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Audio transcript

Stories and pictures. You are going to hear the beginnings of several stories.

Story 1:

The player sat down in front of his computer and looked at the wooden board in front of him. He was a young man who had spent all of his life playing that game and had become a much admired champion. But today he was going to play against another champion: his computer. He knew it would be hard but he was determined to beat his new opponent just like all the others who had played against him before.

Story 2:

I have a cousin who is afraid of mice. This is quite common, believe it or not. There are lots of people who are scared of mice. I must admit that I don't really like mice much myself. I don't mind them if I see them outside in the garden, and I'm quite brave as long as they don't get anywhere near me. When I see one getting close to me, I just panic.

Story 3:

People often said that Ted was the most boring man in the world and they thought that he should get a life. Ted didn't understand this. He felt he was quite interesting. After all, he collected stamps. It was true that he didn't have any other hobbies or interests, but was there anything more fascinating in the world than stamps?

Story 4:

Barney looked out of his window and saw his new neighbours arrive. There they were, unpacking their car and depositing their suitcases on the pavement. Barney immediately knew that life was going to get difficult. One look had been enough for him to know that they were big and noisy, just like their car.

Story 5:

Every September for nine years we went to the same boring town on holiday. Every September for nine years my parents rented the same small cottage in the same small town near the same small forest, so every morning of every September for nine years I went on the same walks through the same forests and across the same meadows. But this year I couldn't stand it anymore. So I decided to make sure that this time would be different.