

CHAPTER 1

Once upon a time, there was a piece of wood. It was not an expensive piece of wood. It was just a **common** piece of wood.

Geppetto was a **carpenter**. He made things out of wood.

“I shall make this into a fine table,” he said.

But when he began to cut the wood, it **cried out**.

“Please be careful!” it said. “Do not hurt me!”

Geppetto was **amazed**. This was no ordinary piece of wood!

“I shall make it into a **puppet** with **string** to move its arms and legs,” he said.

When he made the eyes, they looked at him. When he made the mouth, it smiled at him and then it stuck its tongue out at him! The puppet could move by itself! It did not need strings!

Geppetto laughed. “I will be your father and I will name you Pinocchio.”

common (adjective) not special, ordinary

carpenter (noun) someone whose job is to build or repair wooden things

cry out (phrasal verb) to make a loud noise, to scream

amazed (adjective) feeling or showing great surprise

puppet (noun) a toy in the shape of a person or animal

string (noun) a thin rope



*Geppetto laughed. "I will be your father
and I will name you Pinocchio."*

Geppetto wanted Pinocchio to be a good boy, but Pinocchio was not a good boy. He did not listen to his father. He would run away from his father. Pinocchio was **naughty**.

One night, Pinocchio went to bed. There was a noise.

“Crick-et! Crick-et!”

It was so **loud** that Pinocchio could not sleep.

“Who is making such a noise in my room?” said Pinocchio **crossly**.

There was an insect on the wall. It was a cricket.

“It is me,” said the cricket. “And this is not your room. I was here before you. We will have to share it.”

“I do not like to share!” said Pinocchio.

“Learning to be kind and share will make you a happier person,” said the cricket.

naughty (adjective) behaving badly

loud (adjective) making a lot of noise

crossly (adverb) angrily

“No,” said Pinocchio. “I am happier when I do what I want.”

Pinocchio became hungry. He wanted to cook some food, but Geppetto was out. The cricket tried to **warn** him.

“You should wait until Geppetto comes back,” said the cricket.

“No,” said Pinocchio. “I am hungry now. I will cook myself an egg.”

Pinocchio got an egg. He broke the **shell** and poured the egg into a frying pan. He put the pan on the fire. He was very tired, so he sat down to wait for the egg to cook. He was so tired that he fell asleep.

warn (verb) to tell someone about a danger or trouble

shell (noun) the outer covering of an egg

When Pinocchio woke up, he saw something **horrible**! His wooden legs were black and damaged! They had burned in the fire.

Pinocchio was very **upset**. He cried all night. In the morning, Geppetto returned.

“What has happened to your feet?” he said in surprise.

Pinocchio was very sad.

“I tried to cook myself an egg, but I fell asleep by the fire. When I woke up, my feet were like this.”

“Poor Pinocchio,” said Geppetto. “You are made of wood. You must be careful around fire. You are lucky I am a carpenter. I will make you some new feet.”

As Geppetto put some new feet on Pinocchio, he had an idea.

“You need to learn things,” said Geppetto. “Children go to school to learn things. You must go to school too!”

horrible (adjective) very bad

upset (adjective) not happy; sad



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CHAPTER 2

Pinocchio was excited. He was going to school to learn things. Geppetto made him a **smart** new set of clothes. He made him a red coat and some wooden shoes.

“You look very smart,” said Geppetto.

“Now, I am ready to go to school,” said Pinocchio.

But Pinocchio needed one more thing to go to school. He needed a school book. School books cost money, and Geppetto did not have much money. Pinocchio was very upset.

Geppetto got up, put his coat on, and went into town. When he came back, he had the school book, but he did not have his coat.

“Where is your coat?” said Pinocchio.

“I do not need a coat as much as you need a school book,” said Geppetto.

Geppetto sold his coat to pay for the school books. Pinocchio was very **grateful**. He hugged Geppetto.

smart (adjective) smart clothes look clean and stylish

grateful (adjective) if you are grateful to somebody, you feel and show thanks to them

Quiz-2

Underline the correct words to tell the story.

1. This was no **ordinary** / **special** piece of wood.
2. 'Learning to be kind and **shout** / **share** will make you a happier person.'
3. Pinocchio was very **interested** / **interviewed** in the noise on the street.
4. 'How much does it **spend** / **cost**?' Pinocchio asked the boy.
5. The **audience** / **readers** became bored when they were watching the puppet show.
6. Fox and Cat were very **friendly** / **familiar** to Pinocchio.
7. Pinocchio wanted his nose to be **smaller** / **larger**.
8. Pinocchio **carried** / **dragged** the jug for the fairy.
9. '**Hard** / **difficult** work makes us happy,' said the fairy.
10. Fights cause **happiness** / **trouble**.
11. The Land of Toys was **brilliant** / **horrible**.
12. Pinocchio worked hard to **earn** / **spend** the money he needed for food.

VOCABULARY QUIZZES

Quiz-1

Complete the sentences with the correct words in brackets.

1. I could not the new scooter in the shop. **afford/admit**
2. The brown dog at the stranger. **shouted/barked**
3. The audience at the end of the song. **claimed/clapped**
4. She doesn't much money in her new job. **earn/cost**
5. The burglar tried to from the bathroom window.
enter/escape
6. Last year, he a beard. **planted/grew**
7. There were two policemen the king's bedroom.
guarding/keeping
8. We must to catch the bus today. **hurt/hurry**
9. The donkey the man hard when he moved it.
touched/kicked
10. The girl was the horse out of the stable.
lending/leading
11. I wanted to her some money to buy food. **lead/lend**
12. She didn't reply but just her head. **knocked/nodded**
13. The mother the boy because he was very naughty.
praised/punished
14. The girls in the school hall all morning.
reminded/remained