

## Goal Stories

These are the stories used by the goal stories in which there are three versions of each story. In the failed goal versions, a goal is stated early on, but the initial attempt to satisfy it fails. In the neutral versions, the goal is already mentioned as having been completed. Finally, in the goal success versions, the goal is mentioned and then soon completed. After the experimental stories are given, there are the filler and practice stories. After the stories the probe and comprehension questions are given.

### Experimental Stories

1F. Once there was a man named Sam. Sam had always lived in an apartment. Sam wanted to build himself a house. Sam bought a large piece of land. Sam bought all the necessary materials. Sam couldn't build his house without help. Sam decided to ask his friends over to help him build his house. Sam's friends had always liked him. So, Sam looked up their phone numbers. Sam then called up all of his friends. Sam's friends came over. Sam's friends had a good time. Sam built his dream house.

1N. Once there was a man named Sam. Sam had always lived in an apartment. So, Sam built himself the house he always wanted. Then, Sam bought a large piece of land. Sam bought all the necessary materials. Sam built a nine hole golf course. Sam decided to ask his friends over for a party. Sam's friends had always liked him. So, Sam looked up their phone numbers. Sam then called up all of his friends. Sam's friends came over. Sam's friends had a good time. Sam had a great party.

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2F. One day John was walking his dog. Then the thin leather leash broke. John's dog ran away. John wanted his dog back. John knew he was a fast runner. So, John raced after his dog. John couldn't run fast enough to catch his dog. John told his mother what had happened. John liked to play with his dog. So, John's mom told him about dog whistles. John went up to his mom's room to get the dog whistle. John found the whistle in his mother's top drawer. John went outside and blew the dog whistle. John's dog came running from out of nowhere to play with him. John was very happy.

2N. One day John was walking his dog. Then, the thin leather leash broke. John's dog ran away. John quickly got his dog back as he wanted. John knew he was a fast runner. So, John decided to race his dog. John wasn't as fast as his dog. John told his mother what had happened. John liked to play with his dog. So, John's mom told him about dog whistles. John went up to his mom's room to get the dog whistle. John found the whistle in his mother's top drawer. John went outside and blew the dog whistle. John's dog came running from out of nowhere to play with him. John was very happy.

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3F. Tom lives in a suburb of Duluth Minnesota. It was winter time and very cold. Tom wants to go to Florida for vacation. Tom decided to charge his vacation on his Visa Card. Tom had reached his credit limit. Because of this, Tom wasn't able to go on vacation. Tom knew he needed to get more credit. Tom's friend told him how to get a credit line increase. Tom called the credit card company. Tom asked for a credit line increase. The company spokesman asked Tom a few questions. Tom got the credit line increase. Tom went on his trip to Florida.

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4F. Sue went to the beach with her family. Sue always had fun when she went to the beach. Sue wanted to make a sand castle. Sue started scooping up sand with her hands. Sue had a large pile of sand. Sue realized she had no pail. Sue couldn't make a sand castle without a pail. Sue soon became bored. Sue saw a girl sitting next to her. The girl was playing with a pail and shovel. Sue approached the girl hesitantly. Sue started a conversation with the girl. The girl was very nice. Sue started playing with the girl. Sue finally got to make her sand castle.

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5F. Fred was a hard working student. But Fred was always poor in math. This time, Fred was determined to pass a math course. Fred studied hard. Fred failed the mid-term of the course. Fred was anxious. Next week, Fred's teacher suggested that the students study together. Fred decided to organize a study group. Fred recruited members. Fred discussed his plans with the group. Fred and the members found the group to be helpful. Fred attended all of the sessions. Fred practiced everything he learned. Fred got the highest grade in the course.

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6F. Once there was a boy named Jimmy. One day, Jimmy saw his friend Mark riding a new bike. Jimmy wanted to buy a new bike. Jimmy spoke to his mother. Jimmy's mother refused to get a new bike for him. Jimmy was very sad. Next day, Jimmy's mother told him that he should have his own savings. Jimmy wanted to earn some money. Jimmy asked about a job at a nearby grocery store. Jimmy made deliveries for the grocery store. Jimmy earned a lot of money. Jimmy went to the department store. Jimmy walked to the second floor. Jimmy bought a new bike.

