

**Dialogue****Pre-reading Questions**

Answer the question before you read the dialogue.

| Questions   | Answers  |
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| 1. Look at the picture on page 54.<br>(a) What happened to the man?<br>(b) What is the dog doing?<br>(c) What is there in the picture in the newspaper? | (a) He got hurt.<br>(b) He is trying to save the man.<br>(c) A man is holding a dog in his hand. |
| 2. Look at the pictures on page 55.<br>Where is the man and what may happen to the man?   | He is standing in front of some cars/ in the middle of the road. He may be hit by the car.       |

**While Reading Notes**

(A) Fill in the blanks when you are listening to the dialogue.

(Zac and Jamie are volunteering at a senior center.)

Jamie: Hi, Mr. Barr. Zac and I had a good time listening to your war stories last week. Could you tell us more?

Mr. Barr: With pleasure. See my right leg? It was injured during an attack one night. I also lost three toes on my left foot that night.

Zac: How did you get hurt?

Mr. Barr: A plane dropped a bomb, and it landed close by. It blew up, and I almost died.

Jamie: Wow! Who saved you?

Mr. Barr: A puppy. It saw me and began to bark. The sound led other soldiers to me.

Zac: You were saved by a dog!

Mr. Barr: The story was even reported in a newspaper.

Jamie: What a great story!

(The next day, Zac and Jamie couldn't find Mr. Barr at the center.)

Jamie: Excuse me, Ms. Lee. Where's Mr. Barr?

Ms. Lee: He's in the hospital. He was hit by a car yesterday.

Jamie: How did it happen?

Ms. Lee: Mr. Barr suddenly walked into traffic and stood in the middle of the road. The driver couldn't stop the car in time.

Zac: Why did he do that?

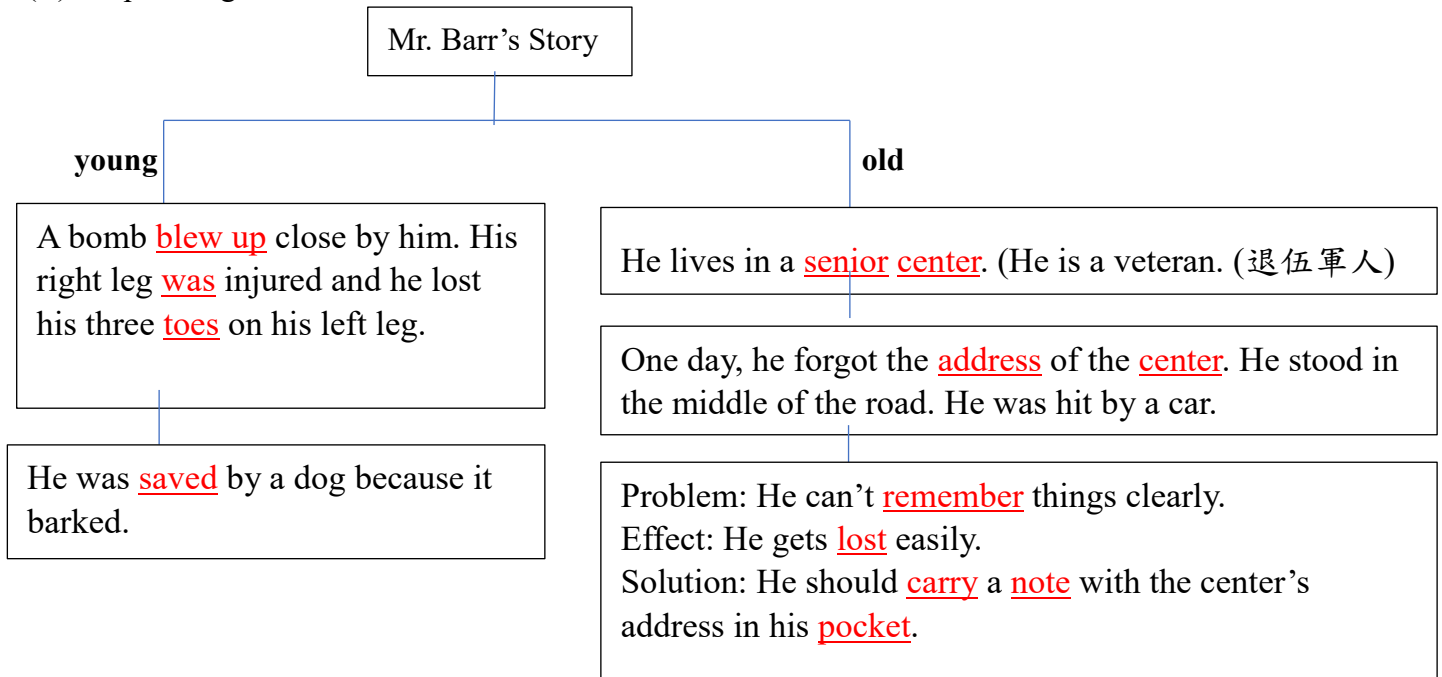
Ms. Lee: I guess he forgot the way to our center and got scared. He has problems remembering things, so he gets lost often.

Zac: I'm worried about him. Maybe he should carry a note with the center's address in his pocket.

Ms. Lee: Good idea. That way, people can help him find his way home.

Jamie: I pray it won't happen again.

