

Beginning Short Stories – “Oh No!”

Directions: First read the basic version of the story below. Next, read the advanced version of the same story. Then, try to answer the questions about the story.

Basic Version



I woke up at 7:30. I was late. Oh no!

I got to work. I did not get to the meeting in time. Oh no!

I went to lunch. I did not know where my wallet was. Oh no!

I came back home. It was raining. Oh no!

I cooked dinner. I cooked the rice too much. Oh no!

I ate dinner with my friends and family. We had a very good time. We laughed and talked together.

I felt happy. Oh yes!

Advanced Version

I woke up at 7:30. I was late. Oh no!

I got to work. I *missed* the meeting. Oh no!

I went to lunch. I *lost* my wallet. Oh no!

I *returned* home. It was raining. Oh no!

I cooked dinner. I *burned* the rice. Oh no!

I ate dinner with my friends and family. We had a *great* time. We laughed and talked together.

I felt happy. Oh yes!

Questions:

1. What time did I wake up?
2. Why did I miss the meeting?
3. What tense is the story in: Past, Present, or Future?

Vocabulary:

To find word definitions: First, find the word in the advanced version of the story. Then, compare this part of the advanced version of the story to the same part of the basic version of the story. This will give you a general definition of the word.

1. What does “*missed*” mean? (*line 2*)
2. What does “*lost*” mean? (*line 3*)
3. What does “*returned*” mean? (*line 4*)
4. What does “*burned*” mean? (*line 5*)
5. What does “*great*” mean? (*line 6*)