



PART 1 READING ALOUD

In this passage, teddy bears come to life.

"There have been many wonderful ideas to promote International Day," said Mrs Lim, the School Principal. "But, after long consideration, I have decided to award the prize for best display to the team from Class 7, led by Rachel and Amir. Dressing all those bears up in the different costumes of so many nations was a brilliant idea. Well done!"

"As you know," Mrs Lim continued, "the school will be open for International Day tomorrow. Please bring your parents and friends to see the displays. All proceeds from art-work, sales and collections will go to United Nations funds for refugees."

The students made their way home at the end of a busy day. A few late classes took place, then they too came to an end. The caretaker made his rounds of the school buildings, turning off lights and locking all the doors.

"Is everyone OK?" a bear dressed like a Native American finally asked, breaking the silence. A low rustling and growling noise followed, as the bears stretched themselves and examined their costumes.

"Nice that so many of us can meet like this," said a bear in a grass skirt with a very deep voice. "But I'm not sure about the idea of being sold tomorrow. What we need is international concern for bears."

"Well, the students were very nice," said a bear wearing a sari, "and it all seems to be for a very good cause. Whatever tomorrow brings, we can have a great party tonight."



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