

Tony's slacks are very old

but it isn't too strong
because he is drinking it.

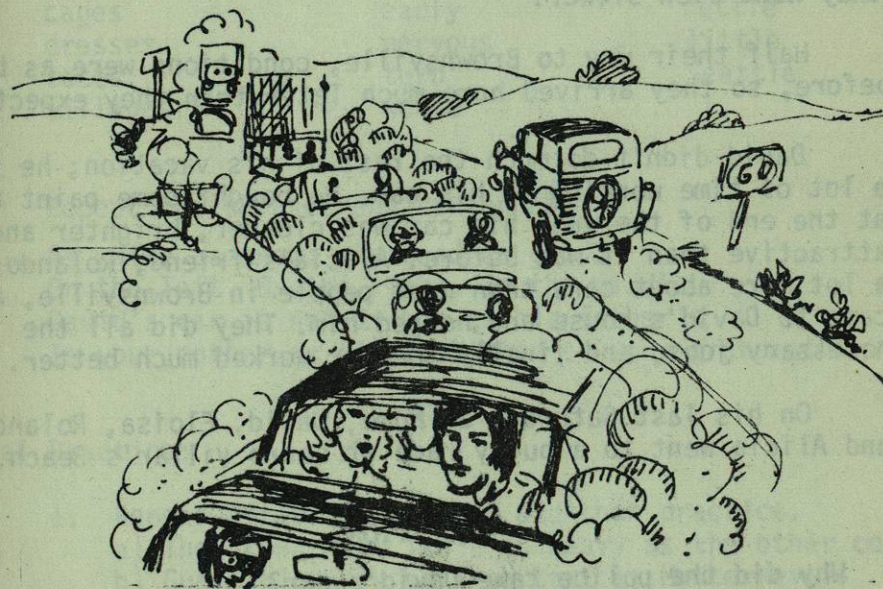
The horse is very heavy

and they are too high
for him to put his books
on.

STRUCTURES

They arrived much later than they expected.
The traffic was worse on the way back.
A buggy isn't as good as a Volkswagen.

DAVID GOES FOR A RIDE



David's car was at the police station. He doubled parked his car on Main Street in Port Isabel, Tex. and the police took it away. So while Eloísa and Alicia went to swim, David went to the police station and picked his car up. He had to pay \$ 10.00 dollars and the policeman on duty said one of his tires was worn almost smooth. This is illegal. David had to buy a new tire that day. David had less money to spend for

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the rest of his vacation. The Sunday trip was more expensive than he first thought.

On their way back home the traffic was even more unpleasant than before. The traffic was worse on the way back to Brownsville, Tex.

On Sunday evening the traffic is always heavier than usual; in fact it's the worst time of the week. Sometimes they went no faster than 25 M. per hour and in some places they went even slower.

Half their way to Brownsville, conditions were as bad as before, so they arrived home much later than they expected.

David didn't do much the rest of his vacation; he spent a lot of time working on his car. He bought some paint and at the end of the week his car was cleaner, brighter and more attractive than it was before. Alicia's friend, Rolando, knows a lot more about cars than most people in Brownsville, and he came to David's house and helped him. They did all the necessary jobs, and finally the car worked much better.

On his last Saturday at home, David, Eloisa, Rolando and Alicia went to a buggy race at Lauro Villar's Beach.

QUESTIONS

- Why did the police take David's car?
- What was wrong with David's car?
- Did he have to buy a new tire?
- Was there less traffic, in the morning or in the evening?
- Where did David drive slowly?
- What time did they get home?
- What did David do during the rest of his vacation?
- Did David and Rolando paint the car?

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- Who went to David's house?
- What did they do to the car?
- Where did David go on his last day home?
- What for?

PRONUNCIATION

Repeat the words.

bridges	dirty	bottle
cages	early	cattle
dresses	nervous	little
laces	turn	Seattle
villages	worse	

Repeat the phrases and sentences:

- As white as snow. As good as gold.
- On the left. On the right. In the middle.
- David's car is not as big as his father's.
- Is your mother as old-fashioned as your grandmother?

Oral Practice:

1. Repeat after the teacher and then practice.
 - a) The brown coat isn't as heavy as the other coats.
 - b) Guadalajara is as important as Monterrey.

Practise with:

coats	warm	fair
dresses	light	dark
models	long	pretty
cars	big	

schools
hats
(and so on)

2. Ask and Answer:

Is Miguel as tall as Francisco?
Yes, he is.

