

CHAPTER 1

Jack has two children. Matthew is his son and Lily is his daughter. Jack loves his children very much. He wants to make **toys** for them. This will make them very happy.

Jack decides to make toys from wood. How will Jack do this? He will need paint and a brush. He will need many other **tools** to make toys for his children. Jack is a very good **woodcarver**. He can build the toys from wood.

First, Jack must find a tree with the right wood. He walks through the **woods** and sees many trees. He walks a long time. These trees are not the right trees. He has to find a pine tree. He see trees, but they are not pine trees. Jack will not **give up**. He will find a pine tree.

toy (n) something a child plays with

tool (n) a piece of equipment (e.g. a screwdriver, hammer, saw)

woodcarver (n) a person who makes decorative objects from wood

woods (n) a small forest

give up (phrasal verb) to stop doing something



He walks through the woods and sees many trees.

He walks a long time.

Jack climbs a hill and looks for a pine tree. **In the distance**, many miles away, is a pine tree. Jack is very happy.

“Walking there will take at least two days,” Jack thinks.

He goes home and waits for his children. Rita is outside. Rita is Jack’s neighbour.

“Rita, will you care for my children while I am away?” Jack asks.

Rita is surprised.

“Yes. I will care for your children while you are away,” Rita tells Jack.

“Thank you,” Jack tells Rita.

in the distance (idiom) far away



“Rita, will you care for my children while I am away?” Jack asks.

Jack's children will be home **soon**. He makes them dinner.
It is fish.

His children eat their dinner. It is very good.

"Thank you, Dad," they say to him.

Jack is very happy. The children go to sleep.

"I want to make these toys for my children. They will be so happy with the toys," Jack thinks.

Jack dreams about making toys for his children.



soon (adv) in a short time

He makes them dinner. It is fish.

CHAPTER 2

It is the next day.

“Goodbye,” Jack says to his children.

“Goodbye,” his children say to him.

“I will care for your children while you are away,” Rita tells Jack.

“Thank you, Rita,” Jack says.

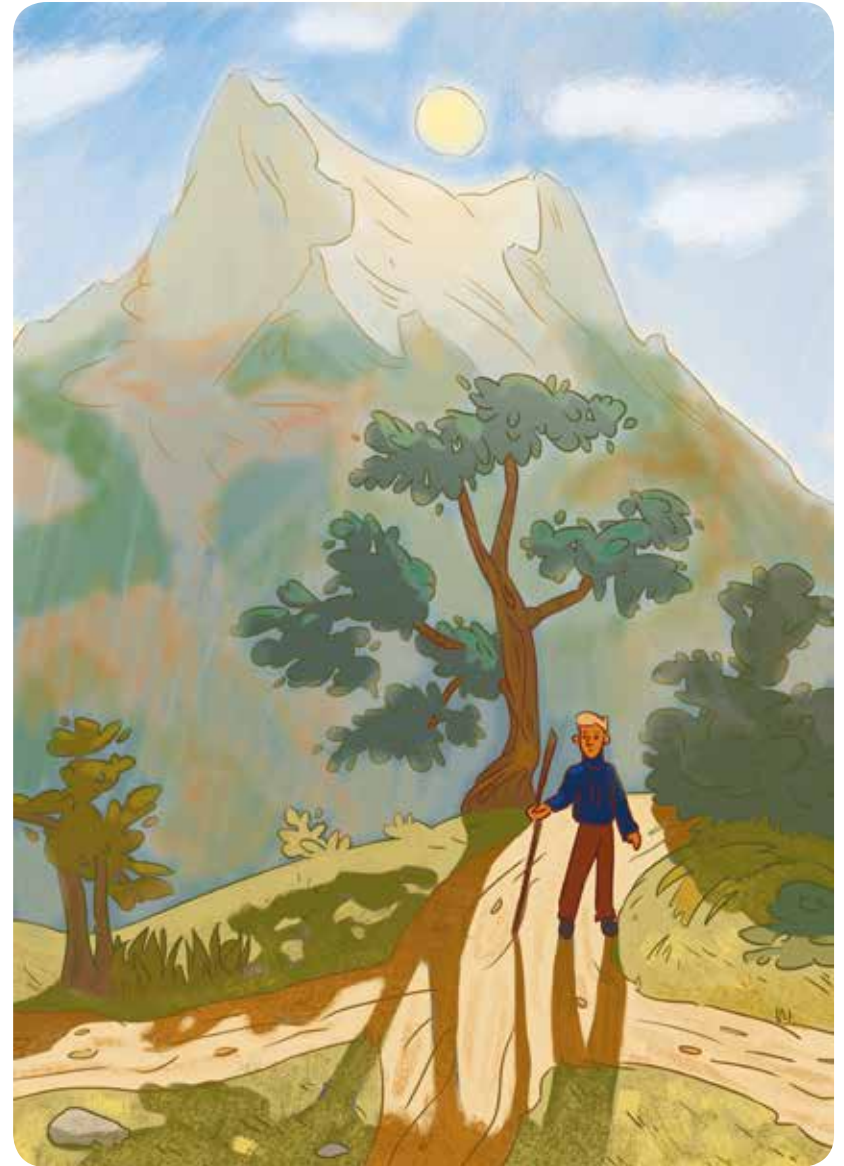
Jack walks from his house down the road. He comes to the end of the road. He stops and looks around.

