

Reading Power Mini-Story Text

Okay, are you ready? I hope so. Big smile. Deep breath. Move that body. Feeling good. You're a fantastic English learner. Are you ready? Are you ready? Let's do some English here. Mini-story for "The Power of Reading."

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There was a monkey. The monkey's name was Filbert.

What was there?

There was a monkey.

And what was his name?

Filbert, his name was Filbert.

What was Filbert?

Filbert was a monkey, of course.

What did Filbert like to do?

Oh, you don't know? Well, Filbert liked to shoot mosquitoes with a gun.

Hm, interesting, yes.

Filbert liked to shoot mosquitoes (y'know, bzzzz), he liked to shoot mosquitoes with his gun.

What did Filbert like to do?

He liked to shoot mosquitoes with his gun.

What did he like to shoot?

Mosquitoes, Filbert liked to shoot mosquitoes.

With what?

With his gun...pow, pow, pow...

Luckily he had total competence with his gun.

Was he very skilled with his gun?

Oh, yes. He was very skilled. He was very good with the gun. He had total competence with his gun.

Who had total competence with his gun?

Filbert the monkey, Filbert the monkey had total competence, total skill with his gun.

He had total competence with what kind of gun? With a small handgun?

No, he didn't have total competence with a handgun.

He had competence with a rifle. A rifle is a big, long gun.

Who had competence with a rifle?

Well, Filbert the monkey, Filbert the monkey had total competence, total skill, great, high skill with his rifle.

Because, in fact, shooting mosquitoes is very demanding.

Is it easy to shoot mosquitoes?

No, it's not. It's not easy to shoot mosquitoes. It's very demanding. It's very tough. It's very difficult to shoot mosquitoes.

Is it easy to shoot mosquitoes or is it difficult to shoot mosquitoes?

It's difficult. It's very demanding. It's very tough. It's very difficult. It's demanding to shoot mosquitoes. It makes you tired. It's tough. It's not easy.

But Filbert the monkey practiced shooting mosquitoes every day. He practiced in the morning, pow, pow, pow. He practiced in the afternoon, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow. He practiced in the evening, pow-pow, pow-pow. And he practiced at night, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow. It was very demanding. It was very tough. But he did it every day. He practiced with his rifle. Shooting mosquitoes every single day, every morning, every afternoon, every evening, every night. Filbert practiced shooting mosquitoes. It was demanding. It was tough.

Was Filbert a stupid monkey?

No, no, no, no, no, no. Filbert was a very intelligent monkey actually. In fact he was very well read.

He would read books and shoot mosquitoes at the same time. So he's reading a book and shooting, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow.

What kind of monkey was Filbert?

He was a well read monkey.

So did he read a lot of books?

Yes, he read a lot of books. He was a well read monkey.

So he was a well read chicken, right?

Not a chicken, he wasn't a chicken. He was a monkey. He was a well read monkey. He was a monkey that read a lot of books.

Who was a well read monkey?

Filbert, Filbert was a well read monkey. He was a well read monkey and he had total competence with a rifle. In fact he could shoot and read at the same time.

What did he shoot?

He shot mosquitoes. He shot mosquitoes every day.

What did he read?

Well, he read philosophy books.

Filbert read books about philosophy. He read books about religion and philosophy. He read Plato and Aristotle. He read books about Buddhism. He read books by the Dalai Lama of Tibet. In fact, the Dalai Lama was his favorite writer.

What did he read?

He read philosophy books, especially books by the Dalai Lama.

While he read books by the Dalai Lama, what did he do?

He shot mosquitoes, right? While reading books by the Dalai Lama he also shot mosquitoes, pow, pow, pow, reading reading reading, pow, pow, pow, reading reading reading, pow, pow, pow, reading reading reading. So at the same time he read books

by the Dalai Lama and he shot mosquitoes. He was a well read monkey with competence in the rifle.

Now because he read so many books by the Dalai Lama he subconsciously learned the Dalai Lama's philosophy.

Did he consciously learn the Dalai Lama's philosophy?

No, not consciously. He didn't try to learn it. He didn't try to memorize it. Not a lot of effort. He subconsciously learned the Dalai Lama's philosophy.

Did he learn it effortlessly?

Yes, he did. He learned it effortlessly.

Did he learn it intuitively, naturally?

Yes, he learned it subconsciously. He learned the Dalai Lama's philosophy subconsciously, naturally and intuitively.

What did he learn subconsciously?

The Dalai Lama's philosophy, he learned the Dalai Lama's philosophy subconsciously.

Who learned the Dalai Lama's philosophy subconsciously?

Filbert the monkey, Filbert the mosquito shooting monkey subconsciously learned the Dalai Lama's philosophy.

Now of course the Dalai Lama's philosophy is very peaceful. The Dalai Lama does not like killing. He's a peaceful man.

Was Filbert a peaceful monkey?

No, every day he was shooting mosquitoes, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow.

So there was a problem. He was shooting mosquitoes and killing them every day but he subconsciously learned the Dalai Lama's philosophy. Oh no, oh no. And so one day Filbert decided to never kill again. He said "I will never kill another mosquito." Filbert became a peaceful monkey. He threw his gun into the river.

What did he do?

He threw his gun into the river.

What kind of monkey did Filbert become?

He became a very peaceful monkey.

Did he become a peaceful monkey or a violent monkey?

He became a peaceful monkey.

Why did he become a peaceful monkey?

Well, because he subconsciously learned from the Dalai Lama. He subconsciously learned the philosophy of the Dalai Lama, which was peace and kindness.

So Filbert never killed again. He became a peaceful, loving, wonderful monkey.

The End.

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Alright, good. Well, I hope you're feeling peaceful and loving right now and I hope you're feeling happy and I hope you're smiling. And if you're not, do it now! Deep breath, big smile, shoulders back, chest up. Feel great. You are learning English. It's a great day. You're feeling wonderful. See you next time.