

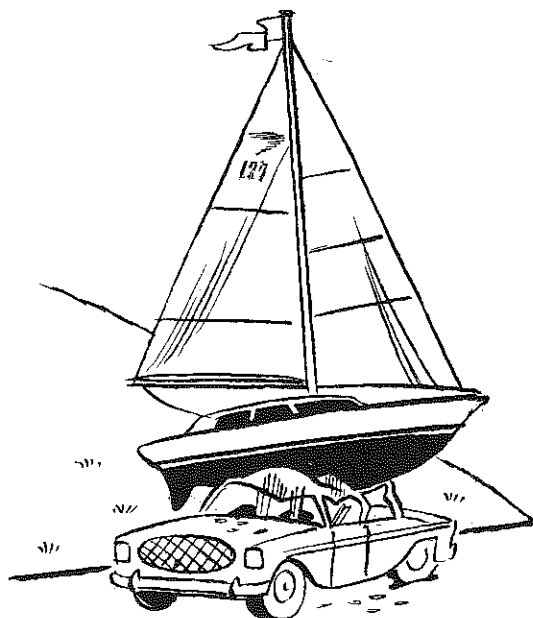
San Francisco is a beautiful city next to the water. The city has many steep hills. Ron and Sue Jacobs have a big house high on one of these hills. It overlooks the water. When they're not working, Ron and Sue like to go sailing.

One fine spring day, Ron and Sue were getting ready to try their brand-new sailboat. They were on their way to the water. The boat was on a trailer attached to the back of their pick-up truck. Sue was driving the truck, while Ron watched the boat out the rear window.

Suddenly the trailer broke loose from the truck. It went backwards down the hill on its own. Then it slammed right into the side of a parked car. The next thing Ron and Sue knew, their brand-new boat wasn't on the trailer anymore. The sailboat, all 2,000 pounds of it, had slid off the trailer onto the top of a parked automobile. There it sat—a sailboat on top of a car by the side of the road. What a sight!

- This story is mainly about
 - living in San Francisco.
 - an odd event.
 - sailing a boat.
 - buying a boat trailer.
- In this story, attached means
 - under.
 - hooked up to.
 - in love with.
 - cut loose from.
- The boat was on the car because
 - it was too heavy.
 - no one wanted it.
 - it flew off Sue's car.
 - it slid off the trailer.
- Before the trailer broke loose,
 - it was hooked to a truck.
 - it slid down the hill.
 - the boat went on a car.
 - Ron and Sue sailed the boat.
- Things might have been different if
 - the trailer had been bigger.
 - Ron had stayed home.
 - they hadn't been on a hill.
 - Ron were driving.
- You can be sure that Ron and Sue
 - won't ever sail again.
 - took time to reach the water.
 - went to buy two new boats.
 - will stop driving trucks.

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Have you ever eaten horse meat? Or did you think that it was used just for dog food? In many states, horse meat can't be sold for people to eat. In some states people can buy it to use for food.

One man ate horse meat for two years. He didn't even know it. He thought the meat was beef. His wife and nine children knew it wasn't beef. But they didn't tell him that the steaks, chops, and hamburgers were meat from a horse.

Why did the man's family do that to him? Horse meat was much cheaper than beef. They thought he wouldn't eat the meat if he knew it was from a horse. So they didn't tell him.

The man seemed happy to eat the meat. It tasted good to him when he was hungry. Then one day he found out that the meat was not beef. How do you think he felt about being tricked like that? How would you feel?



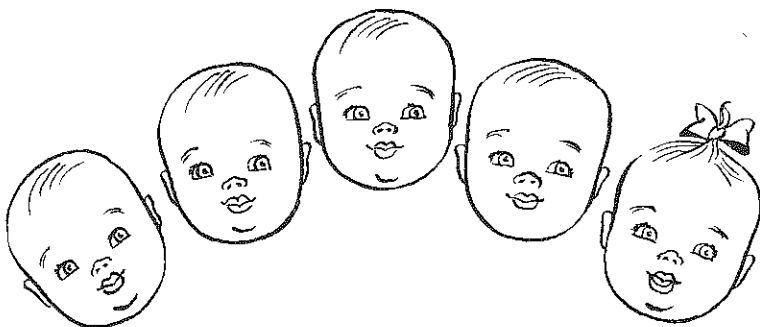
1. The family in this story eats
 - (a) what horses eat.
 - (b) canned food.
 - (c) horse meat.
 - (d) dog food.
2. The man's wife bought horse meat because
 - (a) her husband wanted it.
 - (b) it cost less than beef.
 - (c) she didn't like horses.
 - (d) her children liked it.
3. The story hints that horse meat and beef
 - (a) are both bad for you.
 - (b) are best served hot.
 - (c) cost nearly the same.
 - (d) are much alike in taste.
4. Something cheaper
 - (a) makes more noise.
 - (b) tastes as good.
 - (c) costs the same.
 - (d) costs less.
5. When the man found out, he
 - (a) never ate again.
 - (b) probably was upset.
 - (c) enjoyed his dinner.
 - (d) bought some flowers.
6. The man didn't know he was eating horse meat because
 - (a) he ate too fast.
 - (b) no one told him.
 - (c) he was not smart.
 - (d) the kitchen was dark.

