

UNIT 2



1 PRE-READING

A Look at the picture. Answer the questions.

1. Whose pants is the man wearing?
2. Why is he excited?
3. What changes can people make in their lives to be healthier? Do you sometimes make changes to be healthier?

B Read the title of the story. Think about the picture again. Answer the questions.

1. What do you think this story is about?
2. Can you guess what happens?

A New Man

Roley McIntyre was a big man—he was a very big man. He weighed 600 pounds (272 kilograms).

For lunch Roley ate ten pieces of bacon, four eggs, ten potatoes, and fried vegetables. For dinner he ate meat and more potatoes, and after dinner he always ate dessert. Before he went to bed, he ate a few sandwiches and some cake.

Roley couldn't drive a regular car because he was too big. He couldn't fit in the front seat. Roley had a special car. It had no front seat. Roley drove his car from the back seat.

One day Roley went to the doctor. The doctor said, "Mr. McIntyre, you have a special car. Now you need to buy a special coffin—a coffin for a very big man. You have to lose weight, or you're going to die soon."

Roley went on a diet. For breakfast he ate

cereal with nonfat milk. For lunch he ate baked beans on toast. For dinner he ate fish and vegetables.

After Roley began to lose weight, he met a woman named Josephine. She told Roley, "Don't stop your diet."

Roley didn't stop his diet. He continued to lose weight. In 18 months, he lost 400 pounds (181 kilograms). Then six months after that, he and Josephine got married.

After they got married, Roley bought a new car. His old car was special—it had no front seat. His new car had three rows—a front seat and two back seats. Roley bought a big car not because he was a big man. He bought it because he and Josephine wanted a big family. It was a big car for a big family. It was a new car for a new man.

2 VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences. Find the right words. Circle the letter of the answer.

1. After dinner Roley ate cake, cookies, or ice cream. He always ate _____.
 - a. lunch
 - b. dessert
 - c. breakfast
2. Roley couldn't drive a regular car because he was too big. He couldn't _____ in the front seat.
 - a. fit
 - b. stand
 - c. see
3. The doctor told Roley, "You have a special car. Now you need to buy a special _____ because you're going to die soon."
 - a. refrigerator
 - b. garage
 - c. coffin
4. The doctor told Roley, "You are too big. You have to go on a diet. Don't eat potatoes and dessert. You need to _____."
 - a. eat more
 - b. lose weight
 - c. buy clothes

3 COMPREHENSION

LOOKING FOR DETAILS

A What did Roley eat when he was big? Find the words in the story. Write them on the lines below.

bacon

eggs

B What did Roley eat when he was on a diet? Find the words in the story. Write them on the lines below.

cereal with nonfat milk

REVIEWING THE STORY

Complete each sentence. Then read the story again and check your answers.

Roley McIntyre was very big. He weighed 600 pounds. Roley couldn't drive a regular car. He couldn't fit in the front _____, so Roley's car had no front seat. He could drive his car from the _____ seat.

Roley's doctor said, "Mr. McIntyre, you have to lose weight, or you're going to _____ soon." Roley went on a _____. He began to lose _____. He met a _____. Her name was Josephine. She told Roley, "Don't _____ your diet." Roley didn't stop his diet; he lost 400 _____.

Two years after Roley started his diet, Roley and Josephine got _____.

UNDERSTANDING CAUSE AND EFFECT

Find the best way to complete each sentence. Write the letter of the answer on the line.

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| 1. Roley McIntyre was big <u>C</u> | a. because he was going to die. |
| 2. Roley couldn't drive a regular car _____ | b. because he was on a diet. |
| 3. Roley needed to buy a coffin _____ | c. because he ate a lot. |
| 4. Roley ate only fish and vegetables for dinner _____ | d. because he couldn't fit in the front seat. |
| 5. Roley bought a big new car with three rows of seats _____ | e. because he and Josephine wanted to have a big family |

4 WRITING / DISCUSSION

A What did you usually eat for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks in your native country? What do you usually eat in the United States? Complete the chart.

	IN MY NATIVE COUNTRY, I USUALLY ATE...	IN THE UNITED STATES, I USUALLY EAT...
Breakfast		
Lunch		
Dinner		
Snacks		

B Take turns reading your chart to a partner.

C Answer the questions below. Write complete sentences.

1. Do you and your partner eat the same food?

2. Which food do you think is healthier—the food you ate in your native country or the food you eat in the United States?
