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

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

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

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

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