



# True Stories 2

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# UNIT 1



## 1 PRE-READING

**A** Look at the picture. Answer the questions.

1. Do you like to eat salad? What is your favorite type of salad?
2. What meal do you like to eat salad with? Lunch? Dinner?
3. What do you like to put on your salad? For example, oil? Lemon juice?

**B** Read the title of the story. Look at the picture again. Answer the questions.

1. What do you think this story is about?
2. 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 the 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. Joe thought, “This lemon juice will \_\_\_\_\_ good on my salad.”
  - a. look
  - b. taste
  - c. feel
5. 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 <sup>yellow</sup>~~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 the answer on the line.

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| 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 thought the dish soap was lemon juice. People make mistakes when they don't read labels carefully. They often make mistakes in other situations, too—when they travel, shop, cook, or use technology.

**A** Do you have a story about a mistake you made? On the lines below, write a few sentences about your experience. 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.*

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**B** Share your experience in a small group. Try not to read your sentences. Look at your classmates as you tell your story.

## 5 WRITING

**A** Read Joe's story again. It's in the present 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!

**B** On the lines below, write the story again in the past tense. The first sentence is done for you.

*Joe came home from work and opened his mailbox.*

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# UNIT 2



## 1 PRE-READING

**A** Look at the picture. Answer the questions.

1. Whose pants is the man wearing?
2. Why is he excited?
3. What changes can people make in their lives to be healthier? Do you sometimes make changes to be healthier?

**B** Read the title of the story. Think about the picture again. Answer the questions.

1. What do you think this story is about?
2. Can you guess what happens?

# A New Man

Roley McIntyre was a big man—he was a very big man. He weighed 600 pounds (272 kilograms).

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 woman named Josephine. She 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 (181 kilograms). Then six months after that, he and Josephine got married.

After they got married, Roley bought a new car. His old car was special—it had no front seat. His new car had three rows—a front seat and two back seats. Roley bought a big car not because he was a big man. He bought it because he and Josephine wanted a big family. It was a big car for a big family. It was a new car for a new man.

## 2 VOCABULARY

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

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

### 3 COMPREHENSION

#### LOOKING FOR DETAILS

**A** What did Roley eat when he was big? Find the words in the story. Write them on the lines below.

bacon \_\_\_\_\_  
eggs \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B** What did Roley eat when he was on a diet? Find the words in the story. Write them on the lines below.

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<sub>1.</sub> 600 pounds. Roley couldn't drive a regular car. He couldn't fit in the front \_\_\_\_\_<sub>2.</sub>, so Roley's car had no front seat. He could drive his car from the \_\_\_\_\_<sub>3.</sub> seat.

Roley's doctor said, "Mr. McIntyre, you have to lose weight, or you're going to \_\_\_\_\_<sub>4.</sub> soon." Roley went on a \_\_\_\_\_<sub>5.</sub>. He began to lose \_\_\_\_\_<sub>6.</sub>. He met a \_\_\_\_\_<sub>7.</sub>. Her name was Josephine. She told Roley, "Don't \_\_\_\_\_<sub>8.</sub> your diet." Roley didn't stop his diet; he lost 400 \_\_\_\_\_<sub>9.</sub>.

Two years after Roley started his diet, Roley and Josephine got \_\_\_\_\_<sub>10.</sub>.

#### UNDERSTANDING CAUSE AND EFFECT

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

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Roley McIntyre was big <u>c</u>                           | a. because he was going to die.                         |
| 2. Roley couldn't drive a regular car _____                  | b. because he was on a diet.                            |
| 3. Roley needed to buy a coffin _____                        | c. because he ate a lot.                                |
| 4. Roley ate only fish and vegetables for dinner _____       | d. because he couldn't fit in the front seat.           |
| 5. Roley bought a big new car with three rows of seats _____ | e. because he and Josephine wanted to have a big family |