



Home and School

TEN EASY PICTURE STORIES
FOR BEGINNING STUDENTS
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Welcome! This book has stories about life at home and at school. Enjoy!

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Niki and Matt are classmates



Her name is Niki.



His name is Matt.



They are happy.



They are friends.



They go to English class.



They are talking. "Hi! How are you?"



"I'm good. Thanks. How are you?"



Comprehension Questions



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Discussion Question

Introduce yourself: What is your first name? What is your last name? Where are you from?

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Minako and Tom study in the computer lab



Her name is Minako.



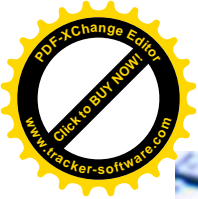
Her classroom is big.



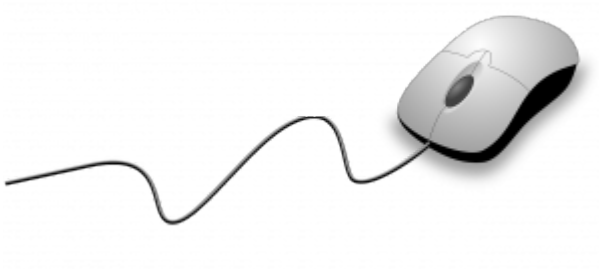
She studies English on a computer.



This is a monitor. She reads on a monitor.



This is a keyboard. She types on a keyboard.



This is a mouse. She clicks with a mouse.



Minako listens to the computer.



A classmate says "Shh!"



Minako uses headphones.



Tom asks, "Where is a printer?"



“It’s over there.”



Tom sees the printer.



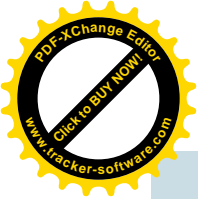
“Thanks!”

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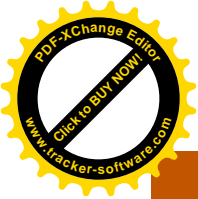
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Discussion Question

What things are in your classroom? Point to them.

- computer
- monitor
- mouse
- keyboard
- headphones
- printer

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Wu buys food



Wu buys food.



He buys lemons.



Wu buys garlic.



He buys rice.



He buys fish.



He buys apples.



He buys cabbage.



Wu goes home. He cooks dinner.

Comprehension Questions



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Discussion Question

What is your favorite food? What foods are from your country?

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Omar goes to the doctor



His name is Omar.



Her name is Rosa.



They are married.



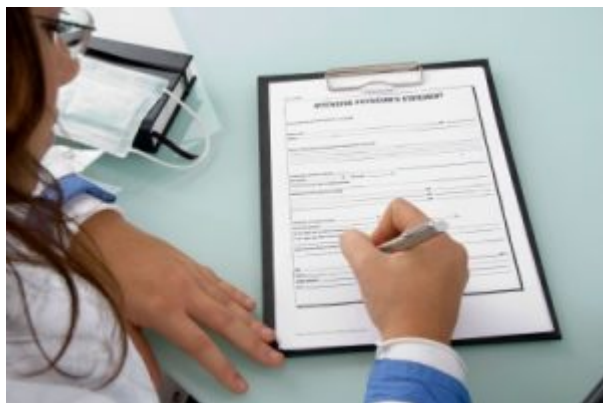
They are parents. He is a father. She is a mother. They have two children.
They have two daughters.



They don't have a son.



Omar is sick today.



They visit the doctor's office.



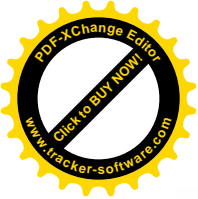
They talk to a nurse.



“How many children do you have?”



“We have two daughters.”



“How old are your daughters?”



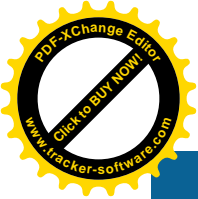
Rosa answers, “One is 3 years old. One is 4 years old.”



Here is the doctor.



“Omar is OK.”



Comprehension Questions



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Discussion Question

How do you feel today?

- I feel great!
- I feel OK.
- I am tired.
- I don't feel well. I am sick.

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Sunee and Chet live in an apartment



Her name is Sunee.



His name is Chet.



They are married.



They are husband and wife.



They live in Portland.



They live in an apartment.



Chet is in the kitchen. He cooks dinner.



Sunee is in the living room. She studies English.



They have a son. He plays a game.



They have a daughter. She does homework.



The children are in the living room.



“Dinner is ready. Let’s eat!”



They watch TV after dinner.

Comprehension Questions



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Discussion Question

What do you do after dinner?

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Bob gets ready for school



His name is Bob.



Bob needs things for school. He has a list.

- 1. Pencil**
- 2. Rubber band**
- 3. Eraser**
- 4. Pen**
- 5. Paperclip**

Bob needs five things.



He asks his mother. "Do you have a pencil?"



"No, I don't have a pencil."



She has rubber bands.



“Thanks!”



Bob asks his father. "Do you have a pencil?"



"No, I don't have a pencil."



His father has an eraser.



“Thanks!”



He asks his sisters. "Do you have a pencil?"



"No, we don't have a pencil."



They have a pen.



