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**1.A Surprise from Australia**

The school day ends and Erica quickly puts her books in her bag and runs out of the classroom.

Today is a special day. Erica is very excited. She runs home and thinks about her uncle. She spoke with him on the phone a week ago. He is returning from Australia, and he is bringing a special surprise with him!  
  
Erica is very happy. She thinks about the surprise that he will bring.  
"Maybe he is bringing a surfboard? Fun! I can learn how to surf!"  
  
"Maybe he is bringing nuts from Australia? Oh, I can eat nuts all day!"  
  
"Or maybe he is bringing a kangaroo? That is not so good. I don't know where to put a kangaroo…"  
  
Erica finally arrives home. Her parents are there, and her uncle is there! She is very happy to see him. They hug and she jumps up and down.  
  
"Uncle, Uncle," she says, "what special surprise do you have for me from Australia?"  
  
"Well," her uncle smiles and answers, "I have for you an Australian aunt!"

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**2.The Dog and the Wolf**

A road lay through a jungle. One evening a fat dog was walking along the road. He met his friend, a wolf.

The dog said to the wolf, ‘Good evening, friend. You are getting thinner and thinner. What is the matter with you? Are you sick?’

‘No, my friend,’ said the wolf. ‘I am not sick. I do not get food every day. So I am getting thinner and thinner.’

The dog said, ‘Will you serve my master? He will give you good food to eat.’

The wolf replied eagerly, ‘I am willing to serve your master. I am ready to go with you.’

As they were walking along, the wolf saw a mark on the dog’s neck.

‘What is that mark?’ asked the wolf.

‘My collar made that mark,’ said the dog.

‘Then you are often chained!’ said the wolf.

‘Yes, I am chained when I guard my house,’ said the dog. ‘But after, I am free and can go anywhere I like.’

‘Good-bye!’ said the wolf. ‘I don’t like to be chained. I don’t need to have good food. I like to be free.’

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**3. Two Friends and the Bear**

Tom and John were two friends. One day they were passing through a dense forest.

John said, “Friend, I am afraid there are wild animals in this forest. What will we do if a wild animal attacks us?”

“Don’t be afraid, John,” said Tom, “I will stand by your side if any danger comes. We will fight together and save ourselves.” So, they went on their journey.

But suddenly they saw a bear coming towards them. Tom at once got up the nearest tree. He did not think about what his friend would do.

John did not know how to climb a tree. He had no way of escape. He was helpless.

But soon he had a plan. He fell flat on the ground like a dead man.

The bear came up to John. It smelled his nose, ears and eyes.It thought he was dead and went away.

Then Tom came down from the tree. He said to John, “What did the bear whisper in your ear?”

John said, “The bear told me, ‘Do not trust a friend who leaves his friend in danger.’”