

## Lesson 106 | Story

### Dusty Trains

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While going on **vacation**  
We were waiting at the **station**,  
when the train came chugging up the tracks  
with noisy **dedication**.

Then we crossed onto the platform  
of that dear and dusty train—  
Really, the thing was so darn old,  
it was **dated** '29!

We sat deep in our seats—  
we weren't feeling **hateful**—  
we waited ever so patiently  
so we wouldn't seem **ungrateful**.

But the truth is we got antsy,  
and so, so very hungry.  
So when our parents turned around  
we snuck out for a munching.

We loaded up our plates,  
and our pockets, too,  
and we told the nice young lady,  
"Charge it to compartment 22!"

We gobbled up that food  
And returned right to our seats.  
Our parents must not have missed us,  
Because they didn't make a peep.

Father read the paper,  
Mother did some snoring.  
And my brother and I made some noise  
To hide our bellies' roaring.

It was quite an **education**,  
and of that I feel quite meek,  
when our parents got the bill  
for our naughty dining car sneak.

"Of all the food in **creation**,  
Must you have found the finest?  
I've never seen numbers like these  
that weren't owed to my dentist."

My father's eyes were wild,  
We racked up quite the bill!  
We said we were oh so sorry,  
but at least we'd had our fill.

I looked out of the window.  
Of our **location** I was not sure.  
If we were booted off,  
We'd be lost in a moor.

But then the queerest thing  
came from my father's mouth.  
He laughed and laughed and laughed and laughed!  
Curses, he did not spout.

Oh, take us aboard, you dusty train.  
Take us down the tracks!  
We're ready for adventure,  
And maybe some sweet snacks.

The **latest** thing in travel  
might be those sleek white planes,  
but as for me and my brother,  
we'll stick to dusty trains.

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- A. Everything in the world
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  - C. To make something
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2. Dating

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3. Education

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  - B. To teach
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4. Hateful

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5. Location

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6. Vacation

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10. Dedication

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  - A. Fiction
  - B. Poetry
  - C. Nonfiction

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  - A. The engineer of the train
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  - A. At a train station
  - B. On a plane
  - C. On a train

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4. What date is on the train?
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5. What is the kids' problem?
  - A. They want to meet people
  - B. They are hungry
  - C. They are bored

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6. How do they pay for their food?
  - A. They use money their parents gave them
  - B. They don't; they steal the food
  - C. They charge it to their parents' compartment

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7. Do their parents notice they were gone?
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  - A. Their dad is angry and upset
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9. Then what happens?
  - A. They have to get off the train
  - B. Their dad laughs and laughs
  - C. The rest of their vacation is ruined

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10. What is the kids' favorite way to travel?
  - A. By plane
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