“Thanks!”



Bob asks his brother. "Do you have a pencil?"



“No, I don’t have a pencil.”



His brother has a paperclip.



“Thanks!”

- 1. Pencil**
- 2. Rubber band**
- 3. Eraser**
- 4. Pen**
- 5. Paperclip**

Bob needs five things. He has four things.



Bob doesn't have a pencil.



Who has a pencil?

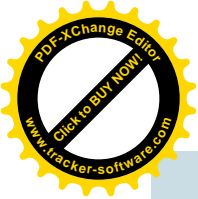


“Thank you, Max!”



“Woof!”

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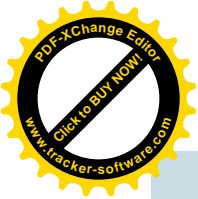
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Discussion Question

Find these things in your classroom:

1. Pencil
2. Rubber band
3. Eraser
4. Pen
5. Paper clip

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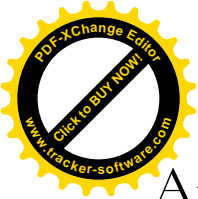
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Ann visits the market



Her name is Ann.



Ann buys food at a market.



The market has many fruits and vegetables.



There are red tomatoes.



There are brown mushrooms.



There is a watermelon.

Yellow Corn
Red Apples
Green Peppers

Ann has a list.



“Do you have red apples?”



“No. We don’t have apples. We have pears.”



“I have red apples.” Ann buys red apples.



Ann sees green peppers, red peppers, and yellow peppers. She buys a green pepper.



She sees red grapes.



She sees cabbage.



She sees garlic.



Ann buys yellow corn ...



... and one orange for a snack.



*Yellow Corn
Red Apples
Green Peppers*

Ann reads her list. “Do I have everything?”



Ann sees one more thing flowers!



She has fruits, vegetables, and flowers.



“Now it’s time to make something to eat!”

Comprehension Questions



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Discussion Question

Where do you buy food? What do you buy?

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Hugo goes to school and work



He is Hugo. His dog is Luis.



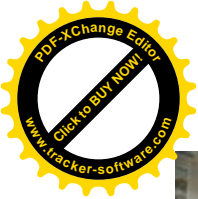
Hugo is a student. He has English class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.



He takes a bus to school.



Sometimes he rides his bike.



He has many friends in English class.



He studies in the computer lab.





Hugo has a job. He works on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. He takes the train to work.



He drives a truck.



Sometimes he drives a van.



Every day, Hugo walks outside. He walks with his Luis. They go to a park.



They do not like the rain.



Luis does not like water.



“Is it raining today?”

Comprehension Questions



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Discussion Question

How do you come to school? Do you drive? Do you take the bus?

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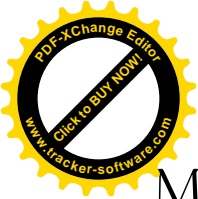
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Malee asks about the weather



She is Malee.



She lives in Portland. The weather is beautiful today.



She calls her parents. They live in California. “How is the weather today?”



“It’s nice. It’s warm and sunny.”



Malee’s aunt lives in Thailand. She calls her aunt. “How is the weather today?”



“It is very hot today.”



Her friend is Ahmed. He lives in Seattle. Malee texts Ahmed.



Her friend Laura is in Toronto.



“Hi, Laura. How is the weather in Toronto?”



“It’s cold and snowy. I have my hat, my scarf, and my gloves.”



Malee calls her friend Lou. He lives in England. “How is the weather today?”



“It’s cold and rainy. I need my umbrella.”



Malee calls her friend Tom. “How is the weather in Spain?”



“It is nice. I can eat lunch outside.”



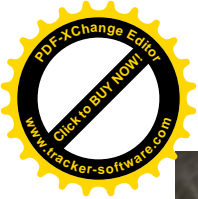
Malee's friend Susan is at the beach. "How is the weather?"



"It is windy and foggy. I can't see the ocean."



Malee calls her husband. His name is Joe.



Joe doesn't answer his phone.

Comprehension Questions



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Discussion Question

How is the weather today? How was the weather yesterday?
Go to weather.com. How is the weather in your country?

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Valentine's Day is February 14. Some people give candy, flowers, and cards to the person they love. (February 14 is also Oregon's birthday!)



Mother's Day is in May. We remember our mothers in many ways.



Memorial Day is also in May. Memorial Day is the last Monday in May. We remember people who died in war.



Father's Day is in June. We remember our fathers in many ways.



Independence Day is July 4. Our country's birthday is July 4, 1776. We often have flags, fireworks, picnics, and parades.





Labor Day is in September. Labor Day is the first Monday in September. We remember all workers.



Halloween is October 31. Children wear fun costumes, and they get candy.



Veterans Day is November 11. We remember all soldiers.

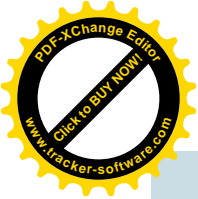


Thanksgiving Day is in November. Families often spend time together and eat a big meal.



Christmas is December 25. There are many holidays in December, such as Hanakkuh, Kwanzaa, and the winter solstice. We like to spend time with our friends and family.

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Discussion Question

Tell your classmates about a holiday in your country.

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