

Lesson 6A: Story Time!! (Class VI-VIII)
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Hi, it's time to share our experiences and thoughts. We are going to have fun through our stories. So, let's go to the wonderland.

A Do you believe in ghosts? How do you feel when you are really afraid?
I feel horrible when I get frightened.

It was almost 12 at night. I was alone in my room when everyone was sleeping. I was feeling as if somebody was looking at me from my back. My throat became dry. I was really thirsty. I tried to shout but couldn't. Gradually my fear increased without any reason. My heartbeat became faster and teeth started chattering. Suddenly, I heard a sound. I ran as fast as I could. I felt somebody was following me. I was sweating. Immediately, I woke up and realized that it was just a dream. That night, I could not sleep any more.

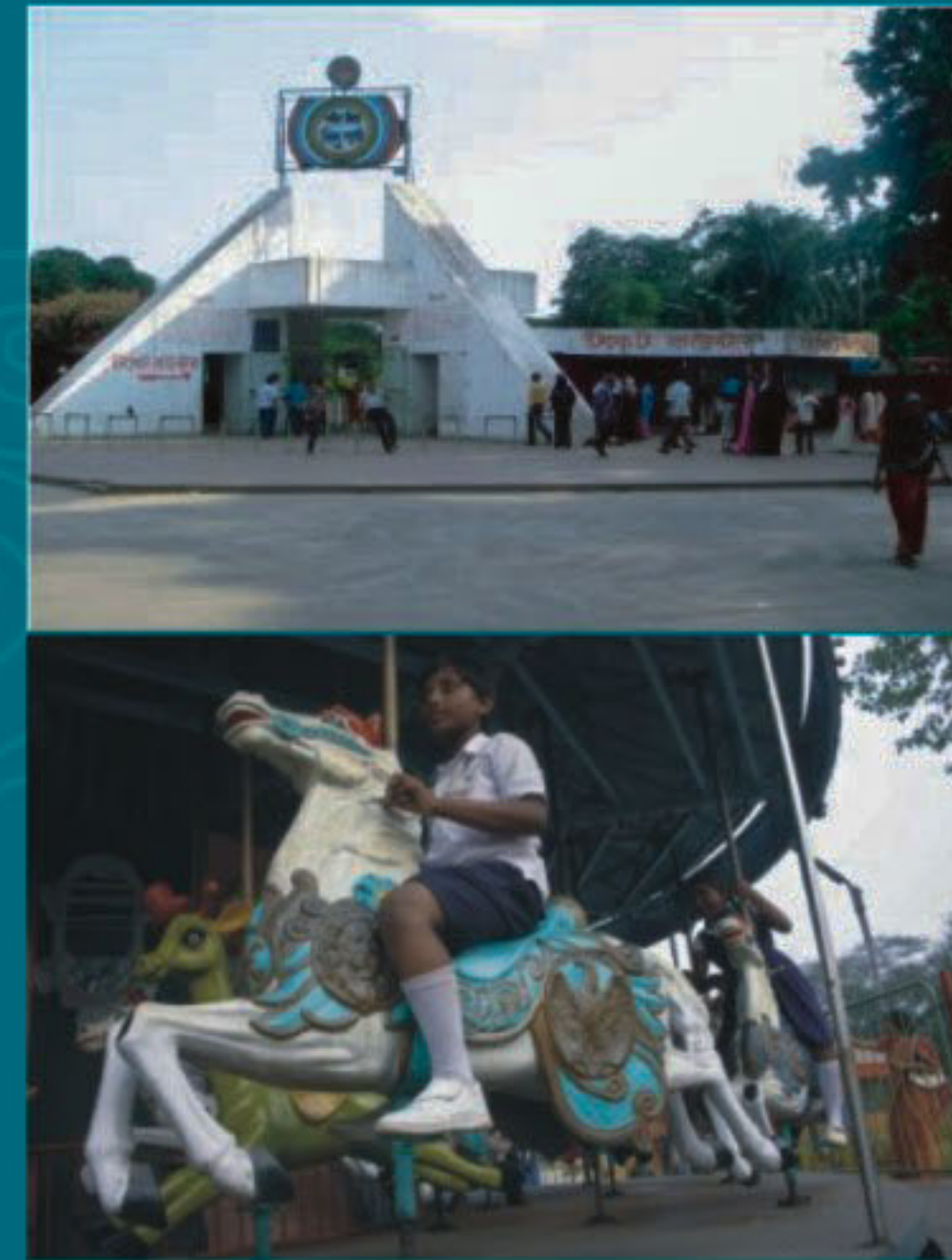


Dear friends, I guess you liked this story very much. If you want to make your story interesting, you need to talk about your feelings. Now share your story with your friends about a day or a night when you were really afraid. Answer the following questions in your story.

