**Reading: The Tailor**

Do you know the job of a tailor? You are going to watch two videos and read a story to learn more about the job.

**Part 1**

Watch the video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsNHc0hPjI4) to understand what tailors do.

Are the sentences True or False? Put a “T” for the correct sentence and put an “F” for the wrong sentence. The first one has been done for you.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Sentences | **True (T) /False (F)** |
| 1. | Tailors stitch clothes for people. | **e.g. T** |
| 2. | Tailors make jeans, jackets, dresses and blouses. |  |
| 3. | Tailors use pencils and paper to make clothes. |  |
| 4. | Tailors measure the sizes of different parts of our body with a ruler. |  |
| 5. | Tailors mend our old clothes. |  |

**Part 2**

Read the first part of the story called “The Tailor” and answer the questions.

Roberto was a tailor. He was a very good tailor. He would make the most wonderful suits for men and the most beautiful dresses for women. He would even make clothes for the Queen, opera singers and film stars. But it was so strange that his own clothes were very old. He had patches on his elbows and his knees.

And one day, his wife said to him, ‘Roberto, why don’t you make yourself a new suit? Think! What a wonderful advertisement it will be as you walk along the road! People will see, and they will go to you! And you could say, *“Yes, I made it myself!”*, and you could give them your name card.’ ‘No, I don’t want to make myself a new suit until I find a special piece of cloth - a piece of cloth that is as dark as night, as colourful as the rainbow, as strong as steel and as soft as silk,’ said Roberto.

A few days later, someone knocked on Roberto’s front door. And when he opened it, he saw a postman holding a big parcel. The postman gave Roberto the parcel. When he took his scissors and opened the parcel, he found a piece of cloth that was as dark as night, as colourful as the rainbow, as strong as steel and as soft as silk.

‘Now, I am going to make myself a new suit,’ said Roberto. He then took his scissors and cut the cloth. **Snip~Snip~Snip** And he sewed the cloth. **Da da da da da da da~Da da da da da da da~Da da da da da da da** And with his needle, he stitched the cloth. **Stitch~Stitch~Stitch**

Answer the following questions by choosing the best option or filling in the blanks.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. | Roberto, the tailor, would make clothes for \_\_\_. |
| A | men |
| B | the Queen |
| C | opera singers |
| D | all of the above |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 2. | Roberto needed a special piece of cloth that was as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as night, as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the rainbow, as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as steel and as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as silk to make a new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for himself. |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 3. | In paragraph 4, ‘**Snip~Snip~Snip**’is the sound of cutting the cloth with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and ‘**Stitch~Stitch~Stitch**’ is the sound of stitching the cloth with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |

**Part 3**

Read the second part of the story and answer the questions.

Roberto made himself a new suit, and he liked that suit so much. He wore it here; he wore it there; he wore it everywhere! In fact, he wore it so much, the suit wore out. It had holes, holes, holes, holes and holes. He was going to throw it away. When he looked again, he saw that there was enough cloth to make himself a waistcoat. So, he took his scissors, and with his scissors, he cut the cloth. **Snip~Snip~Snip** And he sewed the cloth. **Da da da da da da da~Da da da da da da da~Da da da da da da da** And with his needle, he stitched the cloth. **Stitch~Stitch~Stitch**

He made himself a magnificent waistcoat, and he liked that waistcoat so much. He wore it here; he wore it there; he wore it everywhere until it was worn out, too. It had holes, holes, holes, holes and holes! So he was going to throw it away. But he looked again and he saw that there was enough cloth to make himself a cap. So he took his scissors and he cut the cloth. **Snip~Snip~Snip** And he sewed the cloth. **Da da da da da da da~Da da da da da da da~Da da da da da da da** And with his needle, he stitched the cloth. **Stitch~Stitch~Stitch**

