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Narrator: You will hear a mother talking to her son about school. What subject is he getting better at?

Mum: Hi Liam. How was school today?

Boy: OK. I got a good mark in history. We were learning about Spanish kings and queens from the 16th century.

Mum: So, you're improving?

Boy: Yes. Not like in natural science, where we're learning lots of things about the body – it's so difficult for me!

Mum: What about maths? Your teacher said you need to try harder, didn't she?

Boy: I am trying harder, but it isn't getting any easier.

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Narrator: You will hear a mother talking to her son. What does the boy offer to do?

Mother: Tom, I feel sick today, and there's so much that needs doing.

Boy: I know, Mum. Don't worry. I've already washed the dishes and tidied downstairs.

Mother: That's good – but we really need to think about dinner. There's nothing in the fridge.

Boy: OK – I'll get some food from the market this afternoon.

Mother: Good. I'll cook something when you get home.

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Narrator: You will hear a boy leaving a message. Why does he want a lift home?

Boy: Hi Dad, it's Fred. Can you come and get me from school? In the car? We've just had a games lesson where we ran about 5 kilometres. It was so hot – Steven had to stop because he had a headache. Not me, I just kept running! But I really don't think I could walk home now. I can't move my legs any more!