Pam and Dan Pisner love children, but for many years they didn't have any of their own. Then they happily told their friends they were expecting a baby. At last they were going to have a child of their own. Mrs. Pisner thought she might be having twins. She and her husband planned what they would do to take care of two babies.

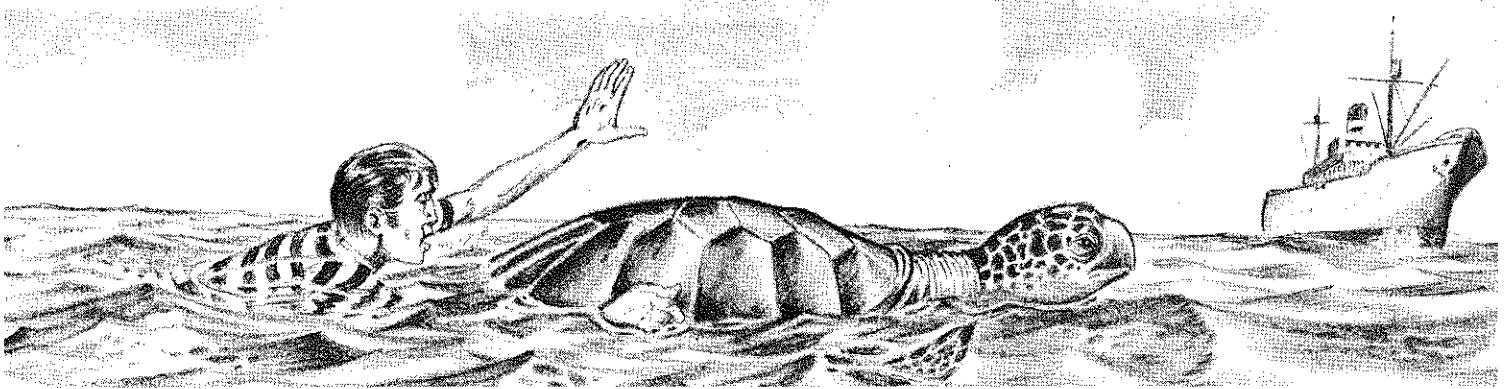
Dan Pisner had been laid off from his job, and he hadn't found another one. Pam had a very good job, so she worked as long as she could before giving birth. The Pisners knew they would manage somehow.

Finally it was time for Mrs. Pisner to go to the hospital. Her husband went with her. Imagine their excitement and joy when they had not one, not two, but five babies! There were four boys and one girl.

The Pisners decided that Pam would go back to work in her office as soon as she was able to. Dan would stay home to take care of the babies. With five little ones to care for, he probably won't get out to job hunt for quite some time.



- First, the Pisners were
 - going to the hospital.
 - having twins.
 - expecting a baby.
 - without any children.
- Expecting means
 - understanding.
 - waiting for.
 - seeing well.
 - reaching out.
- The Pisners were
 - worried about babies.
 - happy to be expecting.
 - working at two jobs.
 - training to be doctors.
- Mr. Pisner will take care of the babies
 - while his wife works.
 - so Mrs. Pisner can rest.
 - because he's a doctor.
 - on most weekends.
- The Pisners were joyful when
 - Dan lost his job.
 - Pam went back to work.
 - they had five babies.
 - they wanted a child.
- The Pisner family is
 - very unhappy.
 - very wealthy.
 - like any other.
 - quite unusual.



Would you think a turtle could save a person's life? No? Well, one turtle did just that. This was not a pet turtle. It was too big to swim in a dish. You wouldn't want to keep it in the house. The turtle that saved the person's life was a giant sea turtle. It was more than three feet long!

One day the turtle was swimming in the Pacific Ocean. A big ship was going by. One of the sailors fell into the water. No one saw him fall, and the ship moved away. The man was alone in the water. He was sure he was going to die. Then he saw the turtle. He held on to the turtle's back. The two of them — man and turtle — swam along. At last help came. Many hours later, a passing ship saw the man and picked him up. The great turtle then swam away.

