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Unit 1

Exercise 1 Read this passage

The first day of term



There are many students on the bus. They are going to school. Today is the first day of term.

Now the students are in school.

"Hello, Lucy and Lily," says Meimei. "How are you?"

"We're fine, thank you," say the twins. Jim meets Li Lei.

"Hi, Li Lei! It's good to see you again!" says Jim.

"It's good to see you, too," says Li Lei. "How's Polly?"

"She's fine, thanks," says Jim.

Exercise 2 Read this passage

Dick and the apple tree

There's an apple tree behind Dick's house. Dick is near the tree.

There are some apples on the tree. Dick is looking at the apples. They are big and red. Dick is hungry. He wants to get an apple.





Dick is not tall. He is short.

He cannot reach the apples. He is putting a box under the tree.

Can he reach the apples now? No, he can't. He is too short.



Here comes Paul. He is Dick's brother.

"Hello, Dick. What are you doing?"

"Please help me, Paul. I can't reach the apples."

Dick is short but Paul is tall. He can reach the apples. He is getting one of them.



"Here you are, Dick. One for you, and one for me!"
"Thank you, Paul."



Exercise 3 Answer these questions

- 1 Are there any apples on the tree?
- 2 Where is Dick putting the box?
- 3 Can Dick reach the apples?
- 4 Is Paul short or tall?
- 5 Can Paul reach the apples?

Unit 2

Exercise 1 Read this joke

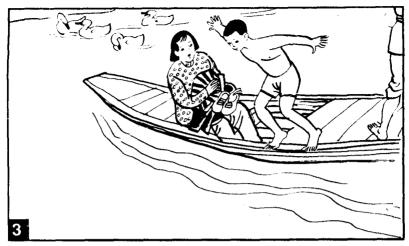
A woman and a duck



A woman is going shopping. She is going by boat. The boat is going across the river. Her basket is empty.

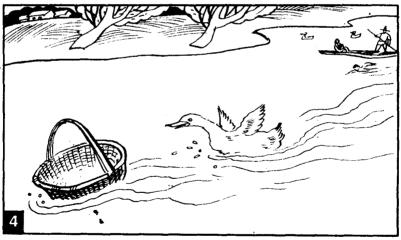


Oh dear! Look! Her basket is in the water. "Help!" she says. "Look! My basket is in the river."



A boy sees the basket. He says: "Don't worry! I can get it! I am a very good swimmer."

He takes off his shirt and shoes. "Look after my shirt and shoes, please!" he says, and jumps into the river.



A duck sees the basket. "I can go by basket!" it thinks. It gets into the basket.



The boy is swimming in the river. "Where's the basket?" he calls. "It's over there!" calls the woman. "It's behind you! It's under that duck!"



The boy gets to the basket. "Go away!" he says to the duck. The duck jumps out of the basket and swims away. The boy takes the basket to the land.



"Oh, thank you!" says the woman. "Thank you very much."

"Not at all!" says the boy. "Do you have my shirt and shoes, please?"

"Yes, here you are. Oh! What's this in the basket? It's a duck's egg!"

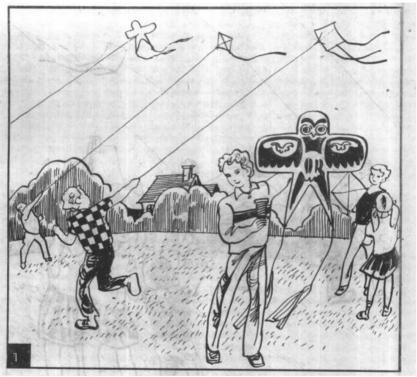
Exercise 2 Complete these sentences

1	A woman is going
2	The woman's is in the
3	The boy takes off his and
	The duck is the
5	The boy the basket to the
6	Look! There's duck's in the basket!

Unit 3

Exercise 1 Read this passage

K Day



Children in the U.S.A. like K Day very much. K is for kites. March 7 is the day. On that day lots of children go out in the open air. They take their kites with them. Some kites are very big. Others are small. They are in different colours. Every kite has a long string.



To get the kites up, the children begin to run. They let out the string from the ball in their hands. Now the kites are flying in the air. How nice they look!



Now all of the kites are high up in the air. Some are higher than others. The one like a bird is the highest. But what's wrong? It is flying away! The string is broken.

Another kite gets away. And more kites fly. But the children are running after them. They want to get them back. People are watching them and laughing.