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Lesson 55: **Poor Cat!**

Conversation Lesson with a Story,
Vocabulary Practice,
Questions and Activities

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- The Story
 - Vocabulary Practice
 - Questions for Discussion
 - Activities
 - A Related Proverb
- Role Play
 - Ideas to Help You
 - Useful vocabulary/phrases

The Story

As a student I ate my meals at a seaside boarding-house. The landlady was a good cook and, as her husband was a fisherman, we always ate fish for dinner. Eventually I got tired of it, and took to slipping it under the sofa, where the family cat would find and devour it.

This worked very successfully until one day the landlady tiptoed up behind me and said, 'Young man it's high time I told you that our cat was run over by a lorry three weeks ago.'

Source: [The Internet TESL Journal](#)



Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

1) A '**boarding-house**' is a ...

- a) building which is near the sea
- b) kind of very expensive hotel
- c) house giving room(s) and food
- d) kind of school with a pool

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

2) A **'landlady'** is a woman who ...

- a) is old and weak
- b) keeps a boarding-house
- c) has a lot fo money
- d) only looks after her family

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

3) **'Eventually'** means ...

- a) naturally
- b) in the end
- c) meanwhile
- d) happily

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

- 4) To **'take to'** here means to ...
- a) carry something somewhere
 - b) ask somebody to do something
 - c) begin to do something as a habit
 - d) go away to some place to hide

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

5) To '**devour**' here means to ...

- a) look at something angrily
- b) play with something
- c) throw something away
- d) eat something hungrily

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

- 6) To '**tiptoe**' means to ...
- a) walk quietly on the toes
 - b) say something softly
 - c) hit something by foot
 - d) run towards something

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Vocabulary Practice

Choose the best answer.

7) To **'run over'** means to ...

- a) hit sth while running
- b) drive over sth
- c) take sth away
- d) steal sth from a place

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Questions for Discussion

- 1) What point is funny in the story?
- 2) What would you do if you were the student?
- 3) What can probably be found under the sofa now?
- 4) Where do you usually eat your lunch on weekdays?
- 5) What do you do if you can't finish your meal?

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Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
 - a) eventually
 - b) devour
 - c) sofa
 - d) tiptoe
 - e) lorry

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A Saying

‘The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.’

- What does the saying mean?
- Is there a saying in your mother tongue which bears the same meaning?
- How does the saying refer to the story?

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Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

You and your English speaking friend share a flat and you would like to **have a pet**. First, **agree on which pet to get** and then **talk about the details** of shopping for it. Person B will play the role of **your English friend** and **will start** the conversation.



Role Play:

Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

- *Reason for choosing the pet*
- *Where to buy it*
- *When to buy it*
- *Necessary equipment/things*
- *Money to spend*
- *Other*

Possible pets to buy:

- *dog*
- *cat*
- *hamster*
- *other*