

Reading Made Simple

Level 2

Name _____

Y

(eye)



Read the passage, Underline the words with the 'y' saying 'eye' sound.

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The Greedy Fly*

A little fly had often tasted some of the sweet liquid at the bottom of a tea cup. One day, when alone he found a pot of jam on the table. He flew into it.

“Oh what a lucky fly I am!” said he. “Now, instead of stinting myself to a little bit, I can have as much as I like. No one can stop me, I have it all to myself.”

Along came the mother of the house. She put the lid on the jar and put it on the shelf. And so he began to enjoy himself, and like a greedy boy, ate as much as he could.

After some time he began to feel ill, and to think he had eaten too much jam. His head was giddy, but try as he might, he could not get out of the jar.

He had plenty to eat, but he was in a prison. He saw a butterfly flying past the kitchen window. Oh, how he wished he could fly about in the sky like the butterfly. He felt thirsty and would have given all of the jam in the jar for a drop of milk or a taste of water; but he could not get out - and not because he was not trying.

With his last breath he said, "Why was I not content with what I had? Then I should not be shut up in here!"

We should all be content with what we have and not be like the greedy fly, wishing for what may do us harm.

stinting means: to hold back. In this case, the fly did not hold back.

*Adapted from an 1800's reading book.

This story tells us a moral. A moral is something we can learn from the story.

First we will look at the story in parts.

1. First we have a fly who liked to drink the sweet liquid in the bottom of tea cups.

The fly found a pot of sweet jam and flew to it.

2. Then there comes the problem: the mother puts the lid on the jar, trapping the fly.

The fly is happy as he has lots to eat, until he feels sick as he has eaten too much.

Then he tries to get out and finds that he can not.

3. He sees a butterfly outside and wishes he was free like the butterfly. He regrets being so greedy.

The moral: We should be content with what we have.

Now, without looking at the story, write it again in your own words. It might not be as long, but that does not matter. First write the title of the story.

Study these verb endings:

fly flying flies

try trying tries

reply replying replies

See how we take off the 'y' to add 'ies'.

Complete the table.

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|-------|--------|-------|
| spy | spying | spies |
| fly | | |
| try | | |
| fry | | |
| dry | | |
| reply | | |

Odd Words

We have two words that are in this family but are not spelt as you would expect.

Study these words and learn them.

To **buy**: **buy, buying, buys**

eye: **eyes**

Choose the right word to finish each sentence.

1. The shopkeeper sells and the cust-om-er _____.

2. The shopkeeper will _____ lots of food to put on his shelf to sell.

3. The customer then comes into the shop to _____ the food.

4. Today, the customer is _____ bread, milk and eggs.

5. The customer scans the shelves with his _____ to look for the packet of bread.

Talk about the meaning of scanning the shelf: looking at something carefully in order to find something.