“Which way now?” Jack thinks.

The left road goes into the town. The right road goes to another town. Jack decides to go straight.

“This road will take me to the pine tree,” he thinks.

Jack walks for several hours. It is soon dark. The sun is setting behind a mountain far away.



“Which way now?” Jack thinks.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

Test 1

Are the following sentences TRUE (T) or FALSE (F)?

1. Matthew and Lily are Paul's children. T / F
2. Jack wants to buy toys for his children. T / F
3. Jack is a very good woodcarver. T / F
4. Rita is Jack's neighbour. T / F
5. Jack cooks chicken for dinner. T / F
6. Jack is looking for an oak tree in the forest. T / F
7. Jack makes a fishing pole from a branch and some string. T / F
8. Jack cannot catch any fish. T / F
9. Along the road, Jack sees a man called Paul. T / F
10. Paul and Jack find the tree. T / F
11. They cut the tree with a saw. T / F
12. Jack's first toy will be a horse. T / F
13. Jack makes a knight for Paul's son. T / F

Test 2

Who said this in the story? *Jack, Paul, Rita*

1. "I will care for your children while you are away."
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2. "This road will take me to the pine tree."
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3. "Would you like a fish?"
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4. "I will bring my children over to see you soon."
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5. "The first toy will be a horse."
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Test 3

Answer the following questions.

1. How many children does Jack have?
2. What kind of tree is Jack looking for?
3. Who is Rita?
4. What does Jack cook for his children?
5. Who does Jack meet in the forest?
6. What do they cut the tree with?
7. Who does Jack make the bear for?
8. Who does Jack make the knight for?

GRAMMAR CHECK

Test 1

Write the positive form of the following sentences.

1. Jack doesn't love his children.
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2. Jack cannot build toys from wood.
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3. Jack won't give up.
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4. Rita won't care for Jack's children.
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5. Jack doesn't cook for his children.
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6. Jack doesn't finish his sandwich.
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7. Jack doesn't catch fish.
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8. Jack doesn't give Paul a fish.
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9. They don't cut down the tree with their axes.
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10. The children don't like the toys.
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Test 2

Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition.

in **on** **near** **about** **to**

There is a river¹ Jack's camp. He walks² it and places his fishing pole³ the river. In a very short time, Jack has a fish! There is a fish⁴ his pole! He is very happy⁵ this. He builds a fire from wood and cooks the fish.

Test 3

Circle the correct preposition.

Jack makes a fish **from** / **to** ¹ the last piece of wood. Jack uses a tool to make marks **on** / **with** ² the fish. These look like fins and scales. Jack hides the fish **with** / **for** ³ the other toys. His children come home. He will paint the toys the next day and give them **to** / **from** ⁴ the children when they come home. He asks Paul to come **to** / **on** ⁵ his house the next day.