1. A sea turtle can't swim in a dish because
 - (a) it likes salt water.
 - (b) it's too big to fit.
 - (c) sea turtles can't swim.
 - (d) the dish would leak.
2. This story is mainly about
 - (a) keeping a pet turtle.
 - (b) large ships at sea.
 - (c) falling off a ship.
 - (d) how a turtle saved a life.
3. The sea turtle was
 - (a) less than two feet long.
 - (b) about four feet high.
 - (c) more than three feet long.
 - (d) smaller than most fish.
4. The ship went away because
 - (a) it didn't like turtles.
 - (b) the man was bad.
 - (c) no one saw the man fall.
 - (d) it was unable to stop.
5. In the story, passing means
 - (a) going by.
 - (b) just all right.
 - (c) not failing.
 - (d) racing.
6. It's likely that the man will
 - (a) always fear turtles.
 - (b) never forget the turtle.
 - (c) stay at home.
 - (d) swim again very soon.

Jennie Weston and Sunee Haws are young business women. They are both seven years old and in the second grade. What is their business? They sell jokes.

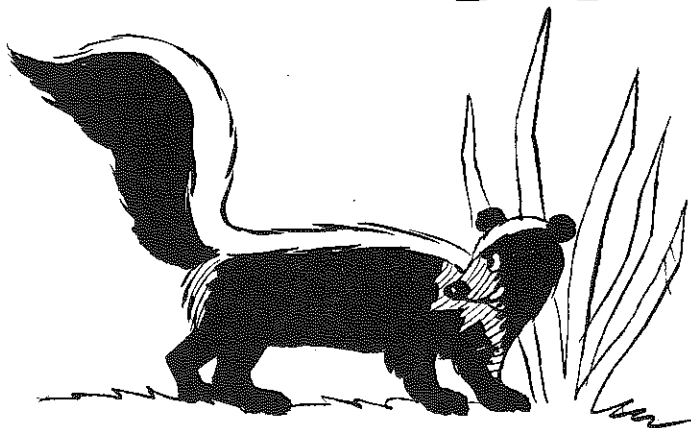
They call their company Sunee's Funnies for Jennie's Pennies. When their school, Hooper Elementary School, had a fair, they sold jokes for one cent each. They made \$1.52 that day.

Someone told Johnny Carson, the star of television's "Tonight Show," about the girls and their jokes. Johnny invited them to appear on his show. The show paid them \$200 to go on. At their usual rate of pay, they would have to tell 20,000 jokes to earn that much money.

Here's a sample of one of their jokes. Do you think it's worth a penny?

What do you get when you cross a giant with a skunk?

A big stink!



- This story is mainly about
 - the Johnny Carson show.
 - a skunk and a giant.
 - two girls and jokes.
 - making money easily.
- For each joke the girls
 - spend two days learning.
 - get \$200.
 - get a penny.
 - make a lot.
- The girls are named
 - Johnny and Penny.
 - Hooper and Carson.
 - Sunee and Jennie.
 - Pennie and Jennie.
- Johnny Carson
 - went to Hooper School.
 - wrote jokes for the girls.
 - heard about the girls.
 - stopped telling jokes.
- First the two girls
 - went on television.
 - sold jokes at a fair.
 - were paid \$200.
 - met Johnny Carson.
- The star of a show
 - has lots of lights.
 - is the top person.
 - works for no money.
 - makes one cent a joke.

What can happen to a baby who gets caught between a mother gorilla and a father gorilla? A baby gorilla at the Central Park Zoo in New York City found out the hard way.

Little Patty Cake stuck her arm out between the bars of her cage. Congo, her daddy, was in the next cage. Congo playfully grabbed the baby's little arm. Then Patty Cake's mother Lulu got upset. She pulled her baby away from the front of the cage. But, when Lulu pulled the baby, Congo still held on. Poor Patty Cake ended up with a broken arm.

Doctors took Patty Cake to the hospital. The little gorilla had to wear a cast on her arm for eight weeks. When she got better, she went back to live at the zoo again.



1. This story is mainly about
 - (a) how Patty Cake got hurt.
 - (b) playing gorilla games.
 - (c) animals and their young.
 - (d) Patty Cake's daddy.
2. Patty Cake and her father
 - (a) didn't get along.
 - (b) were both running wild.
 - (c) lived with Lulu.
 - (d) lived in separate cages.
3. The word playfully tells that
 - (a) Congo likes bad games.
 - (b) gorillas need playpens.
 - (c) Congo didn't try to hurt.
 - (d) Lulu was a good mother.
4. Patty Cake's mother
 - (a) lived in another zoo.
 - (b) enjoyed playing with her.
 - (c) pulled her baby.
 - (d) got out of her cage.
5. Patty Cake's arm broke because
 - (a) it hit the cage door.
 - (b) her parents pulled her.
 - (c) she was on a bike.
 - (d) someone hit her hard.
6. Which happened last? Patty Cake
 - (a) went to the hospital.
 - (b) broke her arm.
 - (c) stuck her arm out.
 - (d) had to wear a cast.

