

Appendix B: Dictations

1. It's No Wonder!

Olga **has a stomachache**. She's also **running a fever**. So she goes to see her doctor. He takes an X-ray. He sees a medical instrument inside Olga. "**No wonder!**" he thinks. He wants to **get rid of it right away**. But Olga wants to **put off** the operation. She **has cold feet**. Maybe she is afraid that the doctors will **make a mistake** again!

2. It's About Time!

Sebastio **is in love**. He asks Vittoria to marry him. Vittoria wants to **get married**, too. But she **can't afford** the wedding dress she wants. So she asks Sebastio to wait and he agrees. He waits and waits. Vittoria saves up for 40 years. **At long last**, Vittoria has her dress and she's ready to **tie the knot**. **It's about time!**

3. A Heart of Gold

When Victor Bacelis **picks up** the money, he is surprised. He **gets in touch with** police and gives the money to them. But they **give it back**. Then Victor decides to **give it away** to a little boy who is **sick**. "I'm **healthy**. I have enough money," he says. This man **has a heart of gold**.

4. Fit as a Fiddle

Ed was **out of shape** when he was 84. Then he started to **work out**. He **pumped iron day in and day out**. Now, at age 91, he **feels like a million dollars**. He's **as fit as a fiddle**. His family and friends **cannot believe their eyes!**

5. Longest Hair in the World

Hoo's hair is hard to **take care of**. He washes it **once in a blue moon**. It **takes ages** to dry. But he says it **comes in handy** in cold weather. **And according to** Hoo, when people **get sick**, he can help them.

6. Lost Skier Dances All Night Long

Karen Hartley is skiing **by herself** and **gets lost**. She **is scared to death**, but she **keeps her head**. She dances **all night long** to stay warm. She doesn't **give up**. The next morning, a helicopter comes for her **in the nick of time**. She is cold but **all right**.

7. Spaniards Paint the Town Red

Bunyol **throws a** tomato **party once a year**. The town **gets ready** by putting plastic over the windows. When the tomatoes arrive, the party begins. People throw tomatoes at each other. They really **let loose**. They **go bananas**. Everyone **has a great time**.

8. Man Dances at His Own Funeral

Ahmed's friends are **feeling blue**. They think he died. When they see him walk in, they are **dumbfounded**. He **looks like a million dollars!** Ahmed explains that a thief **ripped him off** and took his ID cards. The funeral **turns into** a party. Everyone **is on top of the world!**

9. Fish Turns the Tables on Fisherman

A Russian man is **showing off** for his friends. He kisses a fish on the mouth. But the fish **turns the tables on** the man. It bites his nose and won't **let go**. His friends **cut the head off** the fish, but it still won't **let go**. Finally, a doctor **sets the man free**.

10. The Ringing Dog

When the phone disappears, Rachel can't **figure it out**. She **looks high and low** for it. She suspects the dog, who is **sleeping like a log**. Finally, she dials the number. She hears ringing in the dog's stomach. "**What in the world?**" she thinks. **All at once**, she **gets the picture**.

11. Robber Chickens Out

A robber was trying to **hold up** a bank. He gave a note to the teller, but she **couldn't make heads or tails** of it. Several clerks **took a look at** the note. They couldn't **make sense of** it either. Finally, the robber **lost his nerve** and **ran away**.

12. Lovesick Elephant

Pankov was **brokenhearted** when Mako **passed away**. Mako **looked after** her for 34 years. Zookeepers could not **cheer her up**. **Over and over** they tried to feed her, but she refused all food. She **went from bad to worse**. On Valentine's Day, Pankov **died of a broken heart**.

13. Shoplifter Gets a Dose of His Own Medicine

A man saw Tear Drop on the road and **gave him a lift**. It was **raining cats and dogs**. **After a while**, the man was **hungry** and stopped at a supermarket. He tried to **shoplift**, but the store manager **caught him red-handed**. When the man walked out of the store, he saw Tear Drop **taking off** with his truck. The man **got a dose of his own medicine**.

14. Crow Commits Crime

A crow came **out of nowhere** and **made off with** Frank's bracelet. Frank was certain the bracelet was gone **for good**, and he was **in a bad mood**. But later, a man found the bracelet 35 miles away. Then he saw a story about Frank in the paper. He **put two and two together** and gave the bracelet back to Frank.

15. On the Cutting Edge

People like to **go shopping** at REI. Shoppers can **try out** boots on a hiking trail. If they are **interested in** buying a bike, they can **try one out** on a bike trail. The hands-on store is **making a lot of money**. REI is **on the cutting edge**. Experts say more stores will **follow in its footsteps**.

16. Man Tries to Turn Over a New Leaf

Michael Backman tried to **turn over a new leaf**. When he returned to Grant High School, he **made friends** right away. He was a **first-rate** student and **handed in** his homework **on time**. But he couldn't hide from the police. He is now **behind bars** for his new crime **as well as** his old ones.

17. Gorilla Lends a Helping Hand

One day, a small boy at a zoo climbed over a wall into the gorilla habitat. He fell 24 feet and was **knocked out cold**. His mother was **scared out of her wits**. But Binti-Jua was **as cool as a cucumber**. She **kept** the other gorillas **away**. The boy is now **safe and sound**. The zoo director is **proud of** the gorilla. She is **the apple of his eye**.

18. Money Rains from the Sky

When a truck crashed, money from the truck flew **all over the place**. Many people ran to get their **hands on** it. Police told people to return the money, but **in the end**, only two people **showed up**. Because Herbert gave back the money, DisneyWorld invited his class to **take a trip** there. They **rolled out the red carpet** for the children.

19. Janitor's Dream Comes True

As a boy, Primo Torres **was** a **bookworm**. He **dreamed of** becoming a teacher, but his counselor **threw cold water on** his dream. So Torres got a job as a janitor at Mayfield High School. The years **went by**. When he was 41, Torres **went back** to school. Now Torres is teaching at Mayfield High School. His dream has **come true**.

20. Bullfighting Is in Her Blood

Cristina grew up with bullfighting **in her blood**. Her father **was opposed to** her plans at first. But finally he **gave in**. He **gave her the green light** to study bullfighting. She attended school in Spain to **learn the ropes**. Now she is a star in Spain, always **in the public eye**.