

THIRD EDITION

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TRUE STORIES

In the News

A **BEGINNING** READER



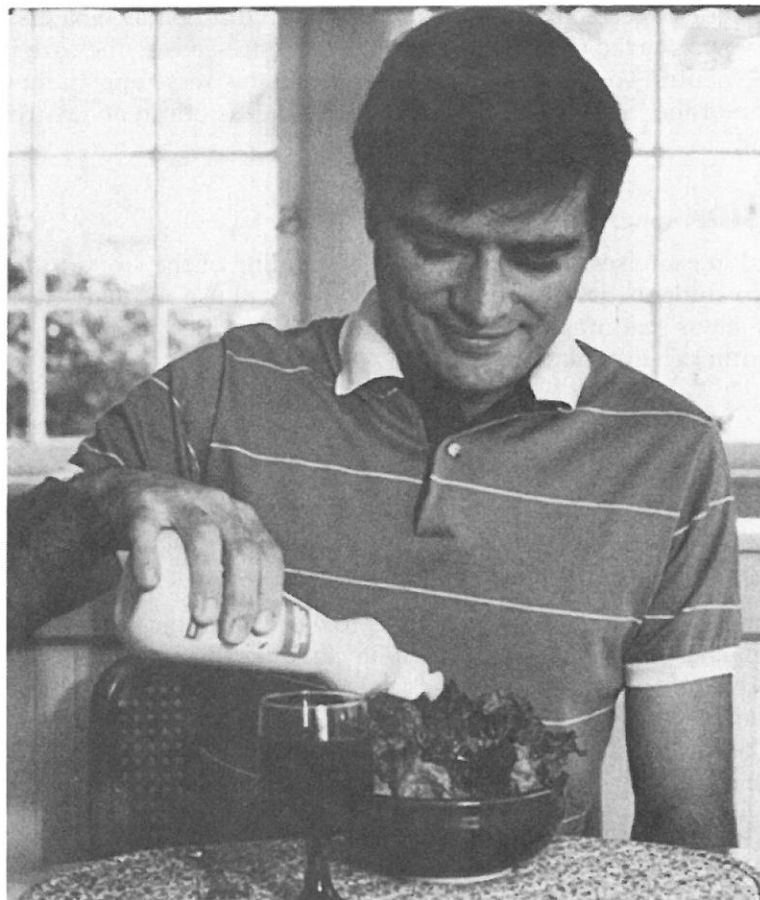
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UNIT 1



1. PRE-READING

Look at the picture.

- ▶ What is the man putting on his salad?
- ▶ Why do you think he is doing that?

Read the title of the story. Look at the picture again.

- ▶ What do you think this story is about?
- ▶ Can you guess what happens?

Dish Soap for Dinner

Joe came home from work and opened his mailbox. In his mailbox, he found a yellow bottle of soap—soap for washing dishes.

The dish soap was a free sample from a soap company. The company mailed small bottles of soap to millions of people. It was a new soap with a little lemon juice in it. The company wanted people to try it.

Joe looked at his free bottle of soap. There was a picture of two lemons on the label. Over the lemons were the words “with Real Lemon Juice.”

“Good!” Joe thought. “A free sample of lemon juice! I’m going to have a salad for

dinner. This lemon juice will taste good on my salad.” Joe put the soap on his salad and ate it. After Joe ate the salad, he felt sick.

Joe wasn’t the only person who got sick. A lot of people thought the soap was lemon juice. They put the soap on fish, on salads, and in tea. Later they felt sick, too. Some people had stomachaches but felt better in a few hours. Some people felt really sick and went to the hospital. Luckily, no one died from eating the soap.

What can we learn from Joe’s story? Read labels carefully. And don’t eat dish soap for dinner!

2. VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences. Find the right words. Circle the letter of your answer.

1. The dish soap was a _____ from a soap company.
a. letter
☒ b. free sample
c. mailbox
2. The company wanted people to _____ the soap.
a. try
b. eat
c. mail
3. There was a picture of two lemons on the _____.
a. soap company
b. label
c. salad
4. What can we learn from Joe’s story? Read labels _____.
a. fast
b. happily
c. carefully

3. COMPREHENSION

◆ REMEMBERING DETAILS

One word in each sentence is not correct. Find the word and cross it out. Write the correct word.

1. In his mailbox, Joe found a ^{yellow}~~green~~ bottle of soap.
2. The dish soap was a free ticket from a soap company.
3. It was a new soap with a little orange juice in it.
4. The company wanted people to eat it.
5. There was a picture of two bananas on the label.
6. Joe put the soap on his dishes.
7. After he ate the salad, Joe felt fine.
8. A lot of people thought the soup was lemon juice.
9. They put the soap on fish, on salads, and in coffee.

◆ UNDERSTANDING CAUSE AND EFFECT

Find the best way to complete each sentence. Write the letter of your answer on the line.

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. The company mailed soap to people <u>d</u> | a. because they ate the soap and got sick. |
| 2. There was a picture of two lemons on the label ____ | b. because he thought the soap was lemon juice. |
| 3. Joe put the soap on his salad ____ | c. because the soap had a little lemon juice in it. |
| 4. Some people went to the hospital ____ | d. because it wanted people to try the soap. |

◆ UNDERSTANDING A SUMMARY

Imagine this: You want to tell the story "Dish Soap for Dinner" to a friend. You want to tell the story quickly, in only two sentences. Which two sentences tell the story best? Check (✓) your answer.

- ☐ 1. Joe came home from work and opened his mailbox. He was happy because he found a free sample—a yellow bottle of dish soap.
- ☐ 2. A soap company mailed soap to millions of people. Some people thought the soap was lemon juice, so they ate it and got sick.

4. DISCUSSION

Joe made a mistake: He put dish soap on his salad. Do you have a story about a mistake you made? Did you make a mistake when you

- ▶ traveled by plane, bus, train, or subway?
- ▶ bought food?
- ▶ ordered food in a restaurant?
- ▶ used a computer?
- ▶ used a phone?
- ▶ went to school?
- ▶ went to work?

On the lines below, write a few sentences about your experience. Then share your sentences with a partner. Here, for example, is what one student wrote.

I made a mistake when I traveled by subway. I wanted to go to the library, but I went to a town called Library.

5. WRITING

Read this story. It is in the present tense. On your own paper, write the story again in the past tense.

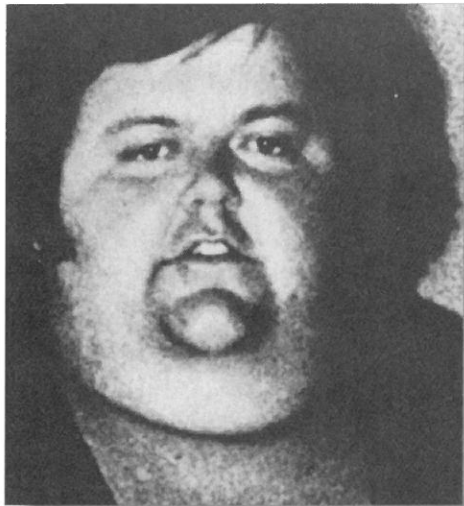
Joe comes home from work and opens his mailbox. In his mailbox, he finds a free sample of dish soap. The dish soap has a little lemon juice in it.

Joe looks at his bottle of soap. There is a picture of two lemons on the label. Over the lemons are the words "with Real Lemon Juice."

Joe thinks the soap is lemon juice. He puts it on his salad and eats it. After he eats the salad, he feels sick. Poor Joe!

Joe came home from work and opened his mailbox.

UNIT 2



1. PRE-READING

Look at the pictures.

- ▶ Do they show two different men or the same man?
- ▶ What are the man and woman doing?

Read the title of the story. Look at the pictures again.

