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BOOK 1

TOTALLY TROUBLE

Building Vocabulary Through Reading



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Hello, My Name Is Scott



1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.
What is the story about? Now read it.

ST. LOUIS, USA ¹One day, Scott Ginsberg, 23, went to a meeting* and put on a nametag**. It said, "Hello, my name is Scott."²After the meeting, Scott forgot all about his nametag and went out to a restaurant with the nametag still on his shirt. ³Strangers were friendly to him and began conversations. "Hello, Scott!" they said. "What's up?***" Scott met 20 people that night and had a wonderful time.

⁴Now Scott wears a nametag all the time—at work and on weekends. ⁵He meets new people

everywhere—at parks, movies, and supermarkets. ⁶"Most people want to be friendly," he says. "But they're afraid. Nametags make people comfortable. They break the silence, the walls between people."

* meeting: when two or more people meet to talk

** nametag: a paper with your name that you put on a shirt or coat

*** What's up?: What's new?

NEW WORDS

go out *v*

restaurant *n*

still *adv*

stranger *n*

friendly *adj*

conversation *n*

everywhere *adv*

park *n*

make *v*

comfortable *adj*

silence *n*

wall *n*

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2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.

Not at All

①

②

③

④

A Lot

⑤

3. Check your comprehension

Put the sentences in the correct order. Number them 1–6. The first one is done for you.

- a. ___ He now wears a nametag everywhere.
- b. ___ Later, he went out to eat with the nametag still on.
- c. ___ He had a wonderful time that night!
- d. ___ He put on a nametag.
- e. 1 Scott Ginsberg went to a meeting.
- f. ___ A lot of strangers talked to Scott.

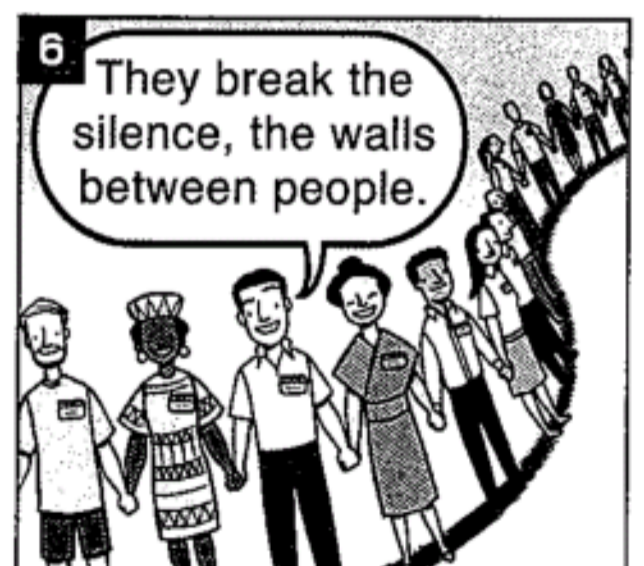
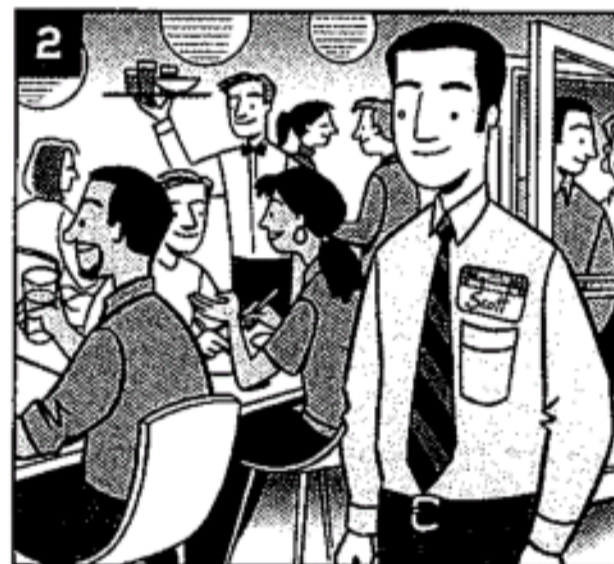
4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- a. Scott forgot about his nametag and w_____ out to a rest_____.
- b. St_____s began _____ersations with him.
- c. Nametags, Scott says, m_____ people com_____.
- d. Nametags break the sil_____, the w____s between people.

