

# 1 Just Enough

Read the given story and do the activities given below.

Once, there lived a poor tailor's son named Joseph. He worked with his father, stitching clothes for the wealthy people in town. Joseph wanted to make something special to wear for himself. He saved as much money as he could, and finally he had enough money to buy the cloth.

Joseph went to the market and bought the cloth he had been dreaming of. That night, he made himself a coat.

When the tailor saw the work his son had done, he felt proud. "You have done fine work," he said. "You can now be a tailor on your own."

Joseph loved his coat. He wore it everywhere, and the seasons passed. The coat became worn out.



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But Joseph did not wish to part with the coat. He thought, "This old coat has meant so much to me. It made my father proud. Now there is nothing left. Nothing."

Then he laughed out loud, "There is something left. Just enough."

So he took out the good cloth still left in the coat. He made this into a jacket. He wore the jacket till it was worn out.



Now Joseph did not wish to part with the jacket.

"There is something left. Just enough," he thought.

So he took out the good cloth still left in the jacket and made it into a vest. He wore the vest till it was worn out.

Still Joseph did not wish to part with the vest. "There is something left. Just enough," he thought.

So he took out the good cloth left in the vest and made it into a cap. He wore the cap till it was worn out.



There was just enough good material left in the cap to make a bow tie. So Joseph took it out and made it into a bow tie.

He wore it till it was worn out. One day, the tie was lost.

"I feel that I have lost someone very near and dear," he said sadly.

"Tell us about the cloth, Papa," said one of his daughters.

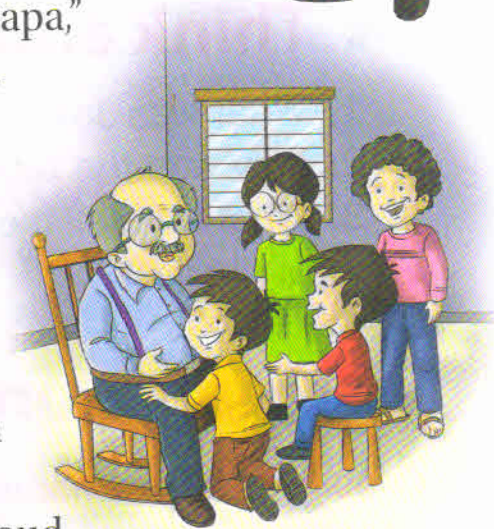
"Your grandchildren do not know all the stories."

"Tell us, Grandpapa," the children begged.

"All right, I will," Joseph said slowly. He told them about making the coat and making his father proud.

He told them about all the good things that had happened in his life when he wore the coat, the jacket, the vest, the cap and the bow tie.

"Now I have lost the tie. I cannot make it into anything else," said Joseph sadly.



**worn out** old or damaged  
**material** (here) cloth

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“You have made the tie and cap and vest and jacket and coat into a story, Grandpapa,” said the children.

“That’s right,” said Joseph. “The story will never be lost if you help me keep it.”

You have just read that story.



## Think and Answer

1. What was Joseph saving his money for?
2. Why was the tailor proud of his son?
3. What were all the things Joseph made of his coat?



## Using Words

Choose the right names of these pictures from the box and write them in the blanks.

jacket sweater cap pants skirt  
T-shirt coat dress



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## Appreciation

After reading this story we realise that there is a story in and about everything that we are connected with. Just like the coat had to undergo so many transformations and had an interesting story attached to its transformation, we can continue weaving stories if we keep sharing our experiences in life. However, a good story that makes an impact follows a certain order. Sequencing of ideas is crucial to a story.

In the story, we read about how Joseph first made a coat, then a jacket, then a vest, then a cap, then a bow tie and then a story for his grandchildren.

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Did you notice that Joseph was a boy when the story began and is a grandfather when the story ends? This tells us how much time has passed.



## Writing

Write the correct sequence of the story below.

- He was very kind.
- Once there lived a man in a village.
- His kind nature was known to all.
- The doctor treated the wounded bird.
- The bird was in pain.
- He took the bird to the doctor.
- Soon the bird was able to fly.
- One day he saw a wounded bird.
- The man was happy for the bird.
- It flew up high in the sky.



## Activity

Discuss with your partner what you can make out of the following things.

- a scooter tyre
- a sheet of newspaper
- an old plastic bottle
- a woollen rug