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7F. Once there was a girl named Betty. One day Betty found that her mother's birthday was coming soon. Betty really wanted to give her mother a present. Betty went to the department store. Betty found that everything was too expensive. Betty could not buy anything for her mother. Betty felt sorry. Several days later, Betty saw her friend knitting. Betty was good at knitting too. Betty decided to knit a sweater. Betty selected a pattern from a magazine. Betty followed the instructions in the article. Finally, Betty finished a beautiful sweater. Betty pressed the sweater. Betty folded the sweater carefully. Betty gave the sweater to her mother. Her mother was excited when she saw the present.

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9F. Dan was a field mouse. Dan was very hungry. Dan wanted to find some food. Dan went to a nearby farm. Dan found that the door to the barn was closed. Dan stayed hungry. Dan was frustrated. Dan walked around a house. Dan decided to make a hole in the wall. Dan began gnawing at the wall. Dan made a small opening. Dan entered the hole. Dan sniffed the air. Dan climbed onto a table. Dan found lots of food.

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10F. Kevin was the second son of a king in a country. Kevin wanted to become king. Kevin served his father with all his heart. But, his father gave his throne to the first son William instead of Kevin. Kevin could not accept his father's decision. Kevin did not like William. Kevin decided to poison William. Kevin invited William to his place. Kevin gave William a poisoned drink. William died several days later. Kevin attracted his father's attention. Kevin demonstrated his talents. Kevin was crowned the king.

10N. Kevin was the second son of a king in a country. As he had always wanted, Kevin became king instead of the first son William. Kevin served with all his heart. So, his father gave all his riches to Kevin as well. Kevin thanked his father for the decision. Kevin did not like William. Kevin decided to poison William. Kevin invited William to his place. Kevin gave William a poisoned drink. William died several days later. Kevin attracted his father's attention. Kevin demonstrated his talents. He proved to be very able king.

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11F. There once was an old man named Bill. Bill wanted to improve his eyesight. Bill tried every medicine available. Bill still had not improved his eyesight. Bill was desperate. One day, Bill heard that there was a mysterious lake. The water of the lake was known to have powers to grant any wish. Bill wanted to find the lake. Bill went on a journey. Bill searched for the lake. Bill finally found the lake. Bill brought home water from the lake. Bill washed his face with the water. Bill's eyesight finally improved.

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day, Bill heard that there was a mysterious lake. The water of the lake was known to have powers to grant any wish. Bill wanted to find the lake. Bill went on a journey. Bill searched for the lake. Bill finally found the lake. Bill brought home water from the lake. Bill washed his face with the water. Bill found the water made him younger.

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12F. There once was a girl named Laura. Laura bought herself a brand new car. Laura could not find her keys. She looked on the desk. She checked her pockets. Laura could not find her keys. Laura was disappointed. Then Laura also tried looking in her purse. Laura's friend told her to try to remember every place she had been. So, Laura tried to remember where she had been. Laura remembered eating a snack at the table. Laura looked on the table. There were no keys on the table. Laura remembered she had been in the kitchen. Laura looked in the kitchen. Laura found her keys next to the sink. Laura was very happy.

12N. There once was a girl named Laura. Laura bought herself a brand new car. Laura found the keys she was looking for. She looked on the desk. Laura put on her gloves. Laura put on her scarf. Laura was excited. Then, Laura could not find her purse. Laura's friend told her to try to remember every place she had been. So, Laura tried to remember where she had been. Laura remembered eating a snack at the table. Laura looked on the table. They were not on the table. Laura remembered she had been in the kitchen. Laura looked in the kitchen. Laura found her purse next to the sink. Laura was very happy.

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### **Filler Stories**

1. Bruce was a carpenter from Connecticut. Bruce decided to build a set of bookshelves. First he needed to find his toolbox to get his tape measure. He found the toolbox in his truck. He measured the wall space in the den where he wanted to put his shelves. There was not enough space to build a bookshelf there though. His wife told him to build it in the living room. He really did not want to but guessed she was right. He measured the living room and found there was enough space. He drove to the hardware store. He bought the materials he needed. Bruce built his bookshelves. Bruce was happy.

