

Each story includes:

- Story script with target vocabulary
- Comprehension questions
- Story retell activity
- "who said it?" activity
- video of story
- answer key



Story script

- Story script is written in simple language - with a focus on the target phrases and words.
- Use the written story to guide a class story or for reading practice.

The Perfect Gift



the perfect gift
he wants to give him/her
in his/her pocket

Andy is a boy. He loves his mother. Today is his mother's birthday. Andy wants to give her the perfect gift. But what is the perfect gift for Andy's mother?

Andy goes to the park. He plays in the park with his friends. In the park he finds a frog. The frog is small and green with big eyes. The frog says: "CROAK! CROAK!" Andy loves the frog. He thinks a frog is the perfect gift for his mom. He wants to give her a frog for her birthday! So he puts the frog in his pocket and he goes home.

When Andy arrives at home, the frog is dead. The frog is flat. But Andy gives the frog to his mother. His mother says, "But what is it? A frog? A DEAD frog?" She screams. No, a dead frog is not the perfect gift for Andy's mother.

Andy is sad. He wants to give her the perfect gift. But what is it? Andy returns to the park. He plays in the park with his friends. He hears the music of an ice cream truck! He loves ice cream. An ice cream is the perfect gift for his mother! He buys two ice creams. He eats an ice cream and puts the other in his pocket. He returns home.

When he arrives at home, the ice cream is melted. But Andy gives the ice cream to his mother. His mother says, "What is it? An ice cream? Oh no! There is ice cream everywhere! What a disaster!" No, a melted ice cream is not the perfect gift for Andy's mother.

Andy is sad. He does not understand. If the frog is not the perfect gift and the ice cream is not the perfect gift, what will he give his mother for her birthday? Andy returns to the park. But the ice cream seller is not there. The frogs are in the lake. He can not find a present for his mother.

When he returns home, he is sad. He does not have a present for his mother. She will be sad too because she does not have a present for her birthday. Andy is going to explain the problem.

When he arrives at home, his mother asks: "What is it, Andy? Why are you sad?" Andy replies, "Mom ... I love you. And I want to give you the perfect gift, but the frog is dead and the ice cream is melted and I ... " Andy's mother smiles. Then, she says: "Andy, you're the perfect gift! I do not want a frog. I do not want ice cream I want a hug from my son, that's all!" Andy hugs his mother and they are happy. It's the perfect gift!

Comprehension questions

- Questions are written in the target language and can be answered by using the story as guidance.

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Class: _____

Did you understand?

1. Why does Andy want to give a gift to his mother? It is her birthday.
2. What does it give her? He gives her a frog.
3. Why does not she like the first gift? When he arrives at home, the frog is flat and dead.
4. What is the problem with the ice cream? When he arrives at home, the ice cream is melted.
5. What does Andy's mother want as a gift? She would like a hug from her son.



Story activities

- **Story retell activity** - have students rewrite the story with guided story blocks.
- **Who said it?** Match the character to the line from the story.

Name: _____ Class: _____

Who said it?

Match the quotes with who might say them.

But what is it?
I love frogs!
I am dead.
It's the perfect gift!
I would like two ice creams.

What a disaster!
Croak! Croak!
I put the ice cream in my pocket.
Why are you sad?
I have a problem.

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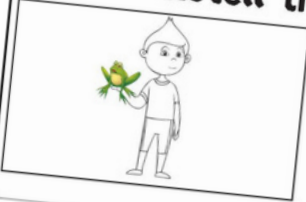
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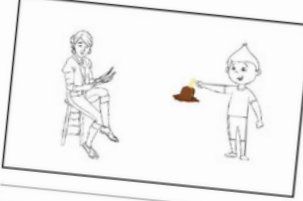
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Retell the Story













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Video

- **Video is online or can be download as mp4 file.**
- **Video does NOT have audio - you will want to pause it and discuss for more repetitions. Students can watch/read the story for speaking practice.**

Watch the video



<https://bit.ly/2tJNkm2>

Click on the QR code or go to the link to watch the video as many times as you like - both with and without text.