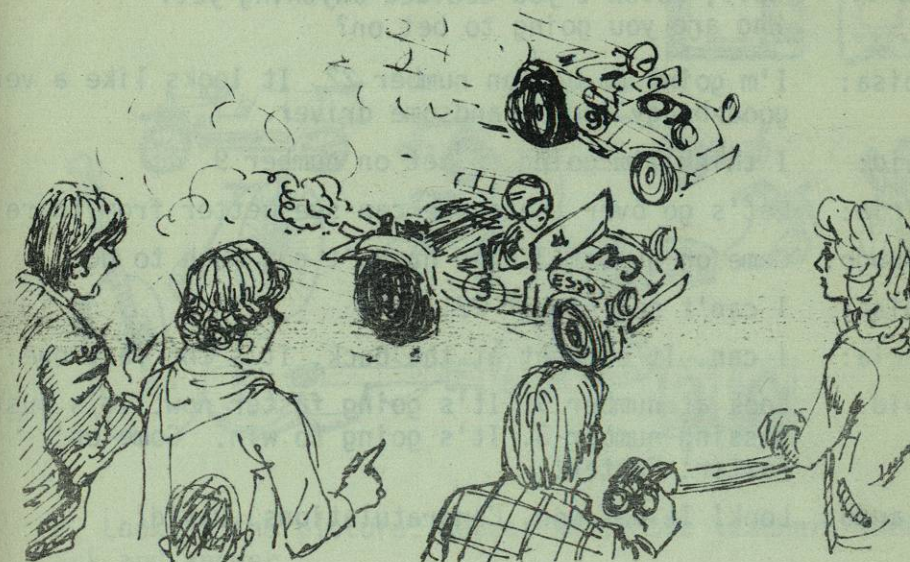
Is the teacher as young as the student?
No, she isn't.

Practise with the names of people in the class and:

pretty	clean	noisy
dirty	hot	strong
cold	ugly	lucky
quiet	interesting	intelligent
small	important	happy



AT THE BUGGY RACES



Alicia: You know all about races, don't you Rolando?
David doesn't know anything about them.

Eloisa: I like that nice and bright little red car.
It's smaller than all the rest.

David: Has the driver ever won a race?

Rolando: I'm trying to remember. No, he's never won a race in his life.

David: Someone told me he is the best driver.

Rolando: Yes, he's the favorite. He's over there in that green buggy number three. The buggy is smaller and faster.

Alicia: Well, haven't you decided anything yet? Who are you going to bet on?

Eloisa: I'm going to bet on number 22. It looks like a very good buggy and a handsome driver.

David: I think I'm going to bet on number 9.

Alicia: Let's go over there. We can see better from there.

Rolando: Come on number 3! You haven't got much to go.

Eloisa: I can't see number 22.

Alicia: I can. It's right at the back. It's the last one.

David: Look at number 9. It's going faster now. It's just passing number 3. It's going to win. Come on! Faster! Faster!

Rolando: Look! It has won. Congratulations, David!

QUESTIONS

Does David know anything about cars or races?

Who knows about cars?

Which car does Eloisa like?

Where are they?

Who is the best driver?

Which color is the best driver's buggy?

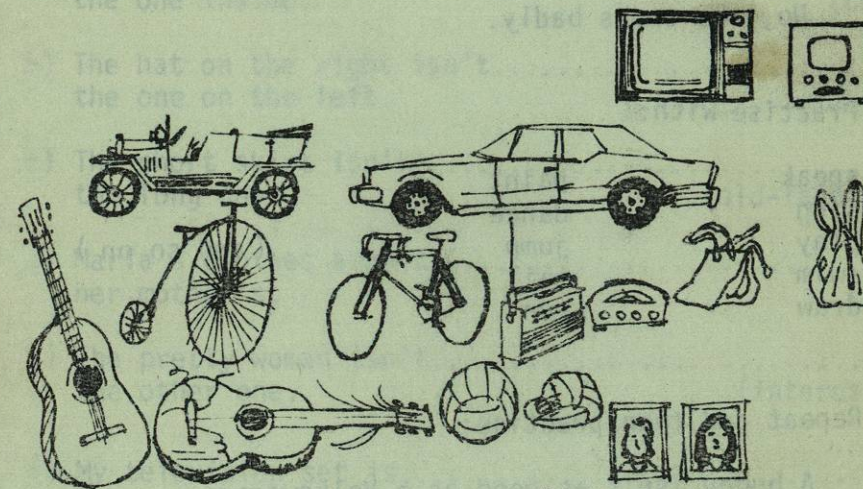
What buggy is Eloisa going to bet on?

Why?

Which car is the last one in the race?

Who won the bet?

Who won the race?



3. Look at the picture. Repeat after the teacher. Then ask and answer.

The handbag on the left's worse than the one on the right.

Is the handbag on the left better than the one on the right?

No, it isn't. The one on the right's better.

Practise with the picture and "better" and "worse".

4. Ask and answer:

Can you drive well?
Yes, I can.

Can Linda cook well?
No, she cooks badly.

Practise with:

speaking	painting	
singing	dancing	
playing	jumping	(and so on)
swimming	sailing	
drawing	running	

5. Repeat and then practise:

A buggy isn't as good as a Volkswagen.
A Volkswagen is better than a buggy.

Practise with names of:

movies	T.V. programs
books	famous people
magazines	movie stars

and:

good	better
bad	worse
nice	nicer
important	prettier
pretty	cheaper
old-fashioned	uglier

6. Fill in.

- a) The dress in the window isn't.....
the one inside. (cheap)
- b) The hat on the right isn't.....
the one on the left. (big)
- c) The short skirt isn't
the long one. (old-fashioned)
- d) Marfa's clothes aren't.....
her mother's. (warm)
- e) The pretty woman isn't.....
the other one. (interesting)
- f) My television set is.....
than Eddie's. (good)
- g) That big ball
than this one. (bad)
- h) Father's car isn't as.....
as yours. (new)
- i) The big picture is.....
than the small one. (bad)