2. Scott was a very tall person. Everyone always assumed that Scott was good at basketball. Scott was actually a very poor basketball player. Scott wanted to improve his basketball skills. Scott went down to the local basketball courts. Because Scott was not very good no-one picked him to be on their team. Scott decided to buy a video called Improving Your Basketball Skills. Scott watched the video every morning. Scott practiced what he learned every day. After about a month Scott had improved a great deal. Scott went back to the local basketball courts. Scott was confident that he would play well. Scott was the best player there.

3. Emily loved to play computer games. One day Emily bought a new game. The new game required more memory than Emily had on her computer. Emily wanted a more powerful computer. Emily brought her computer to the computer store to add the needed memory. Emily could now play her game. Emily started the game. Emily found that the game was not challenging enough for her. Emily tried to return the game to get her money back. The store had a no return policy. Emily's best friend liked computer games. Emily gave the game to her friend. Emily and her friend were both satisfied.

4. Kathleen was a student at a local college. The college had its year end dance coming up. Even though Kathleen was attractive she hadn't meet many people. Kathleen really wanted to attend the dance. Unfortunately Kathleen needed to find a date for the dance. Kathleen asked her friend James, but he already had a date. James suggested that he might be able to fix her up. He suggested that Kathleen ask his roommate to the dance. Kathleen did not want to ask just anybody. Kathleen decided she was not going to attend the dance. Kathleen made plans to watch a movie instead. James' date backed out on him so he asked Kathleen to the dance. Kathleen had a great time at the dance.

5. Chris lived in Los Angeles. Chris was an Irish catholic and a big Notre Dame fan. Chris Went to the USC-vs-ND football game as he always wanted. Chris bought his tickets from a USC student. Chris was sitting in the USC student section. Chris was the only Notre Dame fan in his section. Chris cheered loudly even though people booed him. After the game Chris could not find his car. He looked on every floor of the parking garage. He still could not find his car. Chris realized he was in the wrong parking structure. Chris found his car in the other parking structure. Chris had a great time at the game.

6. Shannon was a very good student. Shannon was a senior in college. Shannon wanted to find a job before graduating. Shannon went to a job fair on campus. Shannon got an interview with a large company. Shannon was nervous before the interview. Shannon did very well in the interview. Shannon was offered the job. Shannon wanted a job with a smaller company. She sent her resume to 20 smaller sized companies. Shannon hoped one of these companies would like her. One of the companies offered Shannon a job. Shannon took the job with the smaller company.

7. Tina lived in Nebraska. Tina was going on vacation to Hawaii. Tina had always wanted to visit Hawaii. Tina's flight was leaving very early in the morning. Tina wanted a ride to the airport. Tina asked her best friend Carla. Carla said she would be busy working. Carla suggested Tina take a shuttle. Tina called the shuttle company. They told Tina that they could not get her to the airport that early. Tina called a cab. The cab was expensive. Tina got to the airport on time.

8. Linda was a young girl from Vermont. Linda lived right next to a state park. One day while playing in her yard Linda saw a squirrel. Linda wanted to catch the squirrel. Linda chased the squirrel into the park. Every time Linda got close to the squirrel, it would run away. Linda chased the squirrel for about twenty minutes. Linda was becoming very tired. Linda finally gave up her chase. Then, Linda realized that she was lost. Linda tried to see her house but she was too far into the woods. Linda sat down and cried. After about twenty minutes Linda heard her mother calling her. Linda followed the sound of her mother's voice and found her way home.

9. Janice was a rookie police officer in Miami. One day while on her beat Janice was called to a crime scene. This was Janice's first case and she really wanted to solve it. Janice and her partner arrived at the scene first. The victim was an old woman who had her purse stolen. Janice got to interview the victim. Janice realized that the crime was similar to others in the area. Janice went back to the station and filed the report. Then, Janice checked the reports on the other crimes in the area. Janice realized that all of the victims ate in the same restaurant. Janice set up a sting operation to catch the criminal. Janice dressed up as an old woman and went to the restaurant. One of the bus boy's followed her out and tried to steal her purse. Janice had solved the case.

