



True Stories

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UNIT 1



Shiro swimming to Zamami

1 PRE-READING

A Look at the picture. Answer the questions.

1. Do you think dogs can love people?
2. Do you think dogs can love other dogs?

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?

Puppy Love

"Shiro! Shiro!"

Mr. and Mrs. Nakamura were worried. Their dog, Shiro, was missing. "Shiro!" they called again and again. Mr. and Mrs. Nakamura lived on a small island in Japan. They looked everywhere on the island, but they couldn't find Shiro.

The next day, Mr. Nakamura heard a noise at the front door. He opened the door, and there was Shiro. Shiro was very wet, and he was shivering.

A few days later, Shiro disappeared again. He disappeared in the morning, and he came back late at night. When he came back, he was wet and shivering.

Shiro began to disappear often. He always disappeared in the morning and came back late at night. He was always wet when he came back.

Mr. Nakamura was curious. "Where does Shiro go?" he wondered. "Why is he wet when he comes back?"

One morning Mr. Nakamura followed Shiro.

Shiro walked to the beach, ran into the water, and began to swim. Mr. Nakamura jumped into his boat and followed his dog. Shiro swam for about two miles (3.2 kilometers). Then he was tired, so he climbed onto a rock and rested. A few minutes later, he jumped back into the water and continued swimming.

Shiro swam for three hours. Then he arrived

at an island. He walked onto the beach, shook the water off, and walked toward town. Mr. Nakamura followed him. Shiro walked to a house. A dog was waiting in front of the house. Shiro ran to the dog, and the two dogs began to play. The dog's name was Marilyn. Marilyn was Shiro's girlfriend.

Marilyn lived on Zamami, another Japanese island. Shiro and the Nakamuras used to live on Zamami. Then the Nakamuras moved to Aka, a smaller island. They took Shiro with them. Shiro missed Marilyn very much and wanted to be with her. But he wanted to be with the Nakamuras, too. So, Shiro lived with the Nakamuras on the island of Aka and swam to Zamami to visit Marilyn.

People were amazed when they heard about Shiro. The distance from Aka to Zamami is two and a half miles (4 kilometers), and the ocean between the islands is very rough. "Nobody can swim from Aka to Zamami!" the people said.

Shiro became famous. Many people went to Zamami because they wanted to see Shiro. During one Japanese holiday, 3,000 people visited Zamami. They waited on the beach for Shiro. "Maybe Shiro will swim to Zamami today," they said. They all wanted to see Shiro, the dog who was in love.

2 VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences with the words below.

amazed curious missing rough shivering

1. Shiro disappeared. The Nakamuras looked everywhere for him, but they couldn't find him. Their dog was missing.
2. Shiro always came back at night. He was wet and cold, so he was shivering.
3. "Where does Shiro go?" Mr. Nakamura wondered. He wanted to know. One day he followed his dog because he was curious.
4. Shiro's swimming surprised people. "Nobody can swim from Aka to Zamami!" they said. People were amazed when they heard about Shiro.
5. It was difficult for Shiro to swim because the ocean was rough.

3 COMPREHENSION

UNDERSTANDING THE MAIN IDEAS

Circle the letter of the best answer.

1. “Puppy Love” is about
 - a. two islands in Japan.
 - b. a Japanese holiday.
 - c. a dog who visits his girlfriend.
2. People were amazed when they heard about Shiro because
 - a. dogs don’t usually fall in love.
 - b. swimming from Aka to Zamami is very difficult.
 - c. Shiro is an unusual name for a dog.

UNDERSTANDING CAUSE AND EFFECT

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

1. Mr. and Mrs. Nakamura were worried c
 - a. because his girlfriend lived there.
 - b. because he was curious.
 - c. because their dog was missing.
 - d. because he swam in the ocean.
 - e. because they wanted to see Shiro.
2. Shiro was always wet when he came back
3. Mr. Nakamura followed Shiro
4. Shiro swam to Zamami
5. Three thousand people went to Zamami

REVIEWING THE STORY

Write the missing words. Then read the story again and check your answers.

Mr. Nakamura was curious about his dog, Shiro. Shiro often disappeared ^{1.} in the morning and ^{2.} back late at night. He ^{3.} always wet when he came back.

One morning Mr. Nakamura ^{4.} Shiro. Shiro walked to the beach, ran into the water, and began to ^{5.}. He swam to Zamami, a Japanese island. Marilyn lived on Zamami. Marilyn was Shiro’s ^{6.}.

People were amazed when they heard ^{7.} Shiro. The ^{8.} from Aka to Zamami is two and a half miles, and the ocean between the islands is very ^{9.}.

Shiro became ^{10.}. Many people went to Zamami because they wanted to see Shiro, the dog who was in ^{11.}.

4 DISCUSSION / WRITING

Shiro is the Nakamuras' pet. Shiro does something unusual. He swims two and a half miles to visit his "girlfriend."

