

**For Teachers:** Please have the students read the sentences one at a time and correct their pronunciation of each sentence then have them repeat after you. Wait until after they read the sentence (use the number in place of the missing word) to have the students choose the correct answer to fill in the blank. When the students finish the article, move on to the further questions.

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2[A] – The “<sup>反転 (はんてん) した</sup> Inverted Jenny” Stamps



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- William T. Robey was the first in line at his local post office on the morning of May 14, 1918.
  - At Robey’s request, the clerk brought out the newly issued red-and-blue 24-cent U.S. postage stamp depicting the Curtiss JN-4 “Jenny” <sup>描 (か) いてある</sup> biplane <sup>カーチス</sup> . <sup>複葉機 (ふくようき)</sup>
  - This stamp was to be used for the airmail service <sup>予定 (よてい) されている</sup> slated to begin on May 15; the Jenny, a plane flown in World War I, would carry the mail.
  - Airmail was a new venture for the post office, and at 24 cents it was <sup>値段 (ねだん) が高 (たか) い</sup> pricy —stamps for ground delivery cost a mere 3 cents.
  - The clerk was therefore ( 26 ) when Robey pulled out \$24 to buy an entire sheet of 100 stamps.
  - Being unfamiliar with airplanes, he failed to recognize the error Robey had spotted instantly: the Jenny on all the stamps on that sheet had been printed upside down.
- \*Choose the correct answer to fill in the blank from these choices.
- (26) 1 understandably surprised 2 immediately <sup>謝 (あやま) って</sup> apologetic
  - 3 unable to be of assistance 4 compelled to refuse

**Further Questions&A**

\*Ask student to answer the question on their own at first. If the student can’t answer correctly, have him look at the last page and read the “example answer” for the question. Have the student try to memorize the answer, if it’s too long or difficult, you should divide the sentence into 2 or 3 parts to make it easier to remember. Once they have memorized the answer, the teacher should ask the question one last time so that the student can practice answering. Also if you find any mistakes, please mark the page and let me know ASAP.

- 1) Why did the stamp have a picture of a plane on it?  
10. <sup>きって</sup>切手に <sup>ひこう機</sup>飛行機の <sup>しゃしん</sup>写真が <sup>いんさつ</sup>印刷されているのはなぜですか。
11. *The plane carried the mail with this stamp on it.*
- 2) What did William T. Robey do that surprised the clerk?  
13. ウィリアム・T・ロビーは <sup>なに</sup>何をして <sup>きよくいん</sup>局員を <sup>おどろ</sup>驚かせましたか。
14. *He purchased an entire sheet of 100 of the 24 cent stamps.*
15. Robey’s find was ( 27 ).
16. There had been a rush for the stamps to be ready for the debut of airmail service, and collectors like Robey were aware the stamp’s two-color printing process <sup>可能性 (かのうせい)</sup> increased the likelihood of errors.
17. Robey had arrived at the post office hoping to spot just such an <sup>異常 (いじょう)</sup> irregularity, since <sup>異常 (いじょう)</sup> even a tiny anomaly can increase a stamp’s <sup>珍 (めづら) しさ</sup> rarity and value <sup>すさまじく</sup> tremendously.
18. Within days, he sold the sheet to a stamp dealer for \$15,000.

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22. 3) Why wasn't Robey surprised that the stamps had a mistake?

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24. *There had been a rush for the stamps to be ready for the debut of airmail service and the two-color printing process increased the likelihood of errors.*

25. 4) Why did Robey go to the post office so early?

26. ロビーはなぜそんなに早くから郵便局に行ったのですか。

27. *He was hoping to spot just such an irregularity on the new stamps.*

28. 5) Why did Robey want to find a stamp with an irregularity?

29. ロビーは、なぜ、異常のある切手を見つけたかったのですか。

30. *Even a tiny anomaly can increase a stamp's rarity and value tremendously.*

31. These "Inverted Jenny" stamps have consistently increased in value over the years.

32. While most have remained in the hands of collectors, some of them have been stolen; those that were later recovered were found to have been tampered with.

33. This has led to ( 28 ).

34. For stamps with a known and documented history, like the Inverted Jenny stamps, the perforations—holes punches around the edges of the stamps to make them easily separable—serve as "fingerprints."

35. Unfortunately, because the perforations on the still-missing stamps have also probably been altered, it is almost impossible for amateur collectors to verify the authenticity of any Inverted Jenny stamps they may come across, making them easy prey for forgers.

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42. よく知られ、証明されている過去をもつ切手の、"fingerprint"としての役割を果たすものは何ですか。

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