

Read-So-Well

Selected Stories with Narration

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Good Essay 1: Butterfly Kisses



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Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father on Christmas morning and said, “This is for you Daddy.” He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found the box was empty. He yelled at her, “Don’t you know that when you give someone a present there is supposed to be something inside of it?” The little girl looked up at him with tears and said, “Oh, Daddy, it’s not empty. I blew kisses into the box, all for you, Daddy.”

The father was crushed; he put his arms around his little girl and he begged for her forgiveness. My friend told me that he kept that gold box by his bed for years. Whenever he felt discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there. In a very real sense, each of us, as parents, has been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold. (Author Unknown)

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- ② 発音の正確さ
- ③ 声の大きさ
- ④ 聞きやすい速度
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音読回数チェック

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Chunking Analysis

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ゆっくり目のチャンク

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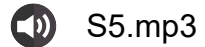
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早目のチャンク

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Story-5: Puppies for Sale



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A sign above a shop read: “Puppies for Sale.”

Signs like these have a way of grabbing the attention of the children. A small boy, upon seeing the sign, entered the shop asking: “How much are you selling the puppies for?”

The shop owner said: “Anywhere from \$30 to \$50.”

The little boy removed all the money he had from his pocket. “I have \$2.37,” he said. “Can I please look at them?”

The shop owner smiled and whistled. From the kennel, five cute puppies ran out. One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Pointing at the dog the little boy asked: “what is wrong with that one?”

The shopkeeper explained: “the hip socket of the puppy is missing. At least that is what the veterinarian said. It will never walk properly again.”

The little boy cheered with excitement: “That is the puppy that I want to buy.” “You don’t have to buy that dog. You can have it for free.”

The little boy was upset. He looked up at the shop owner and said:

“I don't want you to give him to me. That dog is of equal worth as the rest of the dogs. I'll give you \$2.37 now, and 50 cents a month until I have him fully paid for.”

The shopkeeper replied: “Are you sure you want this dog? It is never going to walk, run or play with you.”

The little boy lifted one side of his pants up exposing his crippled legs supported on a big metal brace. He looked up at the shop owner and softly replied, “Well, I don't run so well myself, and the little puppy will need someone who understands!”

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