- ▶ What do you think this story is about?
- ▶ Can you guess what happens?

A New Man

The man in the first picture lives in Northern Ireland. His name is Roley McIntyre. Roley McIntyre was big—he was very big. He weighed 600 pounds.¹

For lunch Roley ate ten pieces of bacon, four eggs, ten potatoes, and fried vegetables. For dinner he ate meat and more potatoes, and after dinner he always ate dessert. Before he went to bed, he ate a few sandwiches and some cake.

Roley couldn't drive a regular car because he was too big. He couldn't fit in the front seat. Roley had a special car. It had no front seat. Roley drove his car from the back seat.

One day Roley went to the doctor. The doctor said, "Mr. McIntyre, you have a special car. Now you need to buy a special coffin—a coffin for a very big man. You have to lose weight, or you're going to die soon."

Roley went on a diet. For breakfast he ate cereal with nonfat milk. For lunch he ate baked beans on toast. For dinner he ate fish and vegetables.

After Roley began to lose weight, he met a pretty woman. Her name was Josephine. Josephine told Roley, "Don't stop your diet."

Roley didn't stop his diet. He continued to lose weight. In 18 months, he lost 400 pounds.²

Two years after Roley started his diet, he and Josephine got married. You can see them together in the second picture. Roley and Josephine are wearing a pair of Roley's old pants.

¹ 272 kilograms

² 181 kilograms

2. VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences. Find the right words. Circle the letter of your answer.

- After dinner Roley ate cake, cookies, or ice cream. He always ate _____.
 - lunch
 - ☒ dessert
 - breakfast
- Roley couldn't drive a regular car because he was too big. He couldn't _____ in the front seat.
 - fit
 - stand
 - see
- The doctor told Roley, "You have a special car. Now you need to buy a special _____ because you're going to die soon."
 - refrigerator
 - garage
 - coffin
- The doctor told Roley, "You are too big. You have to go on a diet. Don't eat potatoes and dessert. You need to _____."
 - eat more
 - lose weight
 - buy clothes

3. COMPREHENSION

◆ LOOKING FOR DETAILS

What did Roley eat when he was big? Find the words in the story. Write them here.

bacon

eggs

What did Roley eat when he was on a diet? Find the words in the story. Write them here.

cereal with nonfat milk

◆ REVIEWING THE STORY

Complete each sentence. Then read the story again and check your answers.

Roley McIntyre was very big. He *weighed* 600 pounds. Roley couldn't drive a regular car. He couldn't fit in the front , so Roley's car had no front seat. He could drive his car from the seat.

Roley's doctor said, "Mr. McIntyre, you have to lose weight, or you're going to soon." Roley went on a . He began to lose . He met a pretty . She told Roley, "Don't your diet." Roley didn't stop his diet; he lost 400 .

Two years after Roley started his diet, Roley and Josephine got .

◆ **UNDERSTANDING CAUSE AND EFFECT**

Find the best way to complete each sentence. Write the letter of your answer on the line.

1. Roley McIntyre was big c
 2. Roley couldn't drive a regular car ____
 3. Roley needed to buy a coffin ____
 4. Roley ate only fish and vegetables for dinner ____
 5. Roley and Josephine could wear a pair of Roley's old pants ____
- a. because he was going to die.
 - b. because he was on a diet.
 - c. because he ate a lot.
 - d. because he couldn't fit in the front seat.
 - e. because the pants were very big.

4. WRITING/DISCUSSION

What did you usually eat for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks in your native country? What do you usually eat in the United States?

A. Complete the chart.

	IN MY NATIVE COUNTRY, I USUALLY ATE	IN THE UNITED STATES, I USUALLY EAT
Breakfast		
Lunch		
Dinner		
Snacks		

B. Take turns reading your chart to a partner.

- ▶ Do you and your partner eat the same food?
- ▶ Which food do you think is healthier—the food you ate in your native country or the food you eat in the United States?