

Filler passages for Child, Oakhill, & Garnham (2018)

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1. Julia was hiking along a river and she noticed a sparkling object in the water. She couldn't really see the object. It seemed to be a piece of metal. It had rained a lot lately. There were branches and leaves in the water. There were strong winds in this region. The object wasn't far from her now. She still couldn't see what it was. She decided to try to retrieve the object.

2. Carl was six years old. For his birthday, he received a goldfish. He named it after his favourite football player. One day, the goldfish wasn't in the aquarium anymore. Carl had just come home from school. He put his bag on the chair. His mother called him from upstairs. Carl's mother told him that the goldfish had died while Carl was at school.

3. Amy was on her way to visit her parents. She was feeling very hungry. When Amy arrived, her mum had prepared a roast dinner. Amy hadn't eaten a roast dinner for a long time. When she was living at home, she used to eat roast dinners every Sunday. It was a tradition in her family. Amy smelt it when she entered the house. That was Amy's favourite dish.

4. It was summer time, and Roger decided to go on a package tour holiday to Spain. When Roger arrived at the airport, there were already about twenty people who were also going on that tour holiday. Roger didn't know any of them. Roger didn't try to engage in a conversation with anybody.

5. James had revised for his exams for two months. He worked day and night for them. A day before the exams, James was lying on his bed. He was listening to some music. The CD he was listening to was from his favourite band.

6. Rob was ten years old. He was having tennis lessons every Wednesday afternoon. Today, his coach was having trouble explaining the exercises to him. The exercises were not difficult though. Today's lesson was on serving. Rob's coach was trying to show him how to serve with spin. Rob had never learned spin serves.

7. Patrick was a very tall man. He was usually always asked to play basketball for the University team. He had always really liked it. Patrick had played basketball since primary school. Basketball was his favourite game. He even collected pictures of his favourite players. Some of them were quite valuable. But the coach thought he wasn't good enough this time, so he dropped Patrick from the team.

8. I arrived at the airport. It was the first time that I have taken a plane. As I walked to the departure lounge, my legs were shaking. I decided to get a brandy before getting on the plane. I looked for the bar. When I saw the duty-free shop, I thought that maybe alcohol there would be cheaper.

9. I was just about to parachute jump. Last time I had done it, I almost broke my leg at landing. But that had not stopped me from going for another jump. I'd trained a lot for that jump. It had been a year between the jumps.

10. I woke up and looked at the clock. It was 10:30 a.m. I was on holiday. I had worked very

hard before this holiday. I went out in the garden. There was a deckchair. I took it and put it in the sun. I sat on the chair. Now I could just enjoy the day sitting in the garden.

11. I had a friend who had asthma. The doctors had told him that he wouldn't be able to do any sport. Despite that, my friend had battled and trained very hard to become an athlete. He was a 110 metre hurdle runner. This was his favourite discipline.

12. I walked outside to get the mail. I glanced at my car and noticed that the front window was broken. I also noticed that my radio was missing. I had bought that car a week ago. When I came home with the new car, I parked it in front of my house. It was where I used to park my old car. I'd never had any problems with it. But someone had smashed the front window to steal the radio.

13. I have a passion for gardening. Every Saturday, I put on my gardening clothes and plant flowers and vegetables in the garden. It was a small garden, but it was probably the nicest in my street. It had roses and lilies. I even managed to grow sunflowers. I am fond of sunflowers. As for the vegetables, I only grew onions, tomatoes and salad. I loved getting up in the morning and standing looking at my garden.

14. Driving home, I saw a car boot sale sign. I found the sale easily; it was spread over an entire car park. After browsing for a while, I found a pine table that was cheap. The table seemed new. There weren't any dents in it. I thought that the people who had it before probably didn't use it much. The table would easily fit in my car. I had always wanted a table like that, but the ones I saw were always too expensive.

15. I had decided to take a pottery class this term. The class met two nights a week. Tonight, I thought I would make a vase for my roommate. I wanted to draw animals on the vase. The vase I wanted to make would be perfect for my flatmate.

16. I got up at 9:00 a.m. and got ready for my class. I suddenly remembered that I forgot to write an essay for my history class. I began to write something on a piece of paper. I was trying to write something I could give to my lecturer. I thought that handing something in was better than nothing. I didn't know much about the topic though.

17. The gifted photographer had been taking pictures since high school, when she was the newsletter photographer. Her work had not yet been on display in any art galleries in town. She sent some of her photographs to several galleries. Most of the galleries told her that they didn't have any space available.

18. The English student was spending a year studying in Italy. While he was there, he received a package for his birthday. The package was from his girlfriend. The student looked at the package. He opened it. There was a nice jumper and a letter. He read the letter. His girlfriend told him that she was missing him. She also mentioned that at least she remembered his birthday. He suddenly remembered that he had forgotten his girlfriend's birthday a month earlier.

19. The girl was standing on the riverbank. She'd been hiking along a river and had noticed a sparkling object in the water. She hadn't been able to really see the object. It seemed to be a piece of metal. A log had created a natural dam, so the water moved slowly in this area. It had rained a lot lately. There were branches and leaves in the water. There were strong winds in this area. The object hadn't been far from her, but she still hadn't been able to see what it

was. She'd decided to try and retrieve the object.

20. As the secretary's son hung up the phone, he ran outside to the garden. His mother was doing some gardening. When he arrived in front of her, he had trouble speaking. It was Friday afternoon. This had to be the best week of his 18-year life. Tonight he would be graduating first in his high school class. Just yesterday he had received a formal acceptance letter from Harvard.

21. The couple moved in a year ago. Tonight, the groom was at home. He was in the living room, sitting on the floor. "How many things like this can happen in one day?" he had asked himself. First, he'd been beaten out of a new job by a younger man. If that hadn't been enough, on the way home, he'd wrecked his car. Then, when he'd got home, he'd found out his wife wanted a divorce.

22. The PhD candidate was living on campus. Although some women had been attacked there, she frequently walked through the campus at night. After all, she was as strong as most men, and she had been trained in combat in the Israeli army. So she walked wherever she pleased. As she was waking, she noticed a couple of men standing on the side of the path.

23. The Law student was living alone. When she woke up, she went in the kitchen. She made herself a cup of herbal tea, and went out onto her back porch. She had been awakened by a ray of sunshine coming in through her window. She'd risen and looked out to find a beautiful day. Because last week had been so productive, she knew that there was nothing urgent that needed to be done today. Her essay due in next week was already finished, and the presentation she gave yesterday had gone really well.

24. A few months ago, the actress decided to move up north. She was living in a house a few miles from the nearest village. She was now in the kitchen. She opened the refrigerator, looked around, but then closed the door. For two days now, the snowstorm had confined her to her small house. She'd paced from room to room. First she'd gone into the living room and picked up a book. She had read two paragraphs, and then put it down. Then she'd tried to find something on TV. After flipping the channels for fifteen minutes, she had turned it off and had wandered into the kitchen.