5. Listen to the story (Ⓛ) track 2

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

- What happened the first time Scott went out with his nametag on?
- Where does Scott meet people now?
- What does Scott say about nametags? What do they do?
- What do you think? Are people afraid to be friendly?

About you...

- Do you like to go out on weekends? Where?
- Where do you meet new people?
- How do you begin conversations with them?
- How can we be more friendly?

8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

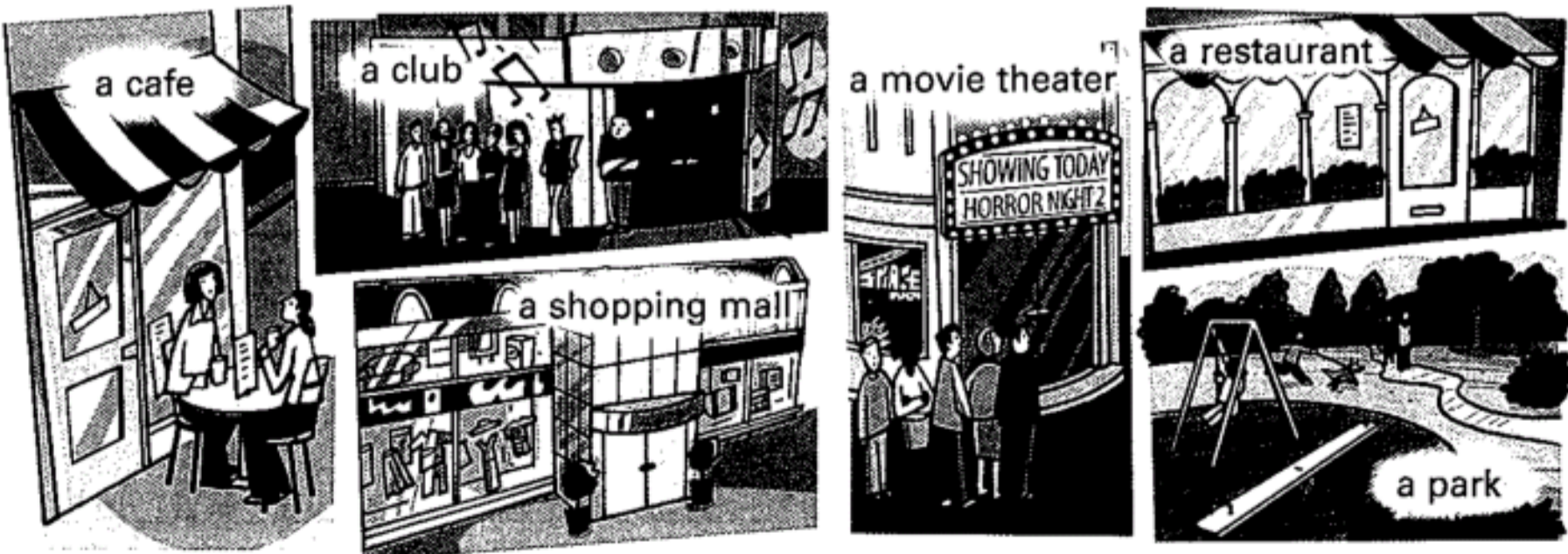
GO OUT			
go out	to	a restaurant a movie eat	Scott went out to a restaurant. <i>On weekends, Young-hee likes to go out to a movie.</i> <i>I don't often go out to eat at Burger Boy.</i>
	for	coffee dinner	<i>My friends love to go out for coffee.</i> <i>I went out for dinner yesterday with Ichiro.</i>

- My friends and I like to go out _____.
- I don't often _____ out _____.
- I went _____ for _____ with _____.

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the pictures.

PLACES TO MEET FRIENDS



- I like to meet my friends at _____.
- We never meet at _____.
- It's expensive to go out to _____ in my town.

10. Take a dictation track 3

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

everywhere strangers silence make parks friendly

Say Hello!

ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS A Dutch politician* did not like the (1) _____ in Rotterdam. He wanted to (2) _____ people more (3) _____. So he put up a big sign** in Rotterdam. "Say Hello," the sign says.

