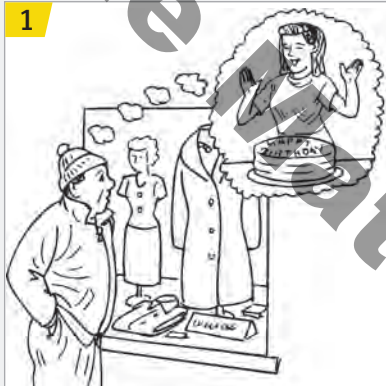


UNIT 2

1 PRE-READING

Look at the pictures. Listen to your teacher tell the story.



The Birthday Present



Joe is shopping. He is looking for a present for his wife. Her birthday is in two days.

He sees a coat. It is a warm coat, and it is beautiful. It is also expensive—\$1,000. Joe is not a rich man. But he loves the coat, and he loves his wife, so he buys the coat.

Joe doesn't want his wife to see the coat, so he puts it in a black plastic bag. Then he takes the coat to his brother's house.

When Joe arrives at his brother's house, his sister-in-law is outside shoveling snow. "I'll help you," Joe says. He puts the black plastic bag down on the snow.

While Joe is shoveling snow, a garbage truck comes. The men see the black plastic bag on the snow. They pick it up and throw it into the truck.

When Joe finishes shoveling the snow, he looks for the black plastic bag. It is gone! Then Joe remembers the garbage truck. "Oh, no!" he thinks. "Maybe the black plastic bag is in the garbage truck!"

The garbage truck takes garbage to the dump. So Joe drives to the dump. There are thousands of black plastic bags at the dump. Which one has the coat in it? For hours, Joe opens black plastic bags. He finds empty boxes and cans. He finds old shoes and clothes. He finds old potatoes and onions. Finally, he finds the coat.

Joe gives the coat to his wife on her birthday. "It's beautiful!" she says. "I love it! But..."

"But what?" Joe asks.

"It smells like onions."

2 VOCABULARY

Write the correct word on the line.

dump empty gone present shoveling sister-in-law

1. Joe wants to give his wife something. He is looking for a _____ *present* _____ for her.
2. Joe's brother is married. When Joe arrives at his brother's house, his brother's wife is outside working. Joe helps his _____.
3. It is a cold winter day, and Joe's sister-in-law is _____ snow.
4. Joe looks everywhere for the black plastic bag, but he can't find it. The bag is _____.
5. The garbage trucks take all the garbage to the _____.
6. Joe finds boxes and cans with nothing in them. They are _____.

3 COMPREHENSION

UNDERSTANDING THE MAIN IDEAS

Complete the sentences. Circle *a* or *b*.

1. Joe is looking for a present for his wife because
 - a. she is in the hospital.
 - b. her birthday is in two days.
2. Joe buys the expensive coat because
 - a. he loves his wife.
 - b. he is a rich man.
3. Joe puts the coat in a black plastic bag because
 - a. he doesn't want the coat to get dirty.
 - b. he doesn't want his wife to see it.
4. Joe doesn't see the garbage truck because
 - a. he is watching TV.
 - b. he is shoveling snow.
5. The coat smells like onions because
 - a. it was at the garbage dump.
 - b. Joe's wife is cooking onions.

REMEMBERING DETAILS

What does Joe find at the dump? Circle seven words.

empty boxes old shoes an old chair
old onions empty cans old clothes
an old bicycle old potatoes the coat

4 DISCUSSION

Joe buys a birthday present for his wife. It is a warm, beautiful, and expensive coat.

With your classmates, make a list of presents people like to give and receive. Your teacher will write your list on the board.

5 WRITING

A Write your name on a piece of paper. Fold it and put it in a box. Your classmates will put their names in the box, too. Reach into the box and take a piece of paper.

B Choose a present for the student whose name is on your piece of paper. Complete the letter below. Then deliver it to your classmate.

Dear _____,

I want to give you _____ for a present
because _____.

Your friend,

C You have a letter from a classmate with a “present.” Complete this thank-you note on your own paper. Then deliver it to the person who gave you the present.

Dear _____,

Thank you very much for _____. I liked the
present because _____.

Your friend,
