

The Cell Phone 1.7

My dad has a cell phone. He’s a salesman and drives all over the state. He uses the cell phone to let people at his work know what his customers need. He can ask someone at the office to help a customer before he returns. He can call home and tell us he’s going to be late.

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Until last week my mother didn’t have a cell phone. She said she didn’t need one. She said we had more important things to spend our money on. Then on the way home her car ran out of gas. She was way out in the country. It was almost dark. She had to walk a long way to a house and ask to use the phone. Then she had to walk back to the car and wait for the tow truck to come.

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When she tried to call us our line was busy. I started to worry because she was very late. My dad didn’t know where she was. Finally she got home. It was almost my bedtime.

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My mom said, “I think I am ready for a cell phone now.”

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My dad said, “You are right. We will buy you one tomorrow. Then you will feel safe and I won’t worry.”

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The New Baby 1.8

The family next door has a new baby. The baby is a little girl. Her name is Robin. She was born about two months ago. Everyone on our street is happy about the new baby. Nobody else on our street has a baby. All the kids in our neighborhood are older.

It was pretty quiet at night before baby Robin came. But Robin cries a lot at night. Her crying wakes me up. My mother says she has her days and nights all mixed up. Mom says she isn't old enough to know nights are for sleeping. She doesn't know her days are for eating, growing, and playing.

During the day Robin sleeps almost all the time. She never hears dogs barking or the radio. If the doorbell or phone rings, she keeps on sleeping. She doesn't wake up when I come home from school. She never wakes up when we play hide and seek in her yard.

Then one night Robin slept the entire night. Everyone in our family had a good night's sleep. Then Robin was wide awake the next day. When I came home from school Robin was still awake. Her mother said I could hold her on my lap. She looked at me and smiled. I like Robin but I'm glad she lives next door.

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A Birthday Party for Twins 1.9

I went to a birthday party last week. It was for my two friends. They are twins. That means they look just the same. They have the same birthday. They are in my class at school.

My mom and I went shopping for presents. I picked out two presents. I got a red yo-yo and a book.

Lots of people came to the party. The twins got many presents. The best part of the party was the food. There were hot dogs and hamburgers. They even had two birthday cakes. One cake was chocolate and one was angel food. There were two flavors of ice cream. I liked the mint chip best. There were two flavors of punch, too. I tried them both.

I liked everything I tasted. When I got home my tummy hurt. I think I ate too much. Next time I go to a party I will not eat so much. I won't eat two kinds of cake. I will just eat one kind. I won't eat a hot dog and a hamburger. I won't have two cups of punch. I won't have two dishes of ice cream, either. I will just have one dish. Then I can have a good time at the party and not get a tummy ache.

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The Train Trip 1.10

Mom and I went to visit Grandpa. We rode all the way across the state. I never had to wear a seat belt. That’s because we rode on the train.

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I like to ride the train. I can walk all around the train car whenever I want. We never have to pull over at a rest stop. I can make my seat lay down almost like a bed. If we get hungry or thirsty we can buy snacks.

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There is even a kid’s room with toys and games. Once they showed a movie. I made friends with a boy my age.

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When you get on the train they tell you where to sit. Someone comes and takes your tickets. The suitcases go over the seats.

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I like watching everything zip by when the train goes fast. Sometimes the train goes faster than the cars. The whistle blows When the train goes over crossings. You can look in people’s back yards. I waved at some people as we went by. They waved back.

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Finally we got to Grandpa’s city. I could see him waiting for us. He waved and came to pick up our suitcases. Next week we’ll go home the same way we came, on the train.

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The Ice Cream Truck 1.11

It was so hot yesterday. I was tired of running in the	12
sprinkler. I was tired of splashing in the wading pool. I was tired	25
of drinking ice cold water. I didn't want to play. It was too hot.	39
Then I heard it! Familiar music was playing somewhere. It	49
was coming closer and closer. I knew that music. It came from	61
the ice cream truck. It was not far away.	70
I asked my babysitter if we could buy something cold to cool	82
ourselves off. She said yes and gave me some money. I went	94
outside and waited. The ice cream truck came closer and closer.	105
But it kept stopping. Other kids were buying cold treats.	115
"His truck will be empty when he gets here," I said.	126
My babysitter said, "Just wait, it's a hot day and all the kids	139
want a treat."	142
Pretty soon there were five kids waiting for the ice cream	153
truck. Finally he arrived and got out of the truck. I ran over and	167
asked what kind of treats he had.	174
He said, "I'm all out of everything except root beer	184
Popsicles. Will that be okay?"	189
I nodded. Root beer Popsicles are my favorite. I took my	200
Popsicle and went back to our yard. I sat under the maple tree	213
and ate it. It was so good. It cooled me off. I felt so much better.	229

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