

Beginning Short Stories – “What Do We Have to Eat?”

Directions: First read the basic version of the story below. Next, read the advanced version of the same story. Then, try to answer the questions about the story.

Basic Version

I want to eat some food.

Well, what do you want to eat?

I do not know. What do we have to eat?

Well, we have eggs, rice, beans, bread, ham, and cheese.

Do we have any steak?

No, we do not have any steak.

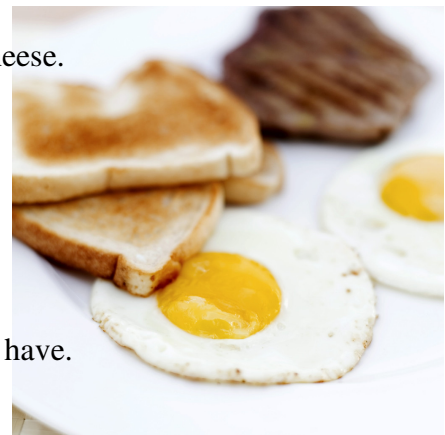
Noooo! I want steak.

Well, we do not have any steak. I told you what we have.

Okay. Can I have some eggs and ham please.

Sure.

But wait! I want something to drink also!



Advanced Version

I am *hungry*.

Well, what do you want to eat?

I do not know. What do we have to eat?

Well, we have eggs, rice, beans, bread, ham, and cheese.

Do we have any steak?

No, we do not have any steak.

Noooo! I want steak.

Well, we do not have any steak. I told you what we have.

Okay. Can I have some eggs and ham please.

Sure.

But wait! I am *thirsty too!*

Questions:

1. What do we have to eat?
2. What do I want to eat?

Vocabulary:

To find word definitions: First, find the word in the advanced version of the story. Then, compare this part of the advanced version of the story to the same part of the basic version of the story. This will give you a general definition of the word.

1. What does “*hungry*” mean? (*line 1*)
2. What does “*thirsty*” mean? (*last line of the story*)
3. What does “*too*” mean? (*last line of the story*)