"No, no, that's quite impossible!" replied the professor immediately. "Do you know, last month I asked him when Napoleon died, and he didn't know!"

"He's a good boy," said Jack's father, "Please pardon him. If you let him pass this time, I'm sure he'll improve a lot next year and pass the examinations at the end of it really well."

Jack had gone to the university to study his history, but at the end of his second term, he failed his history exam, and he was told that he would be dismissed from university. However, his father decided that he would go to see the history professor to ask him to let Jack continue his studies the next year.

"Please, sir, give him another chance'said Jack's father." You see, I'm afraid we don't take any newspapers in our house so we even don't know that Napoleon was ill recently."