- When?
Where?
What did you see and hear?
How did you feel?
What happened in the end?

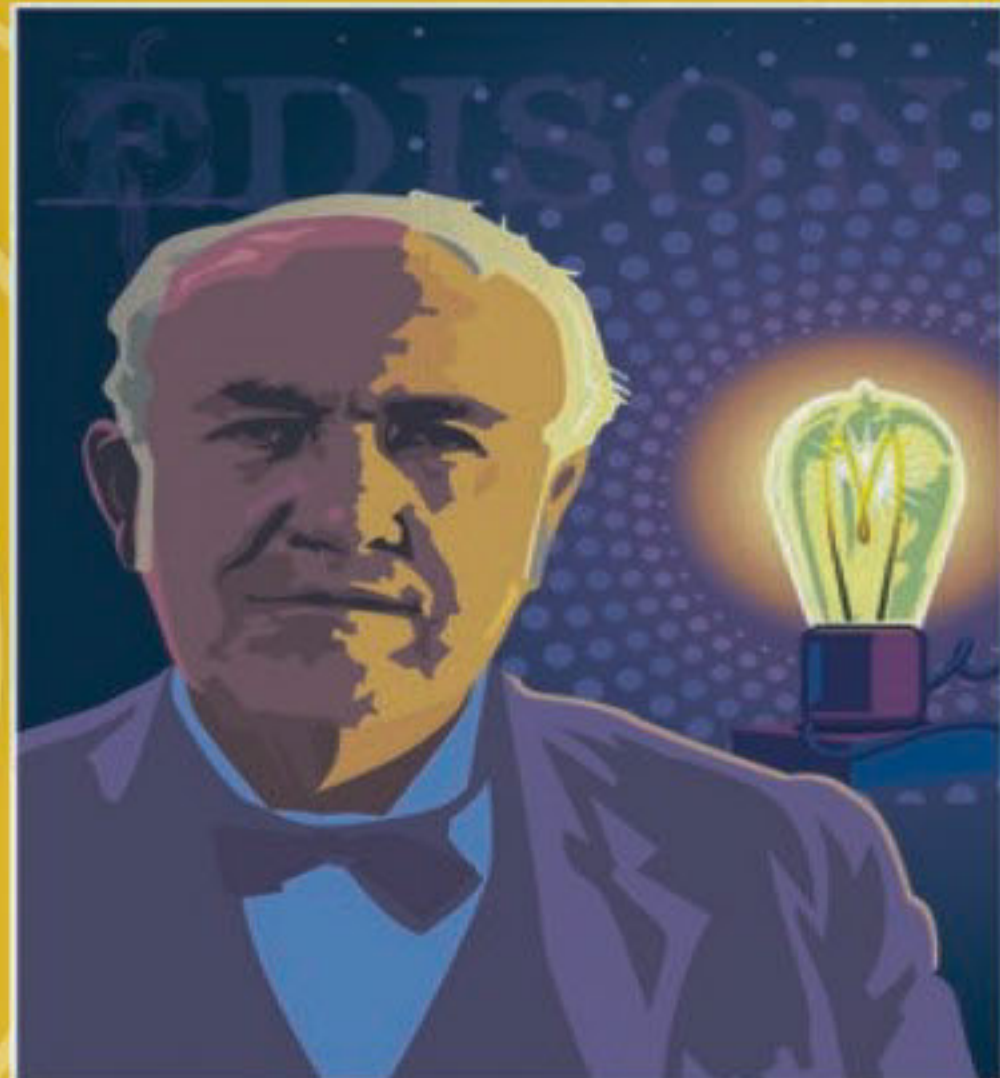
B Hello, I am Raju. I have had a memorable experience that I want to share with you. Below is my story. Remember, it is written using present verb-forms. Change the verbs in the brackets and write them in past forms.

