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Lesson 1

Text A

There Is Something Very Nice Inside Your Drum.

1 Discuss briefly the questions with your partner.

Did you get birthday presents when you were a child? Which one did you like best? Why?

2 Listen to Text A once and answer the following questions.

1 What is the story about?

2 Who liked the drum best? Who hated the drum?

3 What do you think happened to the drum in the end?

3 Listen to Text A again. Take notes and answer the questions below.

1 How old was Jimmy?

2 What did Jimmy receive on his birthday?

3 What did his father say when he saw the beautiful drum?

4 What did his mother say in reply?

5 What did Jimmy do with the drum?

6 Did his parents say anything when Jimmy hit the drum?

7 Did Jimmy's neighbors like his drum? Why?

8 What did one of Jimmy's neighbors do a few days later?

4 Retell the story of Text A.

1 Form a group of three or four and retell the story together. Take turns to give sentences until the story is completed. You may choose one of the following examples as the beginning of your story.

- Last month, my son, Jimmy, had his fifth birthday. My father and other family members gave him a lot of gifts. The one he liked very much was...
- On my fifth birthday, my grandpa bought me a beautiful big drum. I liked it very much...
- My neighbor has a five-year-old son called Jimmy. He is so cute that...

2 Regroup with students from different groups in step 1. Each student retells the story from his/her previous group.

5 Discuss the following questions in groups of three or four. After the discussion, select one member of your group to report to the class what you have talked about.

- 1 What kind of birthday presents do you want to buy for your parents? Why?
- 2 Should we spend a lot of money on presents? What is your view? Why?
- 3 How would you like to end the story?

Text B

May I See a Hat, Please?

1 Listen to Text B once and answer the following questions.

1 Where does the conversation take place?

2 What is the relationship between the two?

3 Is it a deal?

2 Listen to Text B again. Take notes and answer the questions below.

1 What does Mr. Ross want to buy?

2 What does the salesman want to know about Mr. Ross?

3 Mr. Ross does not know the size he wears, does he?

4 How does the salesman get to know Mr. Ross' size?

5 What color of hat does Mr. Ross prefer?

6 How much is the hat?

7 How does the salesman pack the hat?

3 Describe to your partner the picture below with the following words and expressions.



a hat shop

a department store

a hat counter

by the counter

a customer who needs to buy a hat

in suits

wear a tie

a pair of big spectacles

try on a hat

fit him nicely

take size X

a favorite color

try/show different kinds of nice hats

a hard-felt hat

with a dark hat band

look in a mirror on the counter

fit well

match sth.

a good match

be satisfied with

the price of the hat

a salesman

in a dark suit

stand behind

look at the man trying on the hat

look very pleased

- 4** Suppose you are Mr. Ross and your partner is the salesperson. With his/her help, you find the hat you want, but you want to buy it at a lower price. Bargain with your partner.

Text C

Did You Enjoy Last Night's TV Program?

- 1 Play the audio of the following text to your partner. Your partner listens without looking at the text.

Frank and Charles discuss last night's television program.

Frank: Did you watch television last night, Charles?

Charles: Yes, I did.

Frank: It was a good game, wasn't it?

Charles: Oh, I didn't watch the football match. I wanted to, but my wife preferred to see the old film.

Frank: What a pity! It was quite exciting. Both teams played very well.

Charles: How did it finish?

Frank: It finished in a draw. What was the film like?

Charles: It was quite good. But I missed the beginning of it because I had to eat first.

Frank: Did your wife enjoy it?

Charles: No, she didn't. After half an hour, she stopped watching and started to read a book.

- 2 Your partner retells what the conversation is about. Check if any information is missing in his/her retelling.
- 3 Ask your partner if he/she likes to watch sports programs on TV or live in the stadium. Ask him/her to explain why. You can also share your answers with your partner.

Sentence-making

Pick out useful words and expressions from the following sentences and make sentences with them.

Example

He made a terrible noise with it.

▶ Stop making any noise with your chair.

- There is something very nice inside your drum.
- What size do you take?
- Try this hat on.
- I like this one. It goes very well with my coat.
- I wanted to, but my wife preferred to see the old film.
- But I missed the beginning of it because I had to eat first.

Scripts

Text A There Is Something Very Nice Inside Your Drum¹.

It was Jimmy's birthday, and he was five years old. He got quite a lot of² nice birthday presents from his family, and one of them was a beautiful big drum³.

"Who gave him that thing?" Jimmy's father said when he saw it.

"His grandfather did⁴," answered Jimmy's mother.

"Oh," said his father.

Of course, Jimmy liked his drum very much. He made a terrible noise with it, but his mother did not mind. His father was working during the day, and Jimmy was in bed when he got home in the evening, so he did not hear the noise.

But one of the neighbors did not like the noise at all⁵, so one morning a few days later, she took a sharp knife and went to Jimmy's house while he was hitting his

drum⁶. She said to him, “Hello, Jimmy. Do you know there’s something very nice inside your drum? Here’s a knife. Open the drum and let’s find it.”

Text B May I See a Hat, Please?

Mr. Ross: May I see a hat, please?

Salesman: What size do you take?⁷

Mr. Ross: I’m sorry. I don’t know.

Salesman: I’ll measure you.⁸ You take size six. What color of hat would you like?

Mr. Ross: Brown, please.

Salesman: Here are some nice brown hats. Try this hat on. It’s a very good one.

Mr. Ross: Yes, I like this one. It goes very well with my coat.⁹ How much is it?

Salesman: It’s \$9.95 (nine dollars and ninety-five cents). Do you want me to put it in a box?

Notes

- 1 Inside Your Drum: 在你的鼓里
- 2 quite a lot of: 许多, 相当多
- 3 one of them was a beautiful big drum: 其中有一件是个好看的大鼓
- 4 His grandfather did: 他的祖父送的
- 5 not...at all: 一点也不
- 6 while he was hitting his drum: 当他在敲鼓时
- 7 What size do you take?: 您戴几号的(帽子)?
- 8 I’ll measure you.: 我给您量一下。
- 9 It goes very well with my coat.: 这一顶与我的大衣十分相配。