10. Jack was a businessman from Chicago. Jack loved to eat in expensive restaurants. Jack bought the most expensive clothes. Jack was always in need of money. Jack wanted to become a millionaire. Jack decided to go to Las Vegas to win his fortune. After playing blackjack for three days Jack lost all of his money. Jack's friend told him he was just not a lucky man. Jack decided to sell real estate to make his fortune. Jack wasn't a very good real estate agent. As a last resort Jack decided to buy twenty lottery tickets. Jack won the two million dollar prize. Jack finally had his money.

11. Larry was a well-groomed man from Alabama. Larry was his law firm's top lawyer. Larry was working on a case for a mobster. Larry's client was charged with murder. Larry was informed that if he lost he would be dead. Larry was afraid for his life. Larry wanted more than anything to win this case. Larry spent every waking hour on the case. Larry's wife filed for divorce because he was never home. After researching the case Larry realized the police had made a mistake. Larry's client was never read his rights. On the first day of court Larry told the judge of the error. Larry got the case dismissed.

12. Steven loved the great outdoors. Steven had been a school teacher for ten years. Steven wanted to go on a camping trip with his friends. Steven and his friends decided to go camping at Yellowstone. Steven always packed his bags two days before the trip. He packed the tent and clothes. He also packed food for the week. Steven and his friends left at five in the morning. After three hours of driving they finally arrived. The first day Steven went exploring and saw a big ugly bear. Steven and his friends decided to move their campsite. After a week of camping Steven and his friends packed up to leave. Driving out of the park Steven saw another bear. Steven was glad to be going home.

## **Practice Stories**



1. Ivan was the best archer in his village. One day, Ivan heard that a giant had been terrifying people in his village. They said that the giant came to the village at night and hurt people. Ivan was determined to kill the giant. When the giant came, Ivan shot an arrow at him. Ivan hit him and the giant fell down. The people were overjoyed. Ivan decided to learn how to fight with a sword. Ivan studied very hard for several weeks. Ivan became a very skilled swordsman. Ivan got a powerful sword from his teacher. That night, Ivan returned back to his village with his mighty sword. Everybody in the village welcomed him. Ivan became the best swordsman in his village.

2. Matthew was a poor student. Matthew did not do his English homework. Matthew was supposed to have read a book for today. Matthew hoped that his teacher would not call on him. Matthew sat in his seat apprehensively. Matthew's teacher asked a question. Matthew slide down in his chair in hoping not to be noticed. Matthew's teacher called on somebody else. Matthew looked at the clock. Matthew had twenty-five more minutes. Matthew's teacher asked another question. This time Matthew tried not to look at the teacher. Matthew figured if she did not make eye contact she would not call on him. Matthew's teacher called on somebody else. The bell rang - Matthew had made it.

3. Cliff was a forty-two year old man from Boston. Cliff lived with his mother. Cliff was a deliveryman for UPS. Cliff never remembered anything and always got lost. Cliff wanted to improve his memory. Cliff's friend told him about a memory course he could take. Cliff enrolled in the class. Cliff's memory improved greatly. Cliff never forgot anything anymore. Cliff wanted to impress his friends with his memory. Cliff decided to read the encyclopedia. Cliff always bored his friends with his trivia knowledge. Cliff was happy people listen to him.

4. Terry loved to cook. Terry could cook almost anything. Terry invited his girlfriend over for dinner at his place. Terry wanted to make a great meal. Terry went to the bank to get money. Then, Terry went to the supermarket to buy the ingredients. Terry's girlfriend loved the dinner he prepared. Terry was happy. Terry learned to scuba dive. Terry wanted to take his girlfriend diving with him. Terry's girlfriend had never learned to swim. Terry took her to his pool. Terry taught his girlfriend to swim. Terry got to go scuba diving with his girlfriend.

