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## 1. Poor Old Gentleman

An old gentleman was walking slowly along a street one day when he saw a little boy who was trying to reach a doorbell which was too high for him. He was a kindhearted old man, so he stopped and said, "I will ring the bell for you," and then he pulled the bell so hard that it could be heard all over the house.

The little boy looked up at him and said, "Now we will run away. Come on." And before the old gentleman knew what was happening, the naughty boy had run round the corner of the street, leaving the man to explain to the angry owner of the house why he had rung the bell.

### Questions

1. Who was walking along a street one day?

An old gentleman.

2. What did he see?

He saw a little boy who was trying to reach a doorbell which was too high for him.

3. What did the old man say?

He said, "I will ring the bell for you."

4. What did the boy say after the old man pulled the bell?

The boy said, "Now we will run away. Come on."

5. What did the boy do then?

The boy ran round the corner of the street.

6. What did the old man have to do?

The old man had to explain to the **angry owner** of the house why he had rung the bell.

Notes

1. doorbell 门铃

2. naughty 淘气的

2. How Old Is She

A woman was having some trouble with her heart, so she went to see the doctor. He was a new doctor, and did not know her, so he first asked some questions and one of them was, "How old are you?"

"Well," she answered, "I don't remember, doctor, but I will try to think." She thought for a minute and then said, "Yes, I remember now, doctor! When I married, I was eighteen years old, and my husband was thirty. Now my husband is sixty, I know, and that is twice thirty. So I am twice eighteen. That is thirty-six, isn't it?"

Questions

1. Where did the woman in this story go?

She went to see the doctor.

2. Why did she go there?

She was having some trouble with her heart.

3. Why did the doctor not know her?

Because he was a new doctor.

4. What did he do first?

He asked her some questions first.

5. What was one of his questions?

One of his questions was, "How old are you?"

6. What did the woman answer? What did she do then?

She answered, "I don't remember, but I will try to think."

Then she thought for a minute.

7. How old did the woman say she was?

She said she was thirty-six.

8. How old was the woman really?

She was forty-eight.

### 3. The Accident

I was going home on my bicycle at about six o'clock on Saturday afternoon when the accident happened. I was riding on the right-hand side of the road near the pavement. It was still quite light, and I put out my hand to turn left into Park Road. Then I looked behind to find out if there were any cars. As I could not see any, I began to turn left. Just as I was near the middle of the road, I heard the noise of an engine behind me. A big car was travelling very fast in the middle of the road. I turned as quickly as I could, but the car also turned and knocked me off my bicycle. I was thrown to one side of the road, but the car travelled another twenty or thirty feet before stopping. It pushed my bicycle in front of it and badly damaged it.

#### Questions

1. When did the accident happen?



The accident happened at about six o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

2. Where was the boy going?

He was going home.

3. Which side of the road was he riding on?

He was riding on the right side of the road.

4. Did he look behind before he turned left?

Yes, he did.

5. When did the boy see the travelling car?

When he was in the middle of the road.

6. How did he try to miss the car?

He turned as fast as he could.

7. What happened to the boy when the car hit him?

He was knocked off his bicycle and thrown to one side of the road.

8. What about his bicycle?

It was badly damaged.

#### Notes

1. pavement 人行道      2. damage 损坏

#### 4. The Joke

Mr Brown was very deaf but he did not like people to know this. One day he had invited several friends to dinner, and while they were sitting at the table, one of the friends told a funny joke. Everyone laughed, and Mr Brown, who had laughed as loud as anyone, said, "That was a very funny joke, but I know a funnier one. Would you like to hear it?" They all said they

would, so Mr Brown began his story. When it ended, everyone laughed louder than ever and Mr Brown smiled happily. But he didn't know the reason for their laughter. He had told the very same story his friend had just told.

### Questions

1. Who invited several friends to dinner?  
Mr Brown.
2. What did one of his friends do?  
One of his friends told a very funny joke.
3. What did Mr Brown do when he heard the joke?  
He laughed as loud as anyone.
4. Did Mr Brown hear the joke? Why?  
No, he didn't. For he was very deaf.
5. What did Mr Brown say?  
He said, "That was a very funny joke, but I know a funnier one. Would you like to hear it?"
6. What did his friends do when the story ended?  
When the story ended everyone laughed louder than ever.
7. Did Mr Brown know why his friends laughed?  
No, he didn't.
8. What did Mr Brown do?  
He smiled happily.
9. Why did Mr Brown's friends laugh louder than ever?  
Because he had told the very same story his friend had just told.

### 5. It's Dangerous for Me

A man always went to the same store at the same time every day and asked for two glasses of beer. He drank them and then asked for more.

One day the owner of the store said to him, "Why do you always ask for two glasses of beer? Why don't you get one big glass instead?"

The man answered, "Because I don't like to drink alone. I drink with my friend."

But a few days later the man came in and asked only for one beer.

"Oh," said the owner of the store, "has your friend died?"

"Oh, no," said the man. "He is very well. This beer is for him. But I have stopped drinking beer. My doctor doesn't want me to drink any more because it is dangerous for me."

#### Questions

1. What did the man in this story do every day?  
He went to the same store at the same time every day.
2. What did he ask for? What did he do when?  
He asked for two glasses of beer. He drank them and then asked for two more.
3. What did the owner of the store say one day?  
He said, "Why do you always ask for two glasses of beer? Why don't you get one big glass instead?"

4. What did the man answer?

The man answered, "Because I don't like to drink alone. I drink with my friend."