The politician, Joel van der Meer, moved to Rotterdam last year. Before that, he lived in a small town in the north of the Netherlands. There, he says, people say hello to (4) _____ on the street, in cafes, and in (5) _____. "When I came to Rotterdam last year, I was shocked***. People here don't say hello on the street."

Van der Meer now wants to put up "Say Hello" signs (6) _____ in Rotterdam. "I want people to be friends," he says.



* politician: someone who works in the government

** sign: a thing with writing or a picture on it that tells you something

*** shocked: very surprised



Talk about the stories

How are the stories of Scott Ginsberg and Joel van der Meer similar? How are they different?

Python Boy



1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.
What is the story about? Now read it.

SIT TBOW, CAMBODIA ¹Oeun Sambath, 3, has an **unusual** best friend. It is a **huge** python*—four meters long! ²Oeun and his python, Lucky, are always **together**. ³When they sleep, Lucky makes a big **circle** with his body. Little Oeun is in the **middle**, with his head on Lucky's head. ⁴Oeun's mother is not **worried** about her son.

⁵Oeun gets a lot of visitors. "He's a **special** child," they say. "Maybe he was a son of a dragon** in his last **life**." ⁶The boy does not like to

be away from his **favorite** friend. Once the family took a **trip**, but they did not stay away long. "My son **missed** Lucky," said his mother. "So we came back early."

*python: a big, dangerous snake

**dragon: a big animal with fire in its mouth; it is not a real animal

NEW WORDS

unusual *adj*
huge *adj*
together *adv*

circle *n*
middle *n*
worried *adj*

special *adj*
life *n*
favorite *adj*

trip *n*
miss *v*

>> See Glossary on page 88. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.

Not at All A Lot

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

3. Check your comprehension

Check (✓) the endings that are true. The first one is done for you.

a. Oeun is

- a special child.
- always with Lucky.
- a dragon.
- three years old.

b. Lucky is

- a dragon.
- a python.
- Oeun's favorite friend.
- very big.

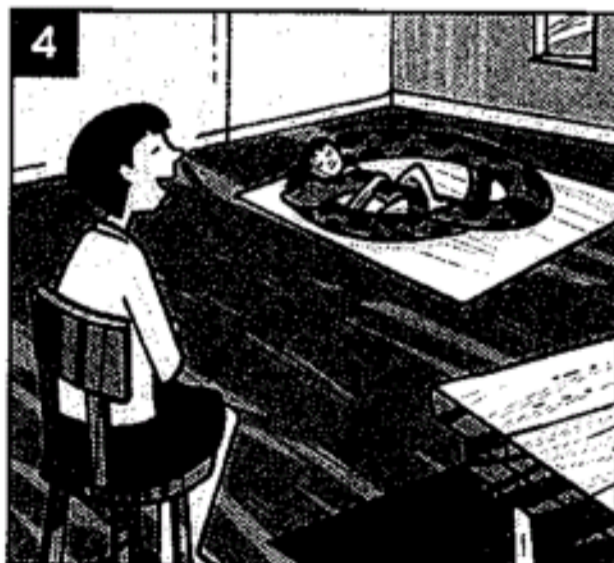
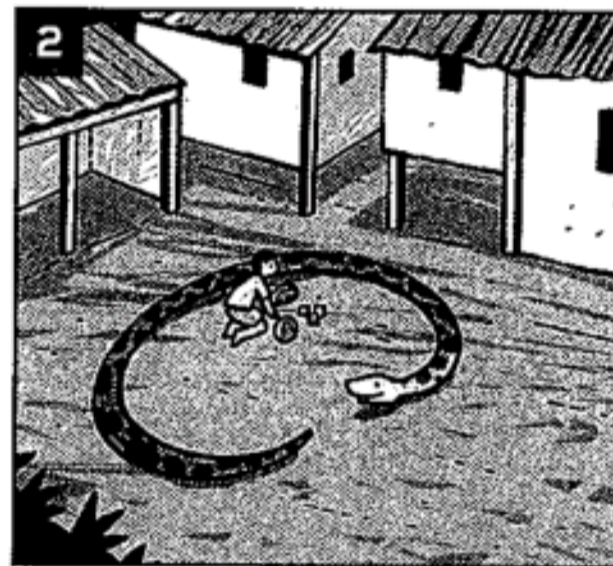
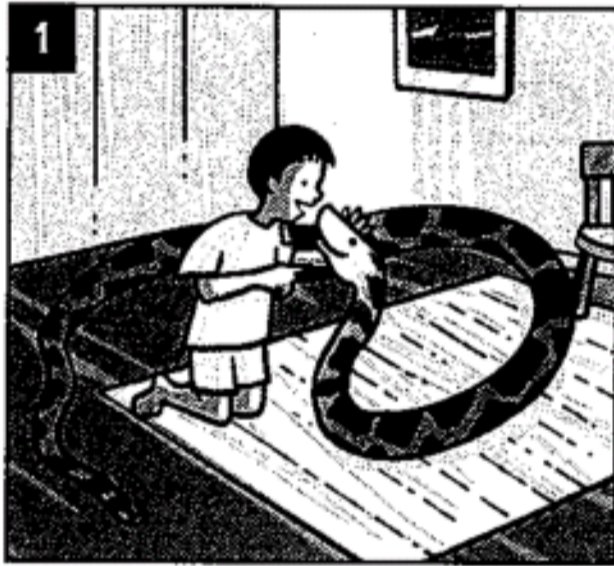
4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- a. Lucky is a h_____ and unu_____ friend for a small boy.
- b. Lucky makes a big ci_____ with his body, and Oeun sleeps in the mi_____.
- c. Oeun sleeps with his head on Lucky's head, but his mother isn't wo_____.
- d. Oeun m_____ed Lucky when the family took a t_____.

