

Hopes Run High

As you read this story, you'll discover what Tom's next story will be.

¹ It was Wednesday, and Tom just couldn't stop smiling when he arrived at school. Tom met his friend Betsy in the hall, and the two of them walked together to their journalism class.

² "You sure look pleased with yourself," remarked Betsy.

³ "I am, Betsy, I am!" Tom grinned. "Do you remember how worried I was about that math exam?"

⁴ "You hardly talked about anything else for a week!" Betsy exclaimed.

⁵ "Well, I passed with a B+," he bragged.

⁶ "Hey, good for you, Tom!" she said, clapping him on the back. "I'm really happy for you, and I hear Ms. Lopez is putting your story about the football game on the front page. That must make you feel great!"

⁷ "It certainly does, Bets, but, believe it or not, there's more! You are now looking at a licensed driver."

⁸ "Wow!" she exclaimed, shaking Tom's hand. "That's really super! I can't wait to try for my driver's license, but I have to wait another eight months."

⁹ "Until then, Betsy, if you ever need a lift . . ."

¹⁰ "I'll know exactly whom to ask," she finished his sentence.

¹¹ "I think my mom is pretty happy about it, too, because I can help run errands for her," Tom said.

¹² "Knowing you, Tom, I'd say you'll be gulping down gallons of milk just so you can go to the grocery store for another carton," she teased.

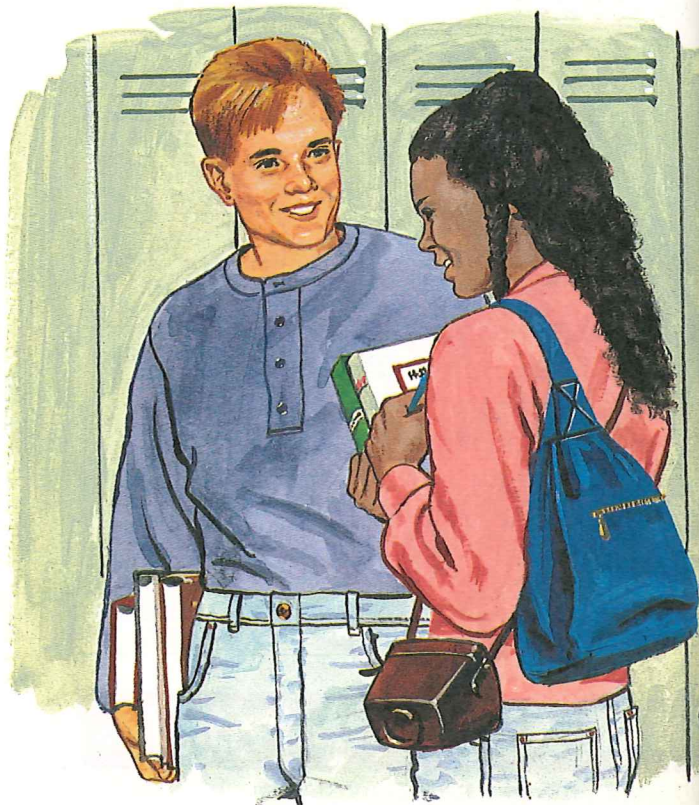
¹³ "Hey, that's a good idea!" Tom laughed.

¹⁴ "You're something else," said Betsy, as they strolled into class.

¹⁵ "Good morning. How is everyone today?" asked Ms. Lopez, addressing her

eleventh grade journalism class. "First let me tell you that I'm very pleased. Each of you met the deadline. All of your articles will appear in the next issue as planned."

¹⁶ Then Lance, a feature editor, raised his hand to ask a question. "Will we be discussing new assignments with our reporters and photographers today?"



¹⁷ "You certainly will, Lance," said Ms. Lopez, turning to the class. "As you know, the town will be holding its Fall Festival this weekend. I'd like some of you to cover it for our next edition. I'll give each of you your assignment, and if there are no other questions, you can use this time to discuss your next stories with your editors. I'll check with you tomorrow or the next day to see how your plans are going."

¹⁸ "I'm glad we're going to cover the Festival," Tom whispered to Betsy.

¹⁹ "And wait until you see my photos," she murmured back. "They'll put our story on the front page."

Knowing the Words

Write the words from the story that have the meanings below.

1. speaking to

_____ (Par. 15)

2. copy of a newspaper or magazine

_____ (Par. 15)

3. work given out

_____ (Par. 16)

Words with opposite meanings are called **antonyms**. Find an antonym in the story for each of these words.

4. frowning _____ (Par. 1)

5. less _____ (Par. 7)

6. ran _____ (Par. 14)

7. all _____ (Par. 17)

8. shouted _____ (Par. 18)

Working with Words

The suffix **-able** means "able to." This suffix can be added to verbs to form adjectives. Form new words and write a sentence with each adjective.

1. break + able = _____

2. wash + able = _____

3. manage + able = _____

Reading and Thinking

Write the word that best completes each sentence.

1. The latest _____ of the paper will be delivered in the morning.
issue picture journalism

2. The quarterback threw the _____ to the player in the end zone.
light story ball

3. Where will Tom's football story appear in the paper? _____

4. Tom offered to give Betsy a ride whenever she needed it. Why? _____

5. Check the words that describe Betsy.
____ friendly ____ supportive
____ nosy ____ lazy

6. Check the main idea of paragraph 15.
____ Tom's journalism class
____ meeting the deadline
____ new assignments for the next issue

Learning to Study

The word you look up in a dictionary is called an **entry word**. All entry words are printed alphabetically in dark print down the left side of each column. Usually, an entry word is a base word. So if you want to know the meaning of *cities*, look for its base word, *city*. Next to each word below, write the entry word you would look for in the dictionary.

1. happier _____ 3. liked _____

2. faster _____ 4. slipping _____