

# A Lunch Surprise

Revised selection – original text entitled *My Story About the First Time I Made My Husband's Lunch*  
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## Pre-reading

### Questions:

- What might this story be about?

### Definitions:

- Request – something asked for
- Thin – not thick or fat
- Prevent – to keep something from happening
- Episode – a particular event or incident

## Reading

14 Lul is trying to learn English. She takes classes and practices the language by  
14 talking with her husband in English. Lul makes her husband lunch every morning.  
27 He takes it with him to work. One morning Lul asked him what he wanted for lunch.  
44 He said, “I would like an apple and a sandwich.”

54 Lul thought an apple sandwich was an **odd** request, but reasoned that people in  
68 the United States maybe liked to eat apple sandwiches. So, she took a slice of bread  
84 and put mayonnaise on it. Then she cut the apple into very thin slices and put them  
101 on the bread.

104 Next she put another slice of bread on top of the apple slices. She packed the  
120 sandwich in a bag and handed it to her husband. “I hope you like it,” she said.  
137 “Have a good day.”

141 At noon Lul’s husband had lunch with the other workers. They asked him  
154 what he had for lunch. He said, “I have a sandwich.” Then he took a bite and  
171 exclaimed, “An apple sandwich!” They replied, “We’ve never heard of an apple  
183 sandwich.” Lul’s husband said, “Neither had I, until today.”

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## Understanding

1. What does the word **odd** mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. When does Lul's husband eat lunch? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Put the following sentences in order – what happened first (1), second (2), etc.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Lul packed the sandwich in a bag.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Lul put mayonnaise on the bread.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Lul put another slice of bread on top of the apple slices.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Lul cut the apple into thin slices.
4. How did Lul's husband feel about his lunch? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What could Lul have done to prevent the “apple sandwich episode”? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Write about a funny misunderstanding you've had or have heard about.

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