5. Listen to the story track 4

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

- How do the boy and the python sleep?
- What do visitors say about the boy?
- What happened when the family took a trip?
- Would you like to meet Oeun or Lucky? Why or why not?

About you...

- Who is your best friend? How often are you together?
- What is your favorite animal? Why?
- Where did you go on your last trip?
- What do you miss most when you take a trip away from home?

8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

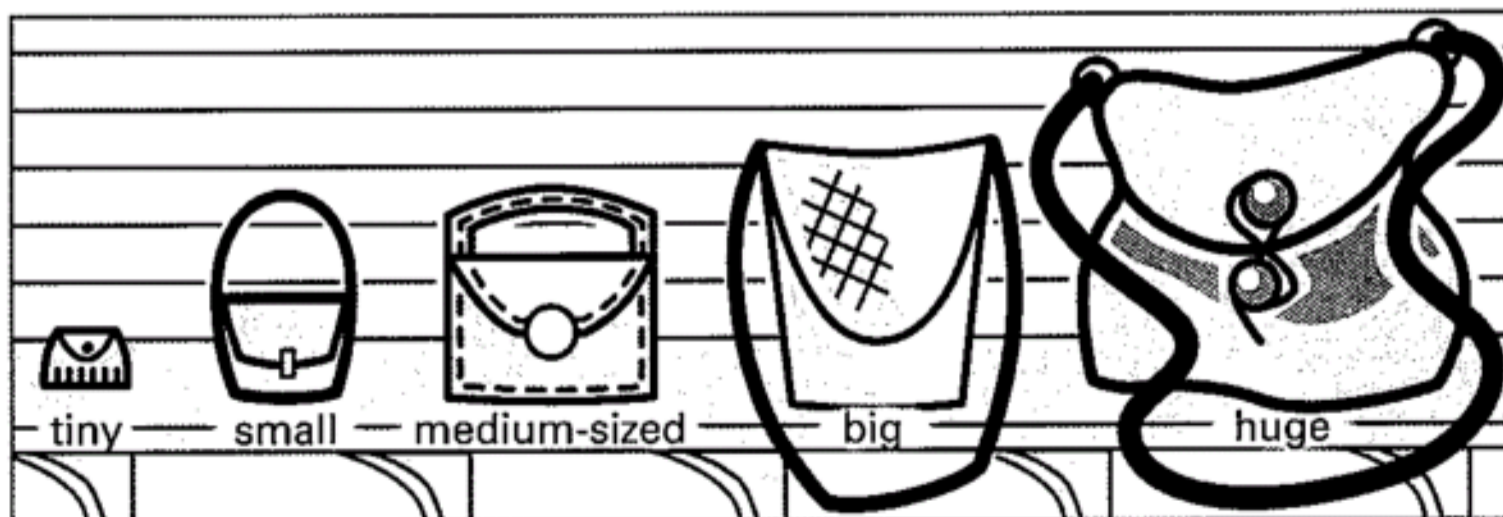
TRIP		
take plan	a trip	Oeun's family took a trip. <i>We are planning a trip to Hong Kong in August.</i>
a two-week a long/short an exciting	trip	<i>Ming wants to take a two-week trip to Seoul.</i> <i>John is planning a short trip to Egypt.</i> <i>Last summer, I took an exciting trip to Kyoto.</i>

