



LISTENING SKILLS: 2.5. The Impossible Story - HANDOUTS

Read out the story to your class. Use you voice tone, pace, rythm and volume to help your classmates remember all numbers (ordinals, cardinals and fractions), names (of people, animals, products, etc.) and flavours mentioned in the text. You can use gestures too to help your colleagues remember the words written in orange.

Once upon a time in the year **ten thirty five**, there was a **12 year-old** little girl called Goldilocks. She went for a walk in the forest on a very cold day. The locals called the forest "**The Bear Bush**". There she came upon a house. "**Bear Cottage. Number 5**", it said on the door sign. She knocked and, when no one answered, she walked right in. But first she took her dirty **Uncle Martin** boots off in the entrance hall, and put them on the **fourth** self of the shoe stand in the hallway.

At the table in the kitchen, there were three bowls of porridge ("**Super-biological Oatmeal**" it said on the label). Goldilocks was hungry. She tasted the porridge from the first bowl. "This tastes of **chocolate!** I hate **chocolate!**" she exclaimed. She tasted the porridge from the second bowl. "This porridge tastes of **strawberries**. I don't like **strawberries** either!" she said. And added: "And it is too **salty** as well", making a face of disgust. So she tasted the last bowl of porridge. "Ahhh, this porridge is perfect!" she said happily and she ate more than **two-thirds** of it. She really loved the taste of **cinnamon, nutmeg, clove** and **butter**.

After she'd had approximately **350 grams** of porridge for breakfast, she decided she was feeling a little tired, since she hadn't slept for the last **17 hours**, since she finished watching the last episode of the **Broken Crown** on **Movieflix**. So, she walked into the living room where she saw **three** fancy design chairs. Oh, these must be **Alvar Aalto**! Goldilocks sat in the **first** chair to rest. "This chair is too big!" she exclaimed. Of course, because she was a small girl - **size 32** or so.... So she sat in the second chair full of pillows decorated with prints of sunflowers painted by **Van Gogh**. "This chair is too big, too!" she whined. So she tried the third chair. But just as she settled down into the chair to rest, it broke into **58 pieces**! Goldilocks she was very tired by this time. It was **22.45** at night.

She went upstairs to the bedroom. She lay down in the first bed, but that was too big, **3** meters long. Then she lay in the second bed, but that was only **20 cm** shorter than the first one. Then she lay down in the third bed that was **1.4 meters**, exactly her size! Goldilocks fell asleep.

She was sleeping when the owners of **Bear Cottage**, the three bears, **Baby Benny Bear**, **Mama Mamita Bear** and **Papa Patrick bear** came home, each of them carrying **two** big bags. They had been shopping at the **Bear Bush Mall** and have been to **McRonald's** to celebrate **Baby Benny Bear's** birthday. "Someone's been eating from my nice **coffee-chocolate-tobacco** porridge," growled the Papa bear who was **46 years old** that day. "Someone's been eating from my **raspberry-bilberry** porridge," said Mamita, the Mama bear. "Someone's been eating my **vanilla** porridge and they ate it all up!" cried the Baby bear. "Someone's been sitting in my **Noguchi** chair!" growled Papa bear and checked if all four legs of the chair were fine... "Someone's been sitting on my **Cezanne** pillows!," said Mama bear. "Someone's been sitting in my chair and they've broken it into **56 pieces**" cried the Baby bear.

They decided to look around the house and after **½ an hour** they went upstairs to the bedroom. Papa bear growled, "Someone's been sleeping in my bed." "Someone's been sleeping in my bed, too" said the Mama bear. "Someone's been sleeping in my bed and she's still there!" exclaimed the **Baby Benny Bear**. Just then, Goldilocks woke up. She saw the bears. She screamed **four** times "Help! Help!" And she jumped up and ran out of the room. She jumped down all the **80 stairs**, opened the door, and ran away into the forest. She never returned to the forest again. and she lived the rest of her life very happily, and died at the age of **93**.



Answer these questions as accurately as you can!

QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

1. In which year did the story take place?	1
2. How old was Goldilocks?	2
3. What was the name of the forest?	3
4. What name was written on the door sign?	4
5. What number was written on the door?	5
6. What was the name (trade name) of the boots?	6
7. Which shelf did she put the shoes on?	7
8. What was the product name of the porridge?	8
9. What did the 1st bowl taste of according to Goldi?	9
10. What did it taste of according to Papa Bear?	10
11. How much of this first bowl has Goldilock eaten?	11
12. What did the 2nd bowl taste of according to Goldi?	12
13. What did it taste of according to Mama Bear?	13
14. What did the 3rd bowl taste of according to Goldi?	14
15. What did it taste of according to Baby Bear?	15
16. How did she look while eating the porridge?	16
17. How much porridge did Goldi eat?	17
18. For how long had Goldilock not slept?	18
19. What was the title of the movie she watched?	19
20. What was the name of the movie channel she watched?	20
21. What was the length of the three beds altogether?	21
22. What was the full name of the Mama Bear?	22
23. What was the full name of the Papa Bear?	23
24. What was the full name of the Baby Bear?	24
25. How many bags were they carrying altogether?	25
26. Where did they go shopping?	26
27. What was the name of the restaurant where they had celebrated the birthday?	27
28. How old was Papa Bear?	28
29. Who was the designer of the chairaccording to Goldie?	29
30. Who was the designer of the chairaccording to papa Bear?	30
31. Whose painting was printed on the pillows ... according to Goldie?	31
32. Whose painting was printed on the pillows ... according to mama Bear?	32
33. What size was Goldilocks?	33
34. How many pieces did the last chair fall into ... according to Goldie?	34
35. How many pieces did the last chair fall into ... according to the Baby Bear?	35
36. At what time did Goldilocks reach the bedroom?	36
37. How many minutes were the bears looking Goldilocks for?	37
38. How many times did she scream "Help!"	38
39. How many stairs did she jump?	39
40. How long did she live?	40

LISTENING SKILLS: 2.5. The Impossible Story - An alternative story to work with

Read out the story to your class. Use your voice tone, pace, rhythm and volume to help your classmates remember all numbers (ordinals, cardinals and fractions), names (of people, months, etc.). You can use gestures too to help your colleagues remember the words written in orange.

It was in the beginning of November. Carl went to "Happy Counters", the grocery store just around the corner to buy 3 litres of milk. After buying the milk he was going to visit his grandfather Papa Gilbert and give him two of the litres of milk. Since his grandmother Maria Theresa died 9 months ago, Carl was looking after his grandfather, who was 89 years old and living now by himself in a small apartment 10 minutes away from Carl and his family in Reconciliation Street.

It was a cold and rainy day, and he was freezing, even though he was wearing two layers of woollen clothes underneath the warm Kawasaki jacket, which he got for Christmas from Uncle Thierry. On his way to the store he ran into Lennard, his old class mate from 4th grade. Lennard, who was quite a short young man, not more than 1,6 meters with extraordinarily big feet, size 42 I guess, told him about a new game, that he was playing at home with his younger cousin Jasmin and his girlfriend Susanne. The game was called Cyberpunk 2077. It hadn't had the best reviews but its rating was quite high, 4.8 points. For almost 2 days and nights Lennard had been playing it non stop.

While talking with Carl outside the store Lennard yawned 4 times. When Lennard opened up his mouth to yawn, Carl discovered that 3 of his teeth were missing.... How strange! What had happened? As far as Carl remembered, Lennard's mother was working as a dentist, and she even had her own Clinic, the Diamond Teeth Clinic in the centre of Copenhagen. Lennard had always been talking about becoming a dentist one day. And Carl thought to himself: "How strange". He really wanted to ask Lennard about his missing teeth. But he didn't dare ask. What if he would be embarrassed? Or angry? Carl remembered once back in their school days - they both went to the Cottonwood Alley School when they were 10 years old - when Lennard almost lost his temper and got really upset because someone asked him about his new David Bowie-style hair cut.

So instead of asking about the teeth, Carl just asked Lennard if he would like to play Cyberpunk 2077 on Thursday at 9 o'clock. Lennard laughed and slapped Carl in a friendly way on his left shoulder: "That would be great! But I am busy on Thursday. I'll be at the Cold Blood Club on Thursday night!" Lennard left and didn't look back. All of a sudden Carl remembered which gamer name Lennard had back in 4th grade: "DraculaDK".