would be fun to bake ----- and cookies. Or maybe, I would like to be a cashier and work at the cash register. I am very good at counting money. I am enjoying my job at the grocery store. I hope that I can continue to work here part-time during the school year.