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1. Jimmy Luther gets a job

Jimmy Luther is in math class. He is sitting at the back of the classroom. It's almost lunchtime. It is sunny and warm. Jimmy feels sleepy. He doesn't like math, so he's not listening to the teacher.

The classroom door opens. Mrs Catwell comes into the classroom. The math teacher goes to talk to her. Then he looks at the students.

"Jimmy Luther. Mrs Catwell wants to talk to you. Our lesson is almost finished. You can go now."

Jimmy stands up and leaves the classroom. Mrs Catwell and Jimmy walk to her office.

"Come in and sit down, Jimmy," she says.

Mrs Catwell is the school's careers advisor. She gives students advice about jobs. It is Jimmy's first time to go to her office. He looks around the room. There are many pamphlets. Jimmy sees pamphlets about many kinds of jobs. There are also pamphlets about universities.

Why does she want to talk to me? he thinks.

Mrs Catwell sits behind her desk. Jimmy sits in a chair. He looks at Mrs Catwell.

Jimmy's school has a special programme. Students go to work outside school for a week. It's called the work experience programme. Students experience working life. They try different jobs and think about their future jobs.

"Next week is 'work experience week' for your class," says Mrs Catwell. "All students will work somewhere. I have found a job for everyone in your class. But I haven't found a job for you. I need information from you, but you didn't fill in any of the forms."

"What forms?" asks Jimmy.

"The form about your hobbies. The form about your plans for the future and the job application form."

"Oh! Those forms! I forgot," says Jimmy.

"Well it is now very late. Maybe I can't find a job for you."

"That's OK, Mrs Catwell," says Jimmy. "Don't worry about it."

Jimmy thinks this is good. *Everyone in my class will go to work for a week. There will be no classes. I'll have a week's vacation.*

"Next week, you have to come to school. I talked to Mrs Wilson in the library. You can clean all the storerooms in the library."

Jimmy is not happy.

Mrs Catwell looks at him. "You don't want to help Mrs Wilson. I know. A job outside the school is better for you."

Mrs Catwell likes Jimmy. He is a very lazy boy, but he is always happy.

"Come on, Jimmy! Help me to find you a job! What are you interested in?"

Jimmy looks at the floor. He looks up. He looks at the wall behind Mrs Catwell's head.

There is a picture of a basket of vegetables. Jimmy is very, very hungry.

"Food," he says. "Food."

He is thinking about his lunch. He stops listening to Mrs Catwell.

"Very good Jimmy! That's great! A restaurant. I can find a restaurant for you. You can work in a restaurant kitchen for a week."

The bell rings. It's lunchtime. Jimmy stands up.

"Yes, Jimmy. You can go now. I will give you information about your job tomorrow," says Mrs Catwell

"Thanks," says Jimmy.

What job is she talking about? I'm not going to think about it. It's lunchtime, thinks Jimmy.

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