

Moving As A Child Part 2 Mini-Story Lesson

Hi, welcome to the mini-story lesson for the conversation “Moving As A Child Part 2.”

Okay, let's get started with the story.

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Julia Roberts' house in Los Angeles was on fire. She called her friend Will Smith. He thought that she was just crying wolf. Then she started to scream at the top of her lungs. So Will Smith called the fireman.

The fire truck got to her house but they could not stop the fire.

The house burned down so Julia Roberts had to move.

It was pretty obvious that she was upset. But she had to leave Los Angeles.

She moved to a very small town. At first it was rough. She was the only movie star in town so she stuck out like a sore thumb. But the people were nice so it was easy to get familiar with them.

One day she met a nice man at a café. They fell in love and got married.

When she looks back on her wedding she smiles and now she thinks that the fire was a blessing in disguise.

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Okay, so that's our story. Now I will read the story again and I will ask questions as I read it this time. Please answer the questions out loud and if you need a little more time to think then you can always pause your computer or your iPod and then when you're ready to answer the question then you can press play again. And, as always, if you do not wish to answer the questions out loud and you prefer to just sit and listen well then that's fine as well.

Okay, let's get started.

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Julia Roberts' house in Los Angeles was on fire.

Was Julia Roberts' house on fire?



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Yes, it was. Her house was on fire.

What happened to the house?

Well, it was on fire, the house was on fire.

Whose house was on fire?

Julia Roberts', Julia Roberts' house was on fire.

Was Will Smith's house on fire?

No, it wasn't Will Smith's house.

What was on fire?

A house, Julia Roberts' house was on fire.

Was Julia Roberts' car or house on fire?

Her house, her house was on fire.

Where was Julia Roberts' house?

In Los Angeles, her house was in Los Angeles.

Was her house in Paris?

No, it wasn't in Paris.

Was her house in Los Angeles?

Yes, yes, it was. Her house was in Los Angeles.

She called her friend Will Smith.

Did she call her friend Will Smith?

Yes, she did. She called her friend Will Smith.



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What did she do?

Well, she called her friend Will Smith.

Did she call Will Smith or make a hamburger?

She called Will Smith. She didn't make a hamburger.

Who called Will Smith?

Julia Roberts, Julia Roberts called Will Smith.

Did Tom Cruise call Will Smith?

No, it wasn't Tom Cruise.

Did Julia Roberts call Will Smith?

Yes, she did. Julia Roberts called Will Smith.

Who did she call?

Will Smith, she called Will Smith.

Did she call Tom Cruise or Will Smith?

Will Smith, she called Will Smith.

Is Will Smith her friend?

Yes, he is. She called her friend Will Smith, so Will Smith is her friend.

He thought that she was just crying wolf.

Did he think that she was just crying wolf?

Yes, yes, he did. He thought that she was just crying wolf.



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What did he think?

That she was crying wolf, he thought that she was crying wolf.

Did he think that she was just trying to get attention by saying something that was not true?

Yes, he did. He thought that she was crying wolf, which is the same as saying he thought that she was just trying to get attention by saying something that was not true. Crying wolf means to say something that is not true in order to get attention.

Did he think that the house was on fire?

No, no, he didn't. He thought that she was crying wolf so he thought that she was saying something that was not true so he did not think that the house was on fire.

Who thought that she was just crying wolf?

Will Smith, Will Smith did. He thought that she was just crying wolf.

Did Will Smith or Tom Cruise think that she was crying wolf?

Will Smith did. Tom Cruise did not think she was just crying wolf.

Did Will Smith think that she was just trying to get attention?

Yes, yes, he did. He thought that she was just crying wolf, which means the same thing as he thought that she was just trying to get attention.

Who did he think was crying wolf?

Julia Roberts, he thought that Julia Roberts was crying wolf.

Did he think that his wife was crying wolf?

No, he didn't think that his wife was crying wolf.

Did he think that Julia Roberts was trying to get attention?

Yes, if you're crying wolf, you're trying to get attention.



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Did he think that Julia Roberts was trying to get attention by saying something that was not true?

Yes, he did. He thought that she was crying wolf, which is the same thing as saying he thought that she was trying to get attention by saying something that was not true. Crying wolf means to try to get attention by saying something that was not true. In this case he thought that the house being on fire was what was not true that she was saying, so he thought that she said the house was on fire even though it wasn't just to get attention.

Then she started to scream at the top of her lungs.

Did she start to scream at the top of her lungs?

Yes, she did. She started to scream at the top of her lungs.

What did she start to do?

Scream at the top of her lungs, she started to scream at the top of her lungs.

Did she talk quietly?

No, she did not talk quietly. She was screaming at the top of her lungs.

Did she start to yell very loudly?

