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Reading.

Twelve Short Stories “John” by Johnny Bread

John walks into a pet store. He wants to get a pet. Maybe a cat or a dog. John is not sure. He wants to talk to a sales clerk about it. “Hello!” somebody yells. John looks around him, but he doesn’t see anybody. There are a lot of animals in the store – dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, fish. There are also turtles and snakes. But John doesn’t see any people. So who is speaking? Then a sales clerk comes. “Good morning,” he says. “Can I help you, sir?” “Yes, please. I want to get a pet,” John says. “I feel lonely sometimes. You know? I want a friend.” “Well,” the sales clerk says. “Dogs are usually good friends. I can sell you a Labrador. This one costs \$1,000. Cats are also good friends. I can sell you a Persian cat. This one costs \$500. And if you are too busy, I can sell you a gold fish. This one costs \$100.” “Hello!” somebody yells. “Who is that talking?” John asks. The sales clerk smiles. “That’s Jack – the parrot over there.

John looks at the parrot. It is a big parrot. It is red, green and blue. “Are parrots good friends?” John asks. “Well,” the sales clerk says. “They can be.” “How much is the parrot?” John asks. “This parrot is free. Take him if you want.” John takes the parrot. He brings him home. He can’t understand why the parrot was free. He is so beautiful, and he can speak! John wakes up in the middle of the night. He hears his alarm clock. He gets up and looks at his alarm clock. It’s 3:30 in the morning. He doesn’t understand. He set his alarm clock for 6:30. Then he hears the alarm clock again. But the sound is not coming from his alarm clock. It’s Jack. “Hello!” Jack yells. “Good morning, John!” “Good morning, Jack,” John says. Now he understands why Jack was free. He is a little joker. He can imitate the alarm clock. John is not very happy about this, but he can’t say he feels lonely.

1. Check the correct sentence.

1. a. John walks into a grocery store.
b. John walks into a pet store.
2. a. John wants to buy dog food.
b. John wants to buy a pet.
3. a. John talks to a sales clerk in the pet store.
b. John talks to a friend in the pet store.
4. a. John gets a dog
b. John gets a parrot.
5. a. The parrot cost \$1,000.
b. The parrot was free.
6. a. The parrot can imitate an alarm clock.
b. The parrot can set an alarm clock

2. Put the sentences in correct order.

_____ At night, John wakes up because Jack copies his alarm clock.
_____ The sales clerk shows John dogs, cats, and a goldfish.
_____ John goes to a pet store to find a pet friend.
_____ The sales clerk says the parrot is free, so John takes him home.
_____ John hears a parrot say "Hello!" and meets Jack.
_____ John laughs and feels happy not to be lonely anymore.

3. Match the sentences.

1. John walks into a pet store because E .
2. John wants to buy a pet because _____
3. John speaks to the sales clerk because _____
4. The sales clerk offers John a dog because _____
5. John wakes up at 3:30 because _____
6. The parrot was for free because _____

A. he feels lonely sometimes.
B. dogs are usually good friends.
C. he hears an alarm.
D. he is a little joker.
E. he wants to buy a pet.
F. he doesn't know which pet is a good friend.

4. Complete the sentences with the words shown under.

maybe, free, hears, wakes up, lonely, sure.

1. John lives alone. He feels **lonely** sometimes.
2. He wants to get a pet – _____ a dog or a cat.
3. He is not _____ about that.
4. He doesn't pay for the parrot. He is _____.
5. John is sleeping, but suddenly he _____.
6. He wakes up because he _____ the alarm.

Use of English

5. Fill in the blank spaces with one word.

The next morning, John _____ Jack some fruit for breakfast. Jack _____ eat it. He just says, "No! Pizza! Pizza!" John laughs and _____ him a small piece of bread. Jack is happy. When John _____ to work, he leaves the window open. When he _____ home, the room is a mess. Papers are on _____ floor, and Jack sits on the table. John can only smile. Jack is _____ naughty parrot. In the evening, they _____ TV together. Jack copies some words _____ the people on TV. John laughs again. He _____ feel lonely anymore. Now he has a noisy, funny friend.

6. Fill in the blank spaces with words in past simple or past continuous forms.

A Day with the Parrots

Last year our class _____ (go) on a school trip to an animal park. It _____ (be) a sunny morning, and everyone _____ (feel) excited. While we _____ (walk) through the tropical area, we suddenly _____ (hear) a loud noise. It _____ (come) from a big cage full of colourful parrots.

One bright blue parrot _____ (fly) from one branch to another while another one _____ (eat) a piece of banana. The birds _____ (make) funny sounds, and some of them even _____ (try) to copy our voices. We all _____ (laugh) when one of them _____ (say), "Good morning!"

Our guide, Mr. Roberts, _____ (tell) us that these parrots _____ (live) in South America before they _____ (come) to the park. He _____ (explain) that parrots _____ (use) their strong beaks to open nuts and _____ (build) nests high in the trees. While he _____ (talk), one small green parrot _____ (climb) on his shoulder and _____ (start) pulling his hat!

Later, while we _____ (take) pictures, it suddenly _____ (begin) to rain. The parrots _____ (scream) loudly and _____ (fly) around the cage. We quickly _____ (run) to the shelter, but we still _____ (watch) them with big smiles on our faces.

At the end of the day, we _____ (feel) tired but happy. Everyone _____ (agree) that the parrots _____ (be) the funniest and cleverest animals in the whole park.

Listening.

7. Listen to two people talking about changing their plans. Write the words in the correct groups.

a ballet, an artist, a concert, a show, a band, a group, a theatre, a play, a musician, a cinema, an opera house, a gallery.

Entertainment events	Places for entertainment	People and entertainment

8. Listen and choose Francesco (the man) or Sachi (the woman) to complete the sentences.

1. runs across the street.
a. Francesco b. Sachi
2. is going to buy tickets for the play.
a. Francesco b. Sachi
3. can't go to the play this Friday.
a. Francesco b. Sachi
4. is a musician.
a. Francesco b. Sachi
5. isn't happy about the situation.
a. Francesco b. Sachi
6. Two weeks ago had tickets to the cinema.
a. Francesco b. Sachi
7. likes dance shows.
a. Francesco b. Sachi
8. suggests that they go out to dinner.
a. Francesco b. Sachi

9. Complete the sentences with the phrases below.

go next Friday, next Friday, the theatre, on Friday, out for dinner, I forgot, free then.

1. I can't go to
2. How about ?
3. Are you ?
4. I can definitely
5. Why don't we go ?
6. I'm sorry,