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## What Do I Do with This Bag of Money?

*What did Ted Young do with the bag of money?*

You're following an armored truck. Out tumbles a bag. You know armored trucks are used to carry bags of money. The bag tumbles to the side of the road and into the grass. You're the only one who knows where the bag is. What do you do?

This was the question a grocery store clerk had to answer last night. Ted Young, the grocery store clerk, was driving home from work. He and the armored truck rounded a curve. That's when the rear door of the armored truck swung open. Then out fell a bag. Mr. Young had a good guess as to what was in the bag. Yes, armored trucks are used to haul money.

After rounding the curve, Mr. Young stopped. He ran back to get the bag. By the time he found the bag, the armored truck was out of sight. There was not a person in sight. What should he do?

Mr. Young needs money to pay house rent and to buy food. He has to buy clothing for his three children. He quickly got in his car and raced down the road. Soon he was behind the armored truck.

How could he get the truck to stop? He began

blinking his lights and sounding his horn. The armored truck didn't stop. Instead, it picked up speed as it rounded another curve. Soon it was breaking the speed limit.

He thought, "If the truck will not stop so I can return the money, what choice do I have? Do I keep it?"

The bag had a lock on it. That was not a problem. He could use his knife to cut a hole in the bag.

Mr. Young was standing at the door of the Main Street Bank when it opened this morning. Holding the bag tightly in his arms, he walked up to the window. He told the gentleman it was urgent that he speak with the manager.

The gentleman replied, "The manager has a very busy schedule today. I'll be happy to schedule a time for you to see him early in the morning."

Mr. Young insisted, "It's urgent I speak with the manager today. I need to speak with him as soon as possible."

Finally, Mr. Young was allowed to see the manager. When the manager heard his story about what had happened, he was delighted. The manager told the reporter, "I'm very grateful. Mr. Young is certainly an honest man."

We were not even aware the bag had fallen from the truck. We hadn't counted the bags yet. I had been made aware a car followed and chased our armored truck last night. Our driver saw Mr. Young blinking his lights. He heard him sounding the horn, but he didn't stop.

The driver suspected the armored truck was about to be robbed. We reported it to the police."

When the bag was unlocked, all \$20,000 was there. The bank gave Mr. Young a reward of \$500 for his honesty in returning the money.

**A. New Words**

- 1 **aware**
- 2 **clerk**
- 3 **curve**
- 4 **honest**
- 5 **schedule**
- 6 **urgent**

**B. USING THE NEW WORDS.**

Write the new word that best completes each sentence.

- 1. The word that means “very important, serious, or in need of immediate attention” is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Mr. Young is a gentleman who can be trust. He is an \_\_\_\_\_ person.
- 3. It was urgent that we become aware of the time the plane leaves. We read the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. **Very important** is to **urgent** as **knows** or **reminded** is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. The word that goes with turn, round, crook, and bend is \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. THINK ABOUT IT.**

Write the letter of the best answer:

- 6. Mr. Young blinked his lights and sounded his horn. When he did, the armored truck driver
  - a. knew Mr. Young was an honest man.
  - b. thought Mr. Young might be a robber.
  - c. stopped so he could get the money.
  - d. did none of the above.6. \_\_\_\_
- 7. Which happened *first*?
  - a. The armored truck broke the speed limit.
  - b. Mr. Young was not allowed to see the bank manager.
  - c. The money in the bag was counted.
  - d. Mr. Young blinked his lights and sounded his horn.7. \_\_\_\_
- 8. At first, Mr. Young was not allowed to see the bank manager. It was because the manager
  - a. was talking with a very important customer.
  - b. wanted Mr. Young to keep \$500 as a reward.
  - c. had a busy schedule for the day.
  - d. was not aware any money was missing.8. \_\_\_\_
- 9. In which list do the words *not* belong together or mean much the same?
  - a. bend, turn, curve, and twist
  - b. squeeze, press, crush, and squash
  - c. clerk, schedule, lungs, and human
  - d. immediate, pressing, urgent, and important9. \_\_\_\_

- 10. Why did Mr. Young try so hard to return the money?
  - a. He was afraid someone had seen him.
  - b. He was an honest man.
  - c. He knew he would get a reward.
  - d. He did not need the money.10. \_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Number correct \_\_\_\_\_

**D. WORDS SPELLED ALMOST ALIKE**

Read the pairs of words below. As you read each word, think about its meaning Practice reading the words to yourself.

- |        |        |       |        |
|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| 1      | 2      | 3     | 4      |
| reward | weigh  | purse | worst  |
| award  | weight | nurse | worse  |
| 5      | 6      | 7     | 8      |
| frame  | foam   | list  | firm   |
| flame  | roam   | fist  | film   |
| 9      | 10     | 11    | 12     |
| fellow | blast  | score | dare   |
| follow | cast   | sore  | square |
| 13     | 14     | 15    | 16     |
| burrow | damp   | pause | coast  |
| borrow | stamp  | cause | roast  |

## Next Time Will Be Dad's Turn

*Why was the writer glad to say,  
"Next time will be Dad's turn"?*

We have a new puppy. Peanut is her name. Butter is her middle name. But, we just call her Peanut unless it's urgent to get her attention. Then it's "Peanut Butter!"