A Interview a classmate who has a pet. Ask your classmate the questions below. Listen carefully and write your classmate's answers.

1. What kind of pet do you have?

2. What is your pet's name?

3. How old is your pet?

4. Is your pet smart like Shiro?

5. Does your pet do anything unusual?

6. What do you like to do with your pet?

7. Do you want more pets?

B Tell the class what you learned about your classmate's pet.

C Use your classmate's answers to write a paragraph on your own paper. Here is what one student wrote.

Irma has a pet goldfish. His name is Tiger, and he is about one year old. Irma named her fish Tiger because he has stripes like a tiger. Tiger is not smart like Shiro. Tiger doesn't do anything unusual. He just swims around in his goldfish bowl. Maybe Irma will buy another goldfish. Then Tiger will have a friend.



UNIT 2



1 PRE-READING

A Look at the picture. Answer the questions.

1. What is the woman doing?
2. Where do you think this is?
3. How do you think the woman feels? How do you think the man feels?

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?

Surprise! It's Your Wedding!

"Good night, John."

"Good night, Lynn."

Lynn Millington kissed her boyfriend good night. He walked to his car and drove away. Lynn walked into her house. It was midnight. Her parents were sleeping, and the house was quiet. Lynn sat down on the sofa. She had a problem, and she needed some time to think.

Lynn's boyfriend was John Biggin. John loved Lynn, and Lynn loved John. They were very happy together. What was the problem? Lynn wanted to get married. John wanted to get married, too, but he was afraid.

Sometimes Lynn and John talked about getting married. "Let's get married in June," Lynn said. "June is a beautiful month for a wedding."

"June?" John asked. "This June? Let's not get married in June. Let's wait a little longer."

Lynn waited...and waited. She was very patient. She was patient, but she wanted to get married. Lynn's parents wanted her to get married, too; they liked John. John's parents also wanted them to get married because they liked Lynn. Suddenly Lynn had an idea. "John's parents will help me!" she thought.

The next morning, Lynn called John's

parents. "I need your help," Lynn told them. "John wants to get married, but he's afraid. Let's plan a wedding for John and me. It will be this Saturday. Invite your family. But don't tell John about the wedding."

Next, Lynn called Bob Rapper. Bob was John's best friend. "I need your help," Lynn told Bob. "Tell John that you're getting married this Saturday. Invite him to your wedding."

Bob wasn't really getting married on Saturday. It was a trick. John and Lynn were getting married on Saturday, but John didn't know it.

On Saturday morning, John put on his best suit. Then he drove to the courthouse in Bridlington, England. He walked into the courthouse and looked around. He saw his friend Bob. He saw his girlfriend, Lynn. Then he saw his parents, relatives, and friends. He saw Lynn's family and friends. Suddenly John understood. This was not Bob's wedding! This was John's wedding! John began to shake, but he didn't run away. Twenty minutes later, John and Lynn were husband and wife.

After the wedding, a photographer took pictures of John and Lynn. In every picture, John is smiling. Lynn, of course, is smiling, too.

2 VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences with the words below.

courthouse patient shake trick wedding

1. Lynn waited and waited. She was very patient.
2. John's best friend, Bob, told him, "I'm getting married on Saturday." That wasn't true; Bob wasn't really getting married. It was a _____.
3. John and Lynn live in England. In England some people get married at a _____.
4. When John saw his friends and family, he got nervous. His body began to _____.
5. Lynn and John got married. After the _____, a photographer took pictures.

3 COMPREHENSION

UNDERSTANDING THE MAIN IDEAS

Circle the letter of the best answer.

1. What was Lynn's problem?
 - a. John's parents didn't like her.
 - b. Lynn loved John's best friend.
 - c. John was afraid to get married.
2. John and Lynn's wedding was unusual because
 - a. Lynn didn't wear a white dress.
 - b. John didn't know about the wedding.
 - c. the wedding was at a courthouse.

UNDERSTANDING CONNECTIONS

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

1. John wanted to get married, but b
 - a. don't tell John."
 - b. he was afraid.
 - c. he didn't run away.
 - d. she wanted to get married.
2. Lynn was patient, but _____
3. Lynn told John's parents, "Invite your family to the wedding, but _____
4. When John understood that it was his wedding, he began to shake, but _____

REMEMBERING DETAILS

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

afraid

1. John loved Lynn and wanted to get married, but he was ~~angry~~.
2. Lynn told John's brothers, "I need your help."
3. "Let's plan a party for John and me," Lynn told John's parents.
4. Next, Lynn called Bob, who was John's boss.
5. She told him, "Tell John that you're getting married this Monday, and invite him to the wedding."
6. Bob wasn't really getting married; it was a problem.
7. On Saturday morning, John put on his best suit and drove to the library in Bridlington, England.