(B) Graphic Organizer



**Post Reading Questions and Answers**

After reading the dialogue, find out the answers to the questions.

| Questions   | Answers   |
|---|---|
| 1. What can a volunteer do in a senior center? Write down at least four.                        | (a) Help clean the seniors' rooms.<br>(b) Cook meals for the seniors.<br>(c) Sing for the seniors.<br>(d) Take the seniors to the hospital. |
| 2. What did Mr. Barr use to be?   | He used to be a soldier.  |
| 3. What happened to Mr. Barr's leg when a bomb from a plane fell off it?                        | His right leg was injured and he lost his three toes on his left leg.   |
| 4. How was Mr. Barr saved by a puppy?   | It barked and the sound led other soldiers to him.  |
| 5. What happened to Mr. Barr the next day after Zac and Jamie visit him? How could that happen? | He was hit by a car.<br>He forgot the way to the center and stood in the middle of the road. A car couldn't stop in time.                   |
| 6. What can Mr. Barr do to help himself?  | He can carry a note with the address of the center, so people can help him find his way home.   |
| 7. What does "With pleasure" mean?  | Be glad to do something./ Do something happily.   |

## Reading

### Pre-reading Questions

Answer the question before you read the article.

| Questions   | Answers                                    |
|---|--|
| 1. What do you think "nail soup" is?  | It's a kind of soup with love and sharing. |
| 2. What may a stranger ask you for your help?<br>(a) Ask for directions.<br>(b) Ask for borrowing money.<br>(c) Ask for carrying heavy things.<br>(d) Ask for using the toilet.<br>(e) Ask for using my smartphone. | (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)                    |

### While Reading Notes

Fill in the blanks when you are listening to the reading.

#### The Nail Soup

Once upon a time, there was a soldier. He traveled for many days, and he was very hungry. He had nothing in his pocket but a nail.

One evening, he came to a house and knocked on the door. A woman opened the door, and the soldier asked her for help.

"Excuse me. Could you let me stay for a night and give me something to eat?"

"Sorry. My family is not rich. We don't have much food," answered the woman.

"It's OK. Just let me use your kitchen. I can make myself a dish. It's called nail soup," the soldier said.

The woman led the soldier to the kitchen, handed him a pot, and helped start the fire. She was excited about the nail soup. When the water started boiling, the soldier dropped the nail into the pot. Then he asked the woman for some salt. She gave him some right away.

"The soup will taste better if we add some vegetables." Right after she heard that, the woman took out a big head of cabbage from a basket.

"Hmm... something is missing here," said the soldier.

"Eggs," the woman quickly said.

After eggs were added to the soup, it began to smell very good. The smell woke up the woman's husband and son. Soon everyone in the house took turns stirring the soup.

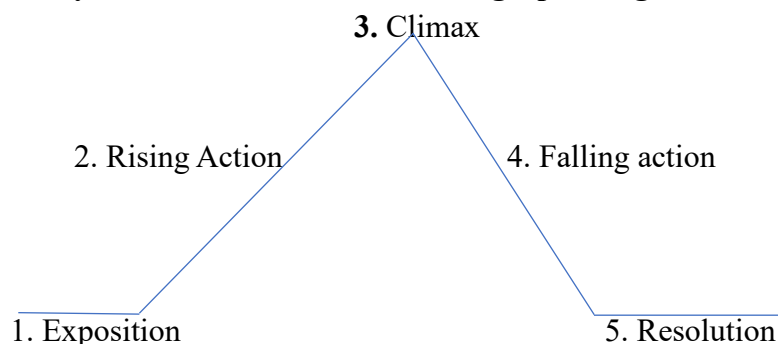
Finally, the soup was ready. The soldier filled everyone's bowl with soup, and they all enjoyed it. The big pot of soup was finished in a short time.

The woman then said, "Oh, my! That soup was really good! Was it because of the nail?"

The soldier smiled. "No. The taste came from helping people in need."

## Reading Mind Map

After you read the article, finish the graphic organizer.



### 1. Exposition

A solider travelled for many days and he was hungry. There was only a nail in his pocket.

### 2. Rising Action

A woman said the soldier could use her kitchen to make nail soup. He started making nail soup by dropping a nail in the pot. Then the woman gave him salt, a big head of cabbage, and eggs.

### 3. Climax

The woman's family were woken up by the smell and took turns stirring the soup.

### 4. Falling Action

After the soup was ready, everyone enjoyed it very much.

### 5. Resolution

The soldier smiled and said the soup tasted good not because of the nail but because of helping people in need.

## Post Reading Questions and Answers

After reading the article, please answer the questions.

| Questions   | Answers   |
|---|---|
| 1. What was there in the soldier's pocket?  | A nail.   |
| 2. How did the woman's family help the soldier?<br>List the correct order of the events.<br>(a) Open the door.<br>(b) Give him vegetables.<br>(c) Take out a pot.<br>(d) Give him salt.<br>(e) Give him eggs.<br>(f) Stir the soup. | (a) → (c) → (d) → (b) → (e) → (f)   |
| 3. (a) What may the nail mean in the article?<br>(b) Can we use other things to take the place of the nail?   | (a) It means love/ sharing/ co-working.<br>(b) Yes, we can use anything else.                                     |
| 4. What does the writer would like to tell the readers?   | Sharing is important. / Helping those in need brings true love. / Helping others bring joy and love to ourselves. |