He made himself a really cool cap, and he liked that cap so much. He wore it here; he wore it there; he wore it everywhere until it was worn out, too. Holes, holes, holes, holes and holes! He was going to throw it away. When he looked again, he saw that there was enough material to make himself a button. So he took his scissors and he cut the cloth. **Snip~Snip~Snip** And he sewed the cloth. **Da da da da da da da~Da da da da da da da~Da da da da da da da** And with his needle, he stitched the cloth. **Stitch~Stitch~Stitch**

He made himself a wonderful button and he liked that button so much. He wore it here; he wore it there; he wore it everywhere until it was worn out, too. Holes, holes, holes, holes and holes! He was just about to throw it away. When he looked again, he saw that there was enough cloth to make himself a story. So he took his scissors. Because it’s such a small piece of cloth and he cut it with the scissors very carefully. **Snip~Snip~Snip** And he sewed the cloth. **Da da da da da da da~Da da da da da da da~Da da da da da da da** And with his needle, he stitched the cloth. **Stitch~Stitch~Stitch**

OUCH! So he made himself a story and he liked that story so much. He told it here; he told it there; he told it everywhere. BUT because it was a story, it never wore out, and he is telling that story to this very day.

Answer the following questions by choosing the best option or filling in the blanks.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 4. | In Paragraph 1, Roberto liked that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so much. He wore it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; he wore it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; he wore it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! He wore it so much, the suit became old and had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 5. | Put the clothing items Roberto made for himself in the correct order.  \_\_\_\_\_ a cap  \_\_\_\_\_ a button  \_e.g. 1 a suit  \_\_\_\_\_ a waistcoat |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 6. | What did Roberto make in the end? |
| A | a story |
| B | a button |
| C | a hole |
| D | a small piece of cloth |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 7. | Roberto would like to make a clothing item for you with the special cloth. What do you want to have? Why?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

You may watch the video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xn9o\_6gS7jQ) to help you understand the story better.

Source of the text:

The text was selected and adapted from the resource package “Using Storytelling to Develop Students’ Interest in Reading” (CDI, EDB, 2015) (<https://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/curriculum-development/kla/eng-edu/references-resources/PRI_Storytelling.pdf>)

**Suggested answers**

**Part 1**

Are the sentences True or False? Put a “T” for the correct sentence and put an “F” for the wrong sentence.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Sentences | **True (T) /False (F)** |
| 1. | Tailors stitch clothes for people. | **e.g. T** |
| 2. | Tailors make jeans, jackets, dresses and blouses. | **T** |
| 3. | Tailors use pencils and paper to make clothes. | **F** |
| 4. | Tailors measure the sizes of different parts of our body with a ruler. | **F** |
| 5. | Tailors mend our old clothes. | **T** |

**Part 2**

Answer the following questions by choosing the best option or filling in the blanks.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. | Roberto, the tailor, would make clothes for \_\_\_. |
| A | men |
| B | the Queen |
| C | opera singers |
| D | all of the above |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 2. | Roberto needed a special piece of cloth that was as dark as night, as colourful as the rainbow, as strong as steel and as soft as silk to make a new suit for himself. |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 3. | In paragraph 4, ‘**Snip~Snip~Snip**’is the sound of cutting the cloth with scissors and ‘**Stitch~Stitch~Stitch**’ is the sound of stitching the cloth with a needle. |

**Part 3**

Answer the following questions by choosing the best option or filling in the blanks.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 4. | In Paragraph 1, Roberto liked that suit so much. He wore it here; he wore it there; he wore it everywhere! He wore it so much, the suit became old and had holes. |
| 5. | Put the clothing items Roberto made for himself in the correct order.  \_\_3\_\_\_ a cap  \_\_4\_\_\_ a button  \_e.g. 1 a suit  \_ \_2\_\_\_ a waistcoat |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 6. | In the end, there was enough cloth to make \_\_\_. |
| A | a story |
| B | a button |
| C | a hole |
| D | a small piece of cloth |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 7. | Roberto would like to make a clothing item for you with the special cloth. What do you want to have? Why?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (Accept any reasonable answers) |