- I want to take _____.
- My family is planning _____.
- Last year, I _____ a _____ trip to _____.

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the picture.

SIZES



- I wear _____ shoes.
- I would like to live in a _____ house.
- I live in a _____ town, in a _____ country.

10. Take a dictation (🎧) track 5

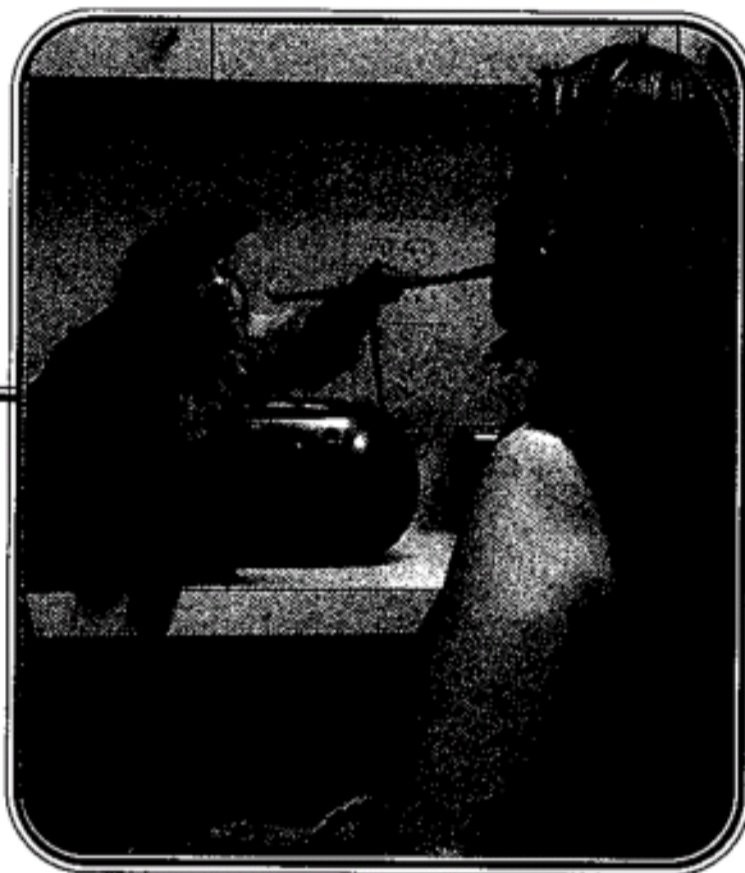
Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

worried unusual together tiny life favorite

Monkey Is Woman's Best Friend



BOSTON, USA Becky Thompson has a special best friend. She is a (1) _____ monkey*, and her name is Kristi. Kristi began to live with Thompson in 1998. Now they are always (2) _____. Thompson had an accident, and she cannot move her arms or legs. So Kristi does Thompson's hair. She helps

her with the phone. She gets food** for Thompson and plays her (3) _____ CD.

Thompson needs a lot of help, but she is not (4) _____. "Kristi helps me with everything. Before I had a monkey, my (5) _____ was in black and white. Now it is in color, and everything is good. She is my baby***." Monkeys are (6) _____ helpers, but nearly 100 people in the USA now have a monkey to help them.

*monkey: an animal with a long tail that can run up trees

**food: people and animals eat food to live

***baby: a word that you use for someone you love



Talk about the stories

Which animal would you like for a friend—a python or a monkey? Why?