5. Norman was a heart surgeon. Norman had been a surgeon for twenty years. Norman was one of the top surgeons in the country. One day a patient with a bad heart complained of chest pains. Norman examined him and discovered the patient needed a new heart. Norman needed to find a heart donor. Norman called the national donor center. The national donor center had a compatible heart. Norman saved the man's life. Norman wanted to attend a medical conference in Japan. Norman asked his friend if she would cover for him while he was away. She agreed and Norman went to the conference. Norman learned a lot at the conference.

**Probe and Comprehension Questions (P = positive N = negative)**

## Experimental Stories

Had Sam wanted to build himself a house? P

Had Sam bought a small piece of land? N

Did Sam phone his friends? P

Had John wanted his dog back? P

Did John try to race his dog? P

Did John use a dog whistle? P

Had it been winter time when Tom went on vacation? P

Does Tom live in a suburb of Chicago? N

Did Tom buy himself a new pair of shorts? N

Had Sue wanted to make a sandcastle? P

Did Sue bring a pail to the beach? N

Did Sue meet a girl at the beach? P

Had Fred wanted to pass his math test? P

Did Fred discuss his plans with the group? P

Had Fred been good at math before? N

Had Jimmy wanted a new bike? P

Did Jimmy use the elevator in the department store? N

Did Jimmy earn money at the grocery store? P

Had Betty wanted to get her mother a present? P

Did Betty see her friend knitting? P

Did Betty consult a magazine for selecting a pattern? P

Had Jane wanted to lose weight? P

Did Jane learn to play racquetball on her own? N

Did Jane try to diet to become thinner? N

Had Dan wanted to find food? P

Did Dan gnaw a hole in the door? N

Did Dan climb on the table? P

Had Kevin decided to poison his father? N

Did Kevin's father give the throne to him? P

Was Kevin the second son of a king? P

Had Bill wanted to improve his eyesight? P

Did the lake have powers to grant any wish? P

Did Bill wash his face with the water from the lake? P

Had Laura found her keys? P

Did Laura put on her sunglasses? N

Did Laura find her purse next to the sink? P

### **Filler Stories**

Is Bruce a carpenter from Connecticut? P

Did Bruce buy his materials at Meijer? N

Did Bruce find his toolbox in the cellar? N

Was Scott a very tall person? P

Did Scott read a book about basketball? N

Did Scott go down to the local basketball courts? P

Had Emily bought a new game? P

Did Emily find the new game was too hard? N

Did the game require more memory than Emily had on her computer? P

Was Kathleen a student at a local high school? N

Did Kathleen want to go to the dance? P

Did Kathleen make plans to watch a movie? P

Had Chris been living in San Francisco? N

Was Chris an Italian? N

Did Chris sit in the Notre Dame section? N

Had Shannon missed the job fair on campus? N

Was Shannon a good student? P

Did Shannon want a job with a large company? N

Had Tina asked her friend Peter for a ride to the airport? N

Was Tina's flight late at night? N

Was the cab fare expensive? P

Had Linda chased a ground hog? N

Did Linda live near a state park? P

Did Linda follow the sound of her father's voice home? N

Had Janice realized the crime was unique? N

Did Janice file the report? P

Did one of the bus boys try to steal Janice's purse? P

Had Jack gone to Atlantic City? N

Was Jack a politician? N

Had Jack won 3 million dollars? N

Had Larry's client been charged with tax evasion? N

Did Larry's wife file for divorce? P

Did Larry lose the case? N

Had Steven and friends gone camping at the Grand Canyon? N

Did Steven pack food for the week? P

Did Steven see two bears while on the trip? P

### **Practice Stories**

Had Ivan shot an arrow at the giant? P

Did Ivan get a powerful sword from his teacher? P

Was Ivan the best gunfighter in his village? N

Had the teacher asked a question? P

Did the bell ring before the teacher called on Matthew? P

Did Matthew do his English homework? N

Did Cliff live alone? N

Did Cliff learn about the memory course from his friend? P

Did Cliff read the encyclopedia? P

Did Terry have the ingredients for dinner at his house? N

Was Terry a bad cook? N

Was Terry's girlfriend a good swimmer? N

Had Norman been a heart surgeon for twenty years? P

Was Norman a good surgeon? P

Did Norman's friend cover for him while he was at the conference? P