5. What happened a few days later?

A few days later the man came in and asked only for one beer.

6. What did the owner of the store ask?

He asked, "Oh, has your friend died?"

7. What did the man answer?

The man answered, "Oh, no. He is very well.

• This beer is for him. But I have stopped drinking beer. My doctor doesn't want me to drink any more because it is dangerous for me."

## 6. A Surprise Present

One morning during breakfast, Robert was reading his mail. "Look, dear," he said to his wife Mary, "Someone sent these two tickets for the play tonight. Isn't that kind?" "Who sent them?" asked Mary. "I've no idea. There's a note in the envelope, but it just says, 'Can you guess who these tickets are from?'" "Well, never mind," Mary said, "I expected one of our friends wants to give us a nice surprise."

After dinner that night, Robert and Mary put on their best clothes and went to the play. They had a wonderful evening and came home full of gratitude to the unknown friend who had given them the tickets. But when they got back to their flat, they found that a burglar had been there.

In fact, everything they owned had been stolen, furniture, pictures, clothes, jewels, money and even the knives and forks from the kitchen. In the center of the kitchen table, they found another note. This one said, "Now can you guess who sent the tickets?"

### Questions

1. At what time of the day did the mail arrive?  
It arrived in the morning.
2. What was Robert doing when he read his letter?  
He was eating his breakfast.
3. What was in the envelope with the tickets?  
A note.
4. Who were the tickets for?  
Robert and Mary.
5. What did Robert and Mary wear when they went out?  
Their best clothes.
6. Did they enjoy the evening at the play?  
Yes, very much.
7. Who had been to their flat when they were out?  
A thief.
8. Had all the furniture been taken?  
No.
9. What piece of furniture had been left?  
The kitchen table.
10. Who had sent them the tickets?  
A burglar.

## Notes

1. gratitude      感谢, 感激
2. fork            叉子

## 7. A Visit to the Dentist

The dentist was just starting his morning's work. "Send in the first patient please, Miss Green," he said to his assistant. The assistant moved towards the door. But before she got to it, it burst open. And a man rushed into the room. He looked as though he had run a very long way. His face was red, his clothes and hair were untidy, and he was panting so hard that he could hardly speak. "Quick! Quick!" cried the man waving his arms, "Quick!"

The dentist wasted no time. Obviously the poor man was suffering terribly. With the help of his assistant, he pushed the man into the chair and gave him an injection to make him sleep. Then he looked into the man's mouth and pulled out all the bad teeth he could find. As soon as the man woke up, he began to wave his arms again and say, "Quick! Quick!" in a weak voice. "It's over." "You don't understand," said the man. "I came to tell you your house is on fire."

## Questions

1. Who was Miss Green?  
She was the dentist's assistant.
2. Who opened the door?  
The man did.

3. How did the man get into the room?  
In a great hurry.
4. Why could he hardly speak?  
Because he was panting.
5. What did the dentist think when he saw the man?  
That he was in pain.
6. Who pushed the man into the chair?  
The dentist and Miss Green.
7. How did the dentist make the man sleep?  
By giving him an injection.
8. Were all the patient's teeth good?  
No, they weren't.
9. How many teeth did the dentist take out?  
All the bad teeth.
10. Whose house was on fire?  
The dentist's house.

#### Notes

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|--------------|------|
| 1. dentist   | 牙科医生 |
| 2. pant      | 气喘吁吁 |
| 3. injection | 注射   |

### 8. The Artist and the Farmer

An artist went to a beautiful part of the country for a holiday, and stayed with a farmer. Every day he went out with his paints and his brushes and painted from morning until evening, and then when it got dark, he went back to the farm and had a good dinner before he went 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 pictures. What is money? In a week it will be gone, but your painting will still be here."

The artist was very pleased and thanked the farmer for saying such kind things about his paintings.

The farmer smiled and answered, "It is not that. I have a son in London. He wants to become an artist. When he comes here next month, I will show him your picture, and then I think, he will not want to be an artist any more."

#### Questions

1. Where did the artist go for his holiday?  
He went to a beautiful part of the country.
2. Who did he stay with?  
He stayed with a farmer.
3. What did he do every day?  
Every day he went out with his paints and brushes and painted from morning until evening.
4. What did he do when it got dark?  
When it got dark, he went back to the farm and had a good dinner before he went to bed.
5. What did the farmer say when the artist wanted to pay him?  
The farmer said, " No, I don't want money --but give me one of your paintings. What is money? In a week it will be gone, but



your painting will still be here."

6. Why did the farmer want the artist's painting?

The farmer wanted to show it to his son.

7. Did the farmer want his son to become an artist?

No, he didn't.

## 9. A Narrow Escape

One night when Mr Robinson was asleep, he was woken up by some strange noises outside his house. "Thieves," he thought. Jumping out of bed, he seized his gun and hurried to the bedroom window. The moon was not shining and the night was rather dark. But he could see a white shape looking like a man in the garden. He pointed his gun at it, fired and went back to bed. Early in the morning, he went down to the garden. His shirt was hanging from a tree. He had washed it the day before and hung it on the tree to dry. It had a hole right through the middle. Mr Robinson went white when he saw it and began to tremble. His neighbour arrived at that moment. "How are you today, Mr Robinson?" he asked in an anxious voice. "You seem upset."

"I'm all right, thank you," said Mr Robinson. "but I'm lucky to be alive. You see than shirt there?"

"Yes?" said the neighbour.

"If I'd been wearing than shirt last night," said Mr Robinson, "I'd be a dead man now."