Yes, she did. She started to scream at the top of her lungs, which is the same thing as saying she started to yell very loudly. If you scream at the top of your lungs, you are yelling very loudly.

Who started to scream at the top of her lungs?

Julia Roberts, Julia Roberts started to scream at the top of her lungs.

Did Julia Roberts start to scream at the top of her lungs?

Yes, yes, she did. Julia Roberts started to scream at the top of her lungs.

Did Julia Roberts start to yell very loudly?

Yes, she did. She started to scream at the top of her lungs, which is the same thing as saying she started to yell very loudly.



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Why did she start to scream at the top of her lungs?

Well, she started to scream at the top of her lungs because her house was on fire.

So Will Smith called the fireman.

Did Will Smith call the fireman?

Yes, he did. Will Smith called the fireman.

So what did Will Smith do?

He called the fireman.

Did he get some water or call the fireman?

Called the fireman, he called the fireman.

Who called the fireman?

Will Smith, Will Smith called the fireman.

Did Will Smith or Julia Roberts call the fireman?

Will Smith, Will Smith called the fireman.

Who did Will Smith call?

The fireman, Will Smith called the fireman.

Did Will Smith call Julia Roberts or the fireman?

The fireman, Will Smith called the fireman.

The fire truck got to her house

Did the fire truck get to her house?



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Yes, it did. The fire truck got to her house.

What got to her house?

The fire truck, the fire truck got to her house.

Did the fire truck or the plumber get to her house?

The fire truck, the fire truck got to her house.

Where did the fire truck go?

To her house, the fire truck went to her house.

Did the fire truck go to her house or to the library?

Her house, it went to her house.

Whose house did the fire truck go to?

Julia Roberts' house, it went to Julia Roberts' house.

Did the fire truck go to Julia Roberts' house or Will Smith's house?

Julia Roberts' house, the fire truck got to Julia Roberts' house.

but they could not stop the fire.

Did they stop the fire?

No, they could not stop the fire.

Who was not able to stop the fire?

The firemen, the firemen were not able to stop the fire.

What were they unable to stop?



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The fire, they were unable to stop the fire.

Were they unable to stop the fire or the fire truck?

The fire, they were unable to stop the fire.

The house burned down so Julia Roberts had to move.

Did the house burn down?

Yes, it did. The house burned down.

What happened to the house?

It burned down.

What burned down?

The house, the house burned down.

Did the house or the tree burn down?

The house, the house burned down.

Whose house burned down?

Julia Roberts' house, Julia Roberts' house burned down.

Did Will Smith's house burn down?

No, it wasn't Will Smith's house that burned down.

Did Julia Roberts' house burn down?

Yes, Julia Roberts' house burned down.

Did Julia Roberts have to move?

Yes, she did. She had to move.



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What did Julia Roberts have to do?

To move, she had to move.

Did she have to eat dinner or move?

Move, she had to move.

Why did Julia Roberts have to move?

Well, it was because her house burned down so she didn't have a house to live in anymore.

It was pretty obvious that she was upset.

Was it pretty obvious that she was upset?

Yes, yes, it was. It was pretty obvious that she was upset.

Was it easy to understand that she was upset?

Yes, it was. It was pretty obvious, so that's the same thing as saying it was pretty easy to understand that she was upset. Pretty obvious means easy to understand.

What was pretty obvious?

That she was upset. It was pretty obvious that she was upset.

Was it pretty obvious that she was happy or upset?

That she was upset, it was pretty obvious that she was upset.

Who was upset?

Julia Roberts, Julia Roberts was upset.

Was Will Smith upset?

No, Will Smith wasn't upset.



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Was Julia Roberts upset?

Yes, yes, she was. She was upset.

Was it easy to understand that she was upset?

Yes, it was pretty obvious that she was upset, which is the same thing as saying it was easy to understand that she was upset. When something is pretty obvious it means that it is easy to understand.

But she had to leave Los Angeles.

Did she have to leave Los Angeles?

Yes, yes, she did. She had to leave Los Angeles.

What did she have to do?

Leave Los Angeles, she had to leave Los Angeles.

Did she have to go to the beach or leave Los Angeles?

Leave Los Angeles, she had to leave Los Angeles.

Who had to leave Los Angeles?

Julia Roberts, Julia Roberts had to leave Los Angeles.

Did Will Smith have to leave Los Angeles?

No, Will Smith didn't have to leave Los Angeles.

Did Julia Roberts have to leave Los Angeles?

Yes, Julia Roberts had to leave Los Angeles.

Where did she have to leave?

Los Angeles, she had to leave Los Angeles.



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Did she have to leave New York?

No, she didn't have to leave New York.

Did she have to leave Los Angeles?

Yes, she had to leave Los Angeles.

She moved to a very small town.

Did she move to a very small town?

