

The Parking Ticket