Last December (is) a very memorable month for me. When my final exam was over, my mother and I went to Dhaka to visit my uncle's house and some other places. Initially, we (go) to some market places to shop. My mother (buy) me new books and some dresses. I also (have) ice cream from a nicely decorated shop. After a few days, my mother (take) me to the Shishu Park, where I (see) many rides, and (ride) a few of them including a horse and a small train. I (enjoy) it very much. The next day my uncle took me to the National Museum. On our way back, we crossed the campus of the University of Dhaka which was full of green trees and nice buildings. We (stay) in Dhaka for a week. It was a very exciting experience for me.



C Read the text below and choose the appropriate linking words.

Do you know Thomas Alva Edison? He was famous for his inventions in the field of information technology. The first movie camera invented by him changed our lives to a great extent. However/ therefore/ so, he did not appear to be very brilliant in his childhood. There are many stories about Thomas Edison. According to some stories, Thomas was a very dumb boy during his childhood. Historians say that Thomas had hearing problems. But/ so/ because, he was not attentive in his class and always faced problems because of the same reason. His teacher couldn't bear the situation anymore and considered him to be a dumb boy. Though/ moreover/ while, his teacher did not accept the idea of sending him to a normal children's school. When/ then/ so Thomas was about 14 years old, he saved the life of a child. That boy was a son of a senior railway officer. The child's father was very happy. Finally/ later/ for this reason, he taught Edison how to use a telegraph to send and receive messages. Soon, Thomas achieved mastery in operating the telegraph.



(information: internet)

D Write the appropriate form of the words in the boxes and fill in the blanks to complete the following story.

Verbs	adjectives	nouns
to please	Pleased pleasant	pleasure
To interest		interest
	surprising	surprise
		excitement
to frighten	frightened	

Rina likes reading story books. Once she got a book as a gift from her uncle. She was very Her uncle was to see her excitement. Unfortunately, Rina could not read that book that day as there was no electricity. She was waiting for light. Soon, the light came but to her surprise, Rina found that the book was not on her table. Her parents became too. They searched for it everywhere, but did not find it. Rina became very upset. Suddenly, Rina's uncle noticed that Karim, their domestic help was not at home. Her uncle looked for him, and found him under a tree outside. Karim was secretly reading the book! He was very seeing the uncle. The book fell from his hand out of fear. However, no one was angry with him, because they came to know that day that Karim could also read. Finally, Karim became relaxed and told Rina that the book was very

E Re-arrange the following story.

- After lunch, Mithu, some other friends and I took a walk to a nearby village. Suddenly, we came across an old empty house.
- Last month I was really bored of attending classes and studying, and finally the day came when I went on a school picnic.
- It looked like a ghost house but we decided to go in. The rooms were full of things from the past. Then, Mithu came out screaming from the house and we ran behind him. Soon we were back at the picnic spot and we asked Mithu what he had seen. He was silent and did not want to tell us.
- On the way home, he told us that he had seen the image of an old woman in one of the mirrors! That scared me a lot. However, I enjoyed the day very much.
- The day was sunny but there was a gentle breeze. On the bus, we sang songs. Around 11 a.m. we reached the picnic spot, full of tall coconut trees and flowers. We felt refreshed after drinking green coconut water. Then, my friends and I decided to play Cricket. The girls, on the other hand, played 'Bowchi' and 'Shat Chara'.



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I have been reading and doing all the exercises of EIS for the last two months. Previously, I was a bit weak in English grammar. I took the help of EIS page. The change I realized was unbelievable. I really feel a lot better now. I expect the English in Schools to be more advanced. Finally, I am really grateful to you for such a wonderful item.
Thank you
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Scholastica, Dhaka

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Complete the story.

An Unusual Hi-jacking

Last year Doly's aunt went to London by Emirates Airlines. There were about eight hundred passengers in the plane. When the plane was about to land in the Heathrow airport, an unusual hi-jacking took place.

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Story Board



Solution to the previous issue

- Section E: 1. both 2. similarly 3. but 4. whereas 5. on the other hand
Section G: **Across**
1. most 9. better 2. tighter 6. plainer
3. fancier 11. looser 4. cheaper 7. loveliest
8. biggest 12. Sunnier 5. worst 10. more

Do not waste food...

More than 900 million people remain malnourished because they cannot afford sufficient food for themselves, whereas millions of tons of food are being wasted every year.

Let us not waste food and help all to live healthy.