Yes, she did. She moved to a very small town.

Did she fly to Paris or move to a very small town?

She moved to a very small town.

Who moved to a very small town?

Julia Roberts did. Julia Roberts moved to a very small town.

Did Will Smith or Julia Roberts move to a very small town?

Julia Roberts did. Julia Roberts moved to a very small town.

Where did she move?

To a very small town, she moved to a very small town.

Did she move to Paris?

No, she did not move to Paris. Paris is not a very small town.

Did she move to a very small town?

Yes, she did. She moved to a very small town.



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Did she move to a large town?

No, no, she did not move to a large town, she moved to a very small town.

At first it was rough.

Was it rough at first?

Yes, it was. At first it was rough.

Was it easy at first?

No, it wasn't easy, it was rough.

Was it difficult at first?

Yes, yes, it was. At first it was rough, which is the same thing as saying at first it was difficult. Rough means difficult.

When was it rough?

At first, at first it was rough.

Was it rough four years later?

No, it wasn't rough four years later. It was rough at first, which is the same thing as saying in the beginning it was rough.

What was rough at first?

Moving to a small town, moving to a small town was rough at first.

She was the only movie star in town

Was she the only movie star in town?

Yes, she was. She was the only movie star in town.



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Who was the only movie star in town?

Julia Roberts, Julia Roberts was the only movie star in town.

Was Will Smith the only movie star in town?

No, it wasn't Will Smith.

Was Julia Roberts the only movie star in town?

Yes, Julia Roberts was the only movie star in town.

Was Tom Cruise in town?

No, Tom Cruise wasn't in town. He's a movie star and Julia Roberts was the only movie star in town so Tom Cruise wasn't in town.

How many movie stars were in town?

One, just one, Julia Roberts was the only movie star in town, so there was only one movie star in town.

Were there two movie stars in town?

No, there was only one and Julia Roberts was the only one. She was the only movie star in town.

so she stuck out like a sore thumb.

Did she stick out like a sore thumb?

Yes, she did. She stuck out like a sore thumb.

Did she look like she did not belong?

Yes, yes, she did. She stuck out like a sore thumb, which is the same thing as saying she looked like she did not belong. Stuck out like a sore thumb means to look like you do not belong.

Who stuck out like a sore thumb?

Julia Roberts, Julia Roberts stuck out like a sore thumb.



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Did Tom Cruise stick out like a sore thumb?

No, it wasn't Tom Cruise.

Did Julia Roberts look like she did not belong?

Yes, Julia Roberts looked like she did not belong. She stuck out like a sore thumb which is the same thing as saying she looked like she did not belong.

Why did she stick out like a sore thumb?

Well, it was because she was the only movie star in town. People probably recognized her from her movies and they were not used to seeing a movie star in town so when they saw her she stuck out like a sore thumb.

But the people were nice

Were the people nice?

Yes, they were. The people were nice.

What were the people like?

They were very nice, the people were very nice.

Were the people mean?

No, they weren't mean, they were very nice.

Were the people friendly?

Yes, they probably were, because they were very nice so they were probably friendly as well.

Who were nice? Were the people in the town nice?

Yes, they were. The people in the town were nice.

Who were the people in the town nice to? Were they nice to Julia Roberts?



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Yes, yes, we can say that. We can say that the people were nice to Julia Roberts.

so it was easy to get familiar with them.

Was it easy to get familiar with them?

Yes, it was. It was easy to get familiar with them.

What was easy to do?

To get familiar with them, it was easy to get familiar with them.

Was it easy to get to know them?

Yes, it was. It was easy to get familiar with them, which is the same thing as saying it was easy to get to know them. To get familiar with means to get to know.

Who was it easy to get familiar with?

The people in the town, it was easy to get familiar with the people in the town.

Was it easy to get familiar with the people in the town?

Yes, yes, that's correct. It was easy to get familiar with the people in the town.

Was it easy to get to know the people in the town?

Yes, yes, it was. It was easy to get familiar with the people in the town which is the same thing as saying it was easy to get to know the people in the town. Get familiar means to get to know.

Why was it easy to get familiar with the people in the town?

Well, it was because they were so nice. They were so nice so it was easy to get familiar with them, or it was easy to get to know them.

One day she met a nice man at a café.

Did she meet a nice man at a café?



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Yes, yes, she did. She met a nice man at a café.

What did she do?

She met a nice man at a café.

Did she eat a hamburger or meet a nice man at a café?

She met a nice man at a café?

Who met a nice man at a café?

Julia Roberts, Julia Roberts met a nice man at a café.

Did Will Smith meet a nice man at a café?

No, it wasn't Will Smith.

Did Julia Roberts meet a nice man at a café?

Yes, Julia Roberts met a nice man at a café.

Who did she meet?

