



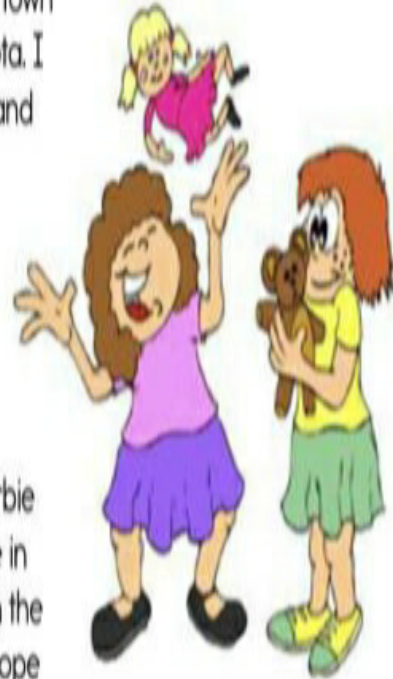
**Welcome
class!**





Calliope is my new friend. She is 6 and just moved to our town from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I have never been to South Dakota. I grew up in Rhode Island. Calliope said that she lived on a farm and had cows and pigs. I only have a dog, I'd love to have a pig! Calliope has 4 brothers, but I am an only child. She also likes country music, but I prefer to listen to Top 40. We are pretty different

After knowing Calliope for a few weeks, though, I realized that we are a lot alike, too. We both like to read. I have seventeen Barbie dolls, and Calliope has 15! We like to share Barbie clothes. I have a collection of shells I found at the beaches here in Rhode Island and Calliope has a bunch of rocks she collected in the hills of South Dakota. Some even have fossils in them! I think Calliope



Answer these questions about the text.

1. Who are the main characters?

2. Where had Calliope lived?

3. How were the two friends different?

4. How were the two friends alike?



A SCIENTIST AND HIS CHAUFFEUR

A famous scientist was getting tired of giving lectures because he wanted to spend more time in his laboratory carrying out his important experiments. One night as they were driving to another lecture, he told his chauffeur that he was fed-up with lecturing.

"I've got an idea," his chauffeur said. "I've heard you give this lecture so many times, I bet I could give it! I look a lot like you. We both have white hair, a white moustache and we wear glasses. What do you think?"

The scientist laughed and said, "Why not? Let's do it!"

When they arrived at the lecture theatre, the scientist put his chauffeur's coat and cap on, then he sat at the back of the room. The chauffeur gave a brilliant version of the lecture and even answered a few questions expertly. Then a show-off professor asked an extremely complicated question to let everyone in the audience know how clever he was.

Without hesitating, the chauffeur looked directly at the professor and answered, "Sir, the answer to that question is so simple that I will let my secretary, who is sitting at the back, answer it for me."



Match up the terms from the passage with their synonyms/definitions:

CHAUFFEUR	COMPLEX
FED-UP	POMPOUS
BRILLIANT	DRIVER
EXPERTLY	SICK AND TIRED
SHOW-OFF	EXCELLENT
COMPLICATED	KNOWLEDGEABLY

TASK: Storyboard this story. Draw four equal boxes; draw basic diagrams and tell the story in your own words. You can include direct speech.

Read the passage and answer the questions in full sentences.

- 1) Why was the scientist getting sick of giving lectures?
- 2) What was happening when he told his chauffeur about how he felt?
- 3) What did the driver suggest?
- 4) Why did the driver think his suggestion would work?
- 5) What did the scientist do when they arrived at the lecture theatre?
- 6) How did the chauffeur do when he gave the lecture?
- 7) Who asked a difficult question, and why?
- 8) What did the chauffeur do when he was asked the complex question?
- 9) What do you think about the chauffeur's reply?
- 10) Many believe this story is true. Who do you think the scientist might be? Justify your answer.

The Town Clock

Our mayor is always raising money for one cause or another, but he has never managed to



get enough money to have the town clock repaired. The big clock, which used to strike the hours day and night was damaged during the war and has been silent ever since. One night, however, our mayor woke up with a start: the clock was striking the hours! Looking at his watch, he saw that it was one o'clock, but the bell struck thirteen times before it stopped. Armed with a torch, the vicar went up into the clock tower to see what was going on. In the torchlight, he caught sight of a figure whom he immediately recognized as Bill Wilkins, our local grocer.

'Whatever are you doing up here Bill?' asked the mayor in surprise. 'I'm trying to repair the bell,' answered Bill. 'I've been coming up here night after night for weeks now. You see, I was hoping to give you a surprise.' 'You certainly did give me a surprise!' said the mayor. 'You've probably woken up everyone in the village as well'. Still, I am glad the bell is working again. 'That's the trouble, mayor,' answered Bill. 'It's working all right, but I'm afraid that at one o'clock it will strike thirteen times and there's nothing I can do about it.' 'We'll get used to that Bill,' said the mayor. 'Thirteen is not as good as one, but it's better than nothing. Now let's go downstairs and have a cup of tea.'

A. Read the passage again and then answer the following questions:

1. What woke the mayor up?

2. What was the time?

3. How many times did the clock strike?

4. Where did the mayor go?

5. What did he take with him?



Last week my family and I went to see the circus that came to my town. I was very excited because I had never been to a circus before. Right away the ringmaster introduced the first act. Two acrobats hung from wires high above my head. They did flips and spins and twirls. Next, a small car came out and drove around in circles. When it stopped, clowns began to pile out. I counted them as they climbed out of the tiny car...one, two, three...eight, nine, ten! Wow!

As the circus went on I saw elephants doing tricks, seals balancing balls on their noses, and a fire-eater! The last act was my favorite. A magician waved his wand and made a lady disappear, and then reappear! It was amazing! I really enjoyed my first circus!



Answer these questions about the text.

1. Where does the story take place?

2. Who went to the circus?

3. What were some of the acts at the circus?

4. What was the girl's favorite act?



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