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# **PART ONE**



## DICTATIONS

**ATTENTION:** The student should listen carefully to the directions given before each passage and do the dictations accordingly. And under NO circumstances, either before or while listening to the recordings, should he read the transcripts, which are solely intended for answer-checking purposes.





# ELEMENTARY STORIES

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## DICTATION

### Passage 1

Tom and his sister Mary were playing on a farm one Saturday afternoon. They saw many chickens and a basket of eggs near the gate of the farm. As Mary looked into the basket, she found that some of the eggs were white and others were yellow. The little girl did not understand why eggs were different colors. She thought it over for some time, and then went to her brother and asked him to tell her why.

The boy did not really understand it, either, but he told his sister at once, "Well, I think that's very simple. White hens lay white eggs, and yellow hens lay yellow eggs."

"Maybe you are right, Tom," said the little girl, "but why don't the black hens lay any eggs? There are a lot of black hens here, but I don't see any black eggs in the basket."

### Passage 2

Jimmy was 12 years old and he was a clever boy.

He seemed to be always ready to help others. All his neighbors loved him. Of course, this made the boy feel very happy.

One of Jimmy's schoolmates, Tina, was a girl of 10. She had a small cat and she loved it better than anything else in the world. One day, the cat climbed up a tall tree and couldn't get down. This made Tina feel even more worried than the cat was. She at once ran to Jimmy for help. The boy climbed up the tree and carried the cat down safely. Tina was so pleased that she put her arms around Jimmy's neck and gave him a kiss.

That evening Jimmy bought a fish, got his father's hammer and a nail. He stole into Tina's garden, climbed up the same tree and nailed the fish there.

### Passage 3

Terry finished school when he was 18, and then he wanted to work for a year or two before going to college. So he began to look for a job in town.

One day, he heard that the bank was looking for some clever people and that the clerks there got a lot of money. Terry decided to try his luck at the bank.

The next day, Terry went to the bank and asked for work there. A man had a talk with him and then took him to the manager. The manager gave him some questions on a piece of paper. Terry carefully wrote his answers on it and then handed it back. The manager looked at the

answers for some time, and then he took a pen and said to Terry, "Your birthday was on the 12th of June, but what year was it?"

"Oh, every year, sir," Terry said politely.

#### Passage 4

There were many mice in a house. The owner of the house got a cat, who soon killed many of the mice. One day the oldest mouse asked all the other mice to go to his hole to have a meeting. They would discuss what to do about the cat.

All the mice were present. Many of them spoke at the meeting, but none knew what to do. At last a young mouse stood up and said, "We must put a bell on the cat. Then, when it comes near, we shall hear, run away and hide. So the cat will not catch any more of us."

All the mice thought it a wonderful idea. Then the old mouse asked, "Who will put the bell on the cat?" But no one answered. He waited and waited, but still everyone kept silent.

At last the old mouse said, "Well, it's not difficult to say things, but it's difficult to do them."

#### Passage 5

There was once a very famous American general, who was an important figure in the army. Everybody in the United States knew him, and many people wished to

have something of his in their homes.

Soon after World War II, the general returned to Washington. One day, he went to a dentist and had 6 teeth pulled out. A week later the general heard that his teeth were being sold in curiosity shops at \$5 each, and on each of the teeth there was a label with his name. The general got very angry. He rushed to his office and ordered 6 officers to go around the city and buy all the teeth.

The officers were away from the office all day. In the evening they returned and put on the table in front of the general the teeth they had bought. They had collected nearly 200 of them!

#### Passage 6

One day Prime Minister Winston Churchill had to go to the British Broadcasting Corporation ( the BBC ) to make an important speech to the nation. But he soon learned that his driver had just taken ill and been sent to the hospital in his car. So Mr. Churchill decided to go by taxi.

An hour before the speech, he stopped a taxi and asked the driver to take him to the BBC. The taxi driver did not know who he was, so he told Mr. Churchill that he wanted to go home to hear Churchill make a speech on the radio.

Churchill was so pleased when he heard this that he gave the man a pound, which was worth quite a lot in those days. As he put the money in his pocket, the driver

said, "All right. Get in, please. I'll take you to the BBC. To hell with Churchill and his foolish speech!"

#### Passage 7

William Henry Harrison, the ninth President of the United States, was born in a small town. As a boy he was very quiet and shy. Everybody thought that he was stupid.

