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The Story of Stone Soup

Once upon a time, somewhere in post-war Eastern Europe, there was a great famine in which people jealously hoarded whatever food they could find, hiding it even from their friends and neighbors. One day a wandering soldier came into a village and began asking questions as if he planned to stay for the night.

"There's not a bite to eat in the whole province," he was told. "Better keep moving on."

"Oh, I have everything I need," he said. "In fact, I was thinking of making some stone soup to share with all of you." He pulled an iron cauldron from his wagon, filled it with water, and built a fire under it. Then, with great ceremony, he drew an ordinary-looking stone from a velvet bag and dropped it into the water.

By now, hearing the rumor of food, most of the villagers had come to the square or watched from their windows. As the soldier sniffed the "broth" and licked his lips in anticipation, hunger began to overcome their skepticism.

"Ahh," the soldier said to himself rather loudly, "I do like a tasty stone soup. Of course, stone soup with cabbage -- that's hard to beat."

Soon a villager approached hesitantly, holding a cabbage he'd retrieved from its hiding place, and added it to the pot. "Capital!" cried the soldier. "You know, I once had stone soup with cabbage and a bit of salt beef as well, and it was fit for a king."

The village butcher managed to find some salt beef . . . and so it went, through potatoes, onions, carrots, mushrooms, and so on, until there was indeed a delicious meal for all. The villagers offered the soldier a great deal of money for the magic stone, but he refused to sell and traveled on the next day. The moral is that by working together, with everyone contributing what they can, a greater good is achieved.

Thanksgiving and Christmas

Thanksgiving and Christmas are two special holidays celebrated in the United States and other parts of the world.

Starting with Thanksgiving in November, families come together with endless gratitude in their hearts. People share a big meal, usually a stuffed turkey and sweet pumpkin pie. It is a day to give thanks for everything we have.

Then comes Christmas in December. Christmas is a time of joy, love, and shared happiness. It's marked by shiny decorations, lots of gifts, and the famous Christmas tree. It symbolizes the birth of Jesus Christ, spreading messages of peace and goodwill.

Both Thanksgiving and Christmas create moments of togetherness. The dinner table becomes a place of love, shared stories, and hearty laughter. It is the time when families create precious memories, friends catch up, and children eagerly wait for presents from Santa Claus.

Though Thanksgiving and Christmas are different in their ways, both festivals celebrate love, gratitude, and the joy of being with family. They remind us all of the wonderful times spent with family and the true spirit of giving and sharing.

No matter what we do, the warmth of these holidays unites everyone, bringing smiles to our faces and happiness to our hearts.

中文翻譯:

感恩節和耶誕節是在美國和世界其他地區慶祝的兩個特殊節日。

從 11 月的感恩節開始，家人懷著無盡的感激之情聚在一起。人們一起吃一頓大餐，通常是釀火雞和甜南瓜派。這是感謝我們所擁有的一切的日子。

然後是 12 月的耶誕節。耶誕節是一個充滿歡樂、愛和分享幸福的時刻。它以閃亮的裝飾品、大量的禮物和著名的聖誕樹為標誌。它象徵著耶穌基督的誕生，傳播和平與善意的資訊。

感恩節和耶誕節都會創造團聚的時刻。餐桌變成了充滿愛、分享故事和爽朗笑聲的地方。這是家人創造珍貴回憶、朋友敘舊、孩子們熱切等待聖誕老人禮物的時候。

儘管感恩節和耶誕節的方式不同，但這兩個節日都慶祝愛情、感恩和與家人在一起的快樂。他們提醒我們所有與家人共度的美好時光以及給予和分享的真正精神。

無論我們做什麼，這些節日的溫暖將每個人團結在一起，給我們的臉上帶來微笑，給我們的心帶來幸福。

The Princess and the Pea

There is a prince. He is very handsome, and lives in a very comfortable castle. What's more, he is loved by his family and people. Everything seems great to him. However, he is not happy. Why not? Because he wants to find a princess, a real princess. Although there are many princesses in his kingdom, he still can't find a real one after a long time. Because of this, he becomes unhappier and always pulls a long face.

One night, there is a storm. The thunder is very loud. The lightning is very bright. It's a stormy night. There shouldn't be anyone outside. Then there is a knock on the door. The two big doors open. Outside the doors, there is a wet princess. "Oh, my! I am so wet." The princess says, "I am tired, too. May I rest in the castle tonight?" The prince and the queen hear her voice and appear. "Wow! She is beautiful!" The prince says to the queen. "That's true, but is she a real princess?" The queen asks. "Hmm, I don't know." The prince replies.

The princess continued, "I am so sleepy. Do you know that? I am a real princess, so I can only sleep on a very comfortable bed. Please prepare a soft, smooth, and comfortable bed for me." The queen listens to the

princess. Then she has a good idea. "Don't worry, son." She says. "We will discover if she is a real princess!" She takes out a small pea, a very small pea. The queen puts the pea on the bed. Then she has her maids put ten "soft" mattresses down. Then they put nine "very soft" mattresses down. What's more, they put eight feather mattresses down. Finally, they put seven soft blankets down. "OK, dear," the queen tells the princess. "Time for bed."

The night passes. At breakfast, the princess still looks very tired. "Did you have a sweet dream, dear?" The queen asked the princess. "No. I didn't sleep well. I even couldn't fall asleep. I am very tired now." The princess replies. "What a terrible night! There seems to be a big rock in my bed! Oh! My back hurts! Ouch!" The queen is very happy. Only a real princess has a such a delicate sense of feeling and can feel the pea. The queen knows this. "You are a real princess!" the prince shouts happily. So the prince and the princess are married. They are very happy. And where is the pea? It might be in your bed.