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Introduction

There are six short stories about parties in this book.

Story 1: A Fancy Dress

Story 2: The Hen Party

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Story 4: Becky's Party

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1. A Fancy Dress

Teresa was a student from Sao Paulo. She was studying English at a language school in London. There were twenty other students in her class. Teresa wanted to talk with them, but there was a problem. She was very shy. At lunchtime, the other students all talked to each other. Their English was very good. Teresa didn't think her English was good. She wanted to talk to the other students, but she didn't have the confidence. So she ate lunch alone.

After lunch on Thursday, the teacher said, "We are having a welcome party tomorrow night. It will be in the school cafeteria. It will start at seven pm. The students from other classes will come too."

Teresa was excited about the party, but she felt a little nervous.

What should I wear? she thought. *What do people wear to parties in England?*

The class finished at 3:00pm. The other students walked out of class. They were all talking about the party and laughing. The teacher was cleaning the board.

I'll ask the teacher, thought Teresa.

"Excuse me Ms Mills, can I ask you about the party?"

"Sure," said Ms Mills.

"What should I wear?"

"Wear something fancy. Everyone usually dresses up at the parties," said Ms Mills.

"Something fancy?"

"Yes. A fancy dress."

"OK, thank you. I will."

"Good! See you tomorrow!" said Ms Mills.

Teresa walked out of the school and got on the bus to go back to her apartment.

Ms Mills said wear something fancy. Everyone usually dresses up. What does fancy mean? Teresa had been too shy to ask. She looked it up on her smartphone.

Fancy...ah, fancy dress! People wear costumes! I've seen fancy dress parties in movies. They look fun! So, it is a fancy dress party! What can I wear?

Teresa looked out of the bus window and thought about the party. *A fancy dress party is a good idea, she thought. People will talk to each other about their costumes. If I wear an interesting costume, maybe I can make lots of friends. First, I need to hire a costume.*

She found the address of a fancy dress costume shop on her smartphone. It was about a 20 minute walk from her apartment. She got off the bus and walked to the shop.

In the shop window, there were many kinds of costumes. There were animal costumes, Disney costumes, Halloween costumes, and many others.

She opened the door and went into the shop.

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