

Learning English

Pre-reading

Questions:

- Why is it good to know English?

Definitions:

- Believe – to think of as true



Reading

Omar believed that studying English was very important. He went to class
13 four mornings a week. He had math and reading on Mondays and Wednesdays. He
27 had reading and writing on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

34 In math class he learned about money. He learned the **value** of coins. A
48 penny is worth one cent. A nickel is worth five cents. A dime is worth ten cents. A
66 quarter is worth twenty-five cents. A half-dollar is worth fifty cents.

82 He learned the value of paper money too. The paper money was easier to
97 learn because the value is on the corners of the bill.

104 Omar liked learning to read and write. He learned the names and sounds of
119 the letters of the English alphabet. He also learned how to write the letters. He
134 learned the names of many people, places and things. English was not easy. It took
151 a lot of **practice** to learn how to read and write English.

160 Omar knew learning English was very important. If he knew English well, he
173 could read the newspaper and the notes his children brought home from school. He
187 could understand and complete forms and applications. He also knew knowing
198 English well would help him **secure** a better job.

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Understanding

1. What time of day did Omar have class? _____

2. What does the word **value** mean in this story? _____

3. Why did Omar want to learn English? (List at least two reasons.) _____

4. What does the word **practice** mean? _____

5. What days did he have reading class? _____

6. What does the word **secure** mean in this story? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell this story in your own words.

Choice B: Why do you want to become a better reader? How will it help you? What are you doing to meet this goal?
