

1. Do you have this skirt in a size 4?
2. I forgot my textbook today.
3. Well, it was nice meeting you.
4. Oh, look what time it is!
5. A funny thing happened to me on the way to the store.
6. The birds ate up all the seeds I planted.
7. This stew could use a bit more salt.
8. How can you watch that silly TV show?
9. How much time will you spend in Tokyo?
10. How much is the subway fare?

11. It's dark in here; where's the switch?
12. I can't get this open! Could you lend me a hand?
13. You're in a lot of trouble.
14. I don't think I want to pay that much.
15. There's no way I'm going to do that!
16. Please wait a moment.
17. This is really not very difficult.
18. How may I help you?
19. Do you feel better now?
20. I hope you have a very pleasant trip.

A young man had recently married a woman whose brother was blind. The young man was eager to get to know his new brother-in-law, and so he invited him to go hunting.

“I cannot see,” said the blind man, “but you can help me find my way when we are out hunting together.”

The young man led the blind man off into the forest.

“There are wild pigs nearby,” said the blind man. “I can hear them over there, and I hear a bird that is getting ready to fly.”

To the young man, these sounds were meaningless. He was impressed at the blind man’s ability to understand the forest, even though it must have been a great darkness for him.

They set out their traps and went home.

The next day, when they returned to their traps, the young man saw a small bird in his trap. He took it out and put it in his bag.

The young man said to the blind man, “There is a bird in your trap, too.” But as he spoke, he grew full of jealousy. The blind man’s bird was wonderfully colored, as if it had flown through a rainbow. The feathers from such a bird would make a fine present for his new wife.

The young man took the colorful bird from the trap. Then he quickly exchanged the two birds. He gave his own bird to the blind man, and he put the brightly colored one in his own bag.

On their way home they talked about many things. The young man became impressed by the wisdom of the blind man.

“Why do people fight with each other?” asked the young man.

The blind man raised his head, and it seemed to the young man as if the unseeing eyes were staring right into his soul.

Quietly, the blind man answered, "People fight because they do to each other what you have done to me."

These words shocked the young man and made him feel ashamed. He opened his bag, took out the brightly colored bird, and gave it to the blind man.

"Do you have any other questions for me?" asked the blind man.

"Yes," said the young man. "How do people become friends after they have fought?"

"They do what you have just done," said the blind man. "That is how they become friends again."