The people of the town liked to play tricks on him. For example, they often put a dime and a nickel in front of him and told him to choose which one he wanted. Everybody knows that a dime is worth 2 nickels though it looks much smaller. But he always chose the nickel instead of the dime. Then, they all laughed at him.

One day, a woman took pity on him. She told him, "William, why do you always choose the nickel instead of the dime? Don't you know that a dime is worth more than a nickel?"

"Certainly, I know it," the boy answered slowly and shyly. "But if I choose the dime, they won't play the trick on me any more."

#### Passage 8

An artist went to a beautiful part of the country for a holiday and stayed with a farmer. Every day he went out painting from morning to evening. When it got dark, he went back to the farm and had a good dinner with the

farmer before going to bed.

At the end of his holiday, he wanted to pay the farmer, but the farmer said, "No, I don't want money —but give me one of your paintings. What is money? In a week it will all be finished, but your picture will still be here."

The artist was very happy and thanked the farmer for saying such kind things about his pictures. The farmer smiled and said, "It's not that. I have a son in London. He wants to become an artist. When he comes back next month, I'll show him your picture, and then he will not want to be an artist any more, I think."

#### Passage 9

An Englishman was once traveling in Italy. One day he went into a restaurant to have dinner. He understood very little Italian and was unable to read the menu. He knew the word "egg" and so he ordered eggs. Italy is famous, however, for its mushrooms. The man wanted to try some mushrooms with his eggs, but he did not know the word for mushroom. The waiter did not speak English and could not help him.

At last, the man took out a pencil and a piece of paper and very carefully drew a picture of a mushroom. The waiter looked at the picture of the mushroom for a long while. He did not understand it very well, but at last he left. He was gone for a long time. After about

half an hour he returned. But instead of an order of mushrooms, he brought the man a large black umbrella.

#### Passage 10

An American who could not speak French was once traveling in Paris. One day, he entered a restaurant and sat at a table. When the waiter came, the American opened his mouth, put his fingers in it, took them out again and moved his lips. In this way he meant to say, "Bring me something to eat."

The waiter soon brought him a cup of tea. The American shook his head, and the waiter understood that he did not want tea, so he took it away and brought the man some coffee. The American felt very hungry by this time and looked very sad. He was just going to leave the restaurant when another traveler came in. It so happened that the man couldn't speak French, either. But when the man saw the waiter, he put his hands on his stomach. That was enough. In a few minutes there was a large plate of bread and meat on the table before him.

#### Passage 11

One day some people on the seashore heard a shout for help. They ran down to the sea. A young soldier jumped into the water and swam to the man who was calling for help. The soldier was a good swimmer, and he soon carried the drowning man out of the water. All the people

admired the brave soldier.

Now, everybody saw that the man was a well-known rich gentleman. After he could speak again, the rich man asked the people around him who had saved his life and if the man was still there.

Then the rich man went to the soldier, took out a quarter and wanted to give it to him, but the soldier refused to take the money. He pushed through the people around him and went away.

Everybody became angry with the rich man, but an old woman laughed and said loudly, "I am sure the gentleman knows best how much his life is worth."

#### Passage 12

Two friends were walking together through a forest. As there were many dangerous wild animals there, they both agreed to help each other if they happened to meet one.

Half an hour later they saw a bear coming out from behind a tree and it was coming towards them. One of the men at once got up a tree. The other man could not climb trees so he threw himself on the ground and closed his eyes. When the bear came over, it put its nose in the man's face, but the man did not move. The bear thought he was dead and walked away, for bears never touch dead man.

When the bear was gone and all was safe again, the



man up in the tree came down with a smile. He asked his friend, "What did the bear tell you when it put its nose close to your ear?"

"Don't trust those who leave their friends when they get into difficulties," answered his friend angrily.

### Passage 13

A hunter found a huge bear deep in the woods. He immediately climbed up a big tree waiting for the bear to come. When it came near him, he aimed at it carefully and was about to fire. Suddenly the bear saw the hunter and was terribly frightened, but it was too late for it to run away. So it said to the hunter in a pitiable voice, "Isn't it always better to talk than to shoot, sir? I don't think there is anything we cannot negotiate. Just tell me what you want."

The hunter hesitated for a moment, scratched his hair and told the bear that he only wanted a fur coat. The bear told him what it wanted was a full stomach. Therefore, both thought the terms quite negotiable. So they sat together and began their negotiation.

Half an hour later, the bear walked away alone. It had a full stomach and the hunter had his warm fur coat on.

### Passage 14

Sam lived in a small village deep in the mountains,