Peanut was scheduled to see the vet today. I agreed I would take my turn first. I knew how upsetting the trip might be for Peanut. Controlling her when she gets upset can be difficult. I came up with an idea that might help.

I put a beach towel on the car seat. Next I put Peanut on the towel. Then I turned the plastic laundry basket upside-down over her. What a great idea, I thought. She can see me through the cracks in the laundry basket.



Peanut Butter

Peanut didn't like the idea. By the time we were at the end of the block, she was trying to escape. I tried driving with one hand on the wheel and one hand on the laundry basket. It didn't work. I soon decided it would be impossible to keep the puppy underneath the laundry basket.

If she had been still, maybe it would have been okay. But, Peanut is never still when she's excited. She began barking and pacing. She was getting more excited every minute. Before I knew what was happening, she was in my lap.

"Peanut Butter!" I yelled. "You can't ride here! Get back on your side!"

That's when Peanut decided to check out the back seat. I was relieved and liked that idea. For a moment she looked out the back window. Then she jumped to the front seat and directly under

my legs. She checked out the gas pedal, the brake pedal, and my shoes.

I was relieved when I pulled in the parking lot at the vet's office. I didn't know what was in store for me. If I had, I would have turned around and gone home.

I carried Peanut into the vet's office. The lady behind the desk needed some information. As I gave it to her, Peanut began looking around the room. I saw her eyes stop as she looked over in the corner of the room. That's where she spied a big, white cat. The two stared at each other. The cat's hair began to stand up on its back.

I finished talking to the lady. Then I sat down to wait my turn. The cat and Peanut continued to stare at each other.

I wish I could tell you which jumped first, but I can't. It happened suddenly and almost without warning. One healthy puppy and one big, white cat were on the loose. They went into action around and around that room. Neither owner could stop the action.

A lady holding a little barking dog got up and hurried outside. A man grabbed his two caged rabbits and rushed into the bathroom. A magazine rack was turned over. Next came a couple of pictures tumbling from the wall.

About that time the vet and his assistant appeared on the scene. After a lot of grabs and misses, they were finally able to capture the excited pup. The cat hid under a desk.

I'm pleased to report no serious damage was done. I'm also pleased with the vet's report. He said, "You have one lively and playful pup. Those are two signs of a healthy dog."

How do I feel about what happened? My only response is, "Next time will be Dad's turn."

**A. New Words**

- 1 **damage**
- 2 **healthy**
- 3 **laundry**
- 4 **pedal**
- 5 **relieved**
- 6 **vet**

**B. USING THE NEW WORDS.**

Write the new word that best completes each sentence.

- 1. The word that means “dirty clothes” or “place where clothes are washed or cleaned” is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. We wanted Peanut to stay healthy, so we took her to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. The magazine rack tumbled and pictures fell. However, no harm or \_\_\_\_\_ was done.
- 4. **Anxious** or **nervous** is to **relieved** as **sick** or **ill** is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. **Go** is to **gas pedal** as **stop** is to **brake** \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. THINK ABOUT IT.**

Write the letter of the best answer:

- 6. Where did the writer take Peanut?
  - a. to the grocery store
  - b. to the park
  - c. to the vet
  - d. to all the above6. \_\_\_\_
- 7. Which happened *last*?
  - a. Peanut and the white cat dashed around the vet’s office.
  - b. The writer said, “Next time will be Dad’s turn.”
  - c. The writer pulled into the parking lot.
  - d. Peanut checked out the gas pedal and the brake pedal.7. \_\_\_\_
- 8. The vet and his assistant appeared on the scene. It was because
  - a. neither pet owner could stop the action.
  - b. there was so much noise coming from the waiting room.
  - c. the fighting animals might damage the office and frighten other pets.
  - d. of all the above.8. \_\_\_\_
- 9. Which pair of words are opposites?
  - a. relieved and comforted
  - b. curve and turn
  - c. healthy and ill
  - d. vanish and disappear
  - e. peaceful and restful
  - f. damage and harm9. \_\_\_\_

- 10. The writer was glad to say, “Next time will be Dad’s turn.” It was because
  - a. the trip to the vet’s office had not been fun.
  - b. the writer didn’t want Dad to miss out on the fun.
  - c. the vet said Peanut was healthy.
  - d. Peanut belongs to Dad.10. \_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Number correct \_\_\_\_\_

**D. TWO SHORT WORDS MAKE ONE LONG**

As you read each word, think about the two short words that make the long word. Think about the meaning of the long word.

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1.            | 2.            |
| a. driveway   | a. underside  |
| b. railway    | b. underwater |
| c. hallway    | c. waterproof |
| d. schoolyard | d. sailboat   |
| e. courtyard  | e. motorboat  |
| f. outrun     | f. snowshoes  |
| g. outline    | g. shoemaker  |
| h. teammate   | h. headfirst  |
| i. classmate  | i. headache   |
| j. strawberry | j. backbone   |