A nice man, she met a nice man.

Did she meet a woman with brown hair or a nice man?

A nice man, she met a nice man.

Did she meet an angry man?

No, he wasn't angry.

Did she meet a nice man?

Yes, yes, she did. She met a nice man.

Where did she meet a nice man?



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At a café, she met a nice man at a café.

Did she meet him at the library or at a café?

At a café, she met him at a café.

Did Julia Roberts meet a nice man at a café?

Yes, she did. Julia Roberts met a nice man at a café.

They fell in love and got married.

Did they fall in love and get married?

Yes, they did. They fell in love and got married.

Okay, so what did they do?

They fell in love and got married.

Did they fall on the ground?

No, they didn't fall on the ground.

Did they fall in love?

Yes, they did. They fell in love.

Did they get married?

Yes, they fell in love and got married.

Who fell in love and got married?

Well, Julia Roberts and the nice man she met at the café fell in love and got married.

Did Julia Roberts fall in love?



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Yes, she did. Julia Roberts fell in love.

Did Julia Roberts get married?

Yes, she did, Julia Roberts got married, too.

Did Julia Roberts fall in love with the man she met at a café?

Yes, she did. Julia Roberts fell in love with the man she met at a café.

Did Julia Roberts get married to the man that she met at a café?

Yes, she did. Julia Roberts got married to the man that she met at a café.

When she looks back on her wedding she smiles

Does she smile when she looks back on her wedding?

Yes, she does. She smiles when she looks back on her wedding.

Does she smile when she thinks about her wedding?

Yes, she does. She smiles when she looks back on her wedding, which is the same thing as saying she smiles when she thinks about her wedding. When you look back on something, that means you think about something that has happened already.

What does she do when she looks back on her wedding?

She smiles, she smiles when she looks back on her wedding.

What does she do when she thinks about her wedding?

She smiles, she smiles when she looks back on her wedding, which is the same thing as saying she smiles when she thinks about her wedding.

Does she get angry when she thinks about her wedding?

No, she doesn't get angry, she smiles.



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Who smiles when she looks back on her wedding?

Julia Roberts, Julia Roberts smiles when she looks back on her wedding.

Does Julia Roberts' mom smile?

No, it's not her mom.

Does Julia Roberts smile?

Yes, Julia Roberts smiles.

When does she smile?

Well, she smiles when she looks back on her wedding or when she thinks about her wedding.

Does she smile when she sees her dog?

No, it not when she sees her dog that she smiles.

Does she smile when she looks back on her wedding?

Yes, she does. She smiles when she looks back on her wedding.

Does Julia Roberts smile when she thinks about her wedding?

Yes, she does. Julia Roberts smiles when she looks back on her wedding which is the same thing as saying Julia Roberts smiles when she thinks about her wedding. To look back means to think about something that has already happened.

and now she thinks that the fire was a blessing in disguise.

Does she think that the fire was a blessing in disguise?

Yes, she does. She thinks that the fire was a blessing in disguise.

What was a blessing in disguise?

The fire, the fire was a blessing in disguise.



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Did she first think that the fire was bad?

Yes, yes, she did. She thinks that the fire was a blessing in disguise which means at first she did not think it was good, she thought it was bad.

Does she now think that the fire was good?

Yes, she does. She thinks that it was a blessing in disguise. If something is a blessing in disguise, it means that you think it is good but you did not think it was good at first. So she thought it was a blessing in disguise, which means that she did not think the fire was good at first but now she does think the fire was good.

Does she now think that it was good that her house in Los Angeles burned down?

Yes, she does. She thinks that it was a blessing in disguise.

Who thinks that the fire was a blessing in disguise?

Julia Roberts, Julia Roberts thinks that it was a blessing in disguise.

Does Will Smith or Julia Roberts think that the fire was a blessing in disguise?

Julia Roberts does, Julia Roberts thinks that the fire was a blessing in disguise.

Does Julia Roberts now think that the fire was good?

Yes, she does. She thinks that it was a blessing in disguise.

Did Julia Roberts first think that the fire was bad?

Yes, she did. She now thinks that it is a blessing in disguise, which means that at first she thought it was bad but now she thinks that it was good.

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Okay, that brings us to the end of our story which means we are now at the end of the mini-story lesson for the conversation "Moving As A Child Part 2." Now it is your turn to tell the story by yourself. Remember that you do not need to memorize every word in the story, but that you do need to use the idioms and vocabulary words that we discussed. Okay, so those are: "crying wolf," "scream at the top of her lungs," "pretty obvious," "rough," "stuck out like a sore thumb," "get familiar with," "looks back," and "a blessing in disguise."



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Okay, so now tell the story on your own. And remember, you can listen to this mini-story lesson as many times as you need to.

Okay, good luck. See you next time.