Tom Patterson is a science teacher who enjoys being outdoors. He likes going hiking. He likes walking through the woods and climbing mountains with a pack on his back. He used to prefer hiking alone. Chances are he won't be doing that anymore. Hiking alone can be dangerous.

One day Mr. Patterson was hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains. He wandered off the path. He stepped in a deep hole by mistake, and broke two bones in his left leg below the knee. He was in great pain, and with two broken bones he knew his hike was over.

After he broke his leg, Tom's biggest problem was that he was all alone out there in the mountains. He wasn't on the main trail, so there was a good chance that no one would come along and find him. Tom Patterson didn't want to die up there alone in the mountains. So he began to crawl.

He crawled through the bushes. He crawled across streams. He had to move very slowly because he hurt so much. He rolled his pack across the ground in front of him. He kept looking for a trail. He kept hoping that he would find someone to help him. Then another hiker, Bob Rezy, of Ohio, found him. "I just didn't want to die up there," said Patterson. In the four days he was crawling, he probably covered about a mile. That's not very far but it was far enough.

1. This story is mainly about
 - (a) crawling instead of walking.
 - (b) an injured hiker.
 - (c) going to the mountains.
 - (d) getting lost in trees.
2. Tom Patterson was a
 - (a) math teacher.
 - (b) swimming coach.
 - (c) reading teacher.
 - (d) science teacher.
3. Tom crawled because he
 - (a) was tired of walking.
 - (b) didn't like running.
 - (c) was unable to walk.
 - (d) lost his pack.
4. Which happened last?
 - (a) Tom left the path.
 - (b) A hiker found Tom.
 - (c) Tom crawled a mile.
 - (d) Tom broke his leg.
5. Tom stopped hiking because he
 - (a) needed to rest.
 - (b) reached his goal.
 - (c) broke his leg.
 - (d) needed to eat lunch.
6. When two people hike,
 - (a) they often fight.
 - (b) one could go for help.
 - (c) all the food is used.
 - (d) no one will get hurt.

Some people think dandelions are useful plants. Other people think they are weeds. Many people don't want dandelions to grow on their lawns. They want neat green grass without flowers and leaves in it. These people work hard to pull dandelions out of their lawns. Some even try to get rid of dandelions with weed killer.

It's pretty hard to kill dandelions. They are very strong plants. Some of the leaves stay green in winter even if the weather gets quite cold.

Dandelions begin to bloom in the early spring. As soon as warm weather comes, they begin to have bright yellow flowers. The flowers close up tight at night. When the sun shines, they open up again.

Dandelion plants can be quite useful. The leaves can be eaten in salad. They also can be cooked and eaten as greens. Some people even make dandelion wine.

Is the dandelion a weed? What would you say if someone asked you that question?



1. Dandelions are
 - (a) small pink flowers.
 - (b) well-liked plants.
 - (c) the worst weeds.
 - (d) flowers or weeds.
2. Dandelion flowers open
 - (a) any time it rains.
 - (b) during the winter.
 - (c) when the sun shines.
 - (d) in a green salad.
3. To bloom is to
 - (a) need cooking.
 - (b) have flowers.
 - (c) grow very large.
 - (d) make salad.
4. Dandelions don't die in winter because
 - (a) people pick them.
 - (b) it doesn't get cold.
 - (c) they are strong plants.
 - (d) they close up at night.
5. People who call dandelions weeds
 - (a) don't like them.
 - (b) are always right.
 - (c) don't drink wine.
 - (d) use yellow flowers.
6. People who use dandelions
 - (a) don't think they are weeds.
 - (b) have very small lawns.
 - (c) use lots of weed killer.
 - (d) enjoy cold winters.

David Michaelowsky is a figure skater. That means he skates in a special way on the ice. Figure skating is a bit like dancing on the ice. It is not easy to do.

Good figure skaters have to work hard. They spend many hours skating, turning, twisting, and jumping. They practice so they can do well.

Like most figure skaters, David works hard. There is one big difference. David is deaf. He can't hear the music that plays while he skates. Even so, he does the figures on the ice in time to the music. How can he skate in time to the music when he can't hear it?

When he skates, David has a teacher, or coach, who helps him. His coach tells him when to start and when to stop, when to speed up and when to slow down. He uses hand signals to talk to David.

David skates very well. The people watching him clap hard and cheer him on. He can't hear them, but he can see their smiles. He is glad that they like to see him skate.

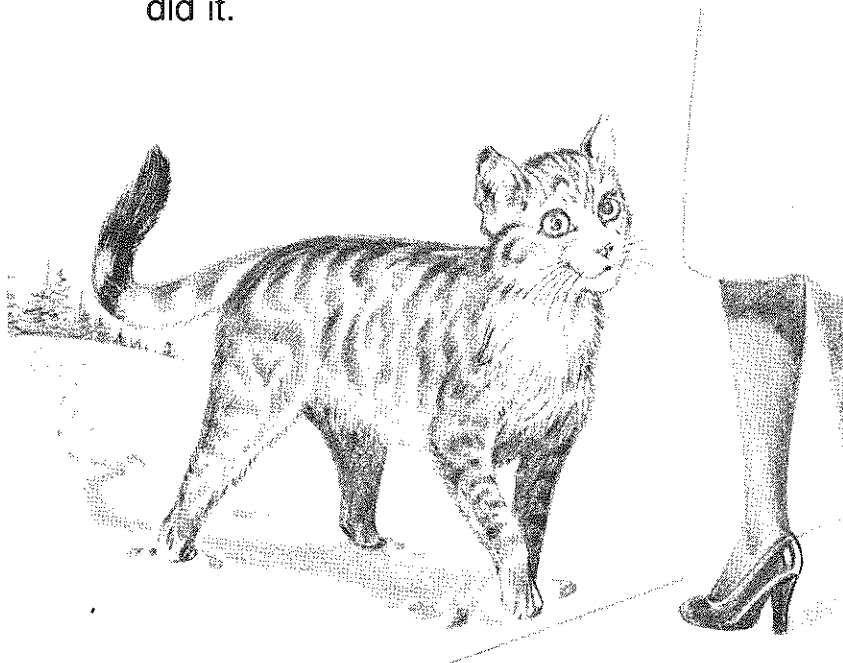
1. This story is mainly about
 - (a) a deaf figure skater.
 - (b) how to skate to music.
 - (c) working on the ice.
 - (d) how to go skiing.
2. Good figure skating takes
 - (a) no time at all.
 - (b) lots of hard work.
 - (c) very loud music.
 - (d) a coach with skates.
3. David isn't like other skaters
 - (a) in the way he skates.
 - (b) because he cannot hear.
 - (c) because he falls more.
 - (d) until he uses skis.
4. Figure skating is
 - (a) done on the grass.
 - (b) done to music.
 - (c) easy to do.
 - (d) nicest in summer.
5. To practice means to
 - (a) watch someone else.
 - (b) go to the movies.
 - (c) listen to music.
 - (d) work hard at something.
6. A deaf person
 - (a) can't see.
 - (b) talks a lot.
 - (c) is too fat.
 - (d) can't hear.

Tiger was glad to be home at last. She hadn't seen her family in a long time. She hadn't been home since summer vacation in Wisconsin, eight months earlier. Although it was snowy and cold at home in Iowa, Tiger seemed happy to be there again.

There was so much to tell about her 250-mile journey home, but Tiger did not speak. Her family had lots of questions, but Tiger wasn't giving any answers. Tiger is a cat.

Tiger's family didn't mean to leave her behind. They all had a happy vacation together. But nobody could find the cat when the car was packed and ready to go. Where had she been?

How had Tiger stayed alive for eight months away from home? How had she found her way home over so many miles? How had she crossed the Mississippi River? No one knows. Tiger got home healthy and fat. She just isn't telling anybody how she did it.



1. Tiger vanished
 - (a) from a car in Iowa.
 - (b) at the end of vacation.
 - (c) to swim in the Mississippi.
 - (d) for nearly eight years.
2. This story is about a cat that
 - (a) always stays home.
 - (b) enjoys catching mice.
 - (c) was gone a long time.
 - (d) doesn't like its home.
3. Tiger's home is in
 - (a) Iowa.
 - (b) Mississippi.
 - (c) a pick-up truck.
 - (d) Wisconsin.
4. Which happened last?
 - (a) Tiger came home.
 - (b) Tiger crossed the river.
 - (c) The snow fell.
 - (d) The vacation ended.
5. No one knows how Tiger got home
 - (a) and no one really cares.
 - (b) because cats can't tell.
 - (c) because she crossed a river.
 - (d) but it must have been easy.
6. A journey is a
 - (a) travel story.
 - (b) type of wagon.
 - (c) short walk.
 - (d) very long trip.