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Thursday morning – hello my dear readers - let´s start the day with a smile due to the fantastic weather. I hope you are all fine and take a little bit of English time.

Today I want to give you a story because reading is the best way to get better at any language. So let´s start with a funny story.

Lazy Jack

There was once a young man whose name was Jack, and he lived together with his mother. They were very poor. Jack´s mother earned a living by spinning, but Jack was lazy and he did nothing but bask in the sun in hot weather and sit by the fire in winter-time. So people called him lazy Jack. His mother could not get him to do anything for her.

Eventually, one Monday she could stand it no longer. She told him if he did not begin to work for his food, she would have to turn him out to care for himself. This brought Jack to his senses, and he started to work for a farmer. He worked all day for his money, but as he was coming home, he lost his hard-earned coin while passing over a brook.

“You stupid boy”, said his mother , “you should have put it in your pocket.” “I`ll do so next time”, replied Jack.

On Wednesday, Jack went out again and hired himself to a cowherd. He got a jug of milk for his work. Jack took the jug and put it into the large pocket of his jacket, spilling it all before he got home. “Dear me,” said his old mother. “You should have carried it in your hands.” “I´ll do so next time,” replied Jack.

On Thursday Jack hired himself to a cheese-maker, who wanted to give him a cream cheese for his work. In the evening Jack took the cheese, and went home clutching it tight in his hands. By the time he got home the cream cheese had all melted and was dripping between his fingers. “You stupid boy,! said his mother, “you should have carried it in a bag.” “I´ll do so next time,” replied Jack.

On Friday, Jack again went out and hired himself to a baker, who gave him a large cat for his work. Jack put the cat into a bag, threw it over his shoulder and began walking home. But the furious animal fought so hard to get out of the bag that Jack´s back was soon scratched and he had to let the cat go. When Jack got home, his mother said to him, “You silly boy, you should have tied a string around his neck and led it after you.” ”I´ll do so next time,” replied Jack.

On Saturday, Jack hired himself to a butcher, who gave him a big shoulder of mutton(sheep). Jack took the meat, tied a string around it and pulled it along after him in the dirt. So when he got home, the meat was completely ruined. His mother was very angry, because the next day was Sunday and they had only cabbage for dinner. “You ninney-hammer,” she said, “you should have carried it on your shoulder.” “I´ll do so next time,” replied Jack.

On the following Monday Jack hired himself to a shepherd, who gave him a donkey for his work. Jack found it difficult to put the donkey onto his shoulders, but at last he did it and walked home slowly. On his way home he went past the house of a rich man, who lived there with his daughter. She was a beautiful girl, but could not hear or speak. She had never laughed in her life, and the doctors said she would never speak till somebody made her laugh.

This young lady was looking out of the window when Jack was passing with the donkey on his shoulders, its legs up in the air. This looked so funny and strange that she burst out into great laughter – and immediately got back her speech and hearing. Her father was so overjoyed that he wanted Jack to marry his daughter.

So lazy Jack became a rich man, and he and his wife were very happy. They had a big house, and Jack`s mother lived with them in great happiness until she died.

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I hope you understood most words of the story and you got the meaning – maybe you could smile or laugh a little bit about lazy Jack.

I wish you all a super sunny day – keep smiling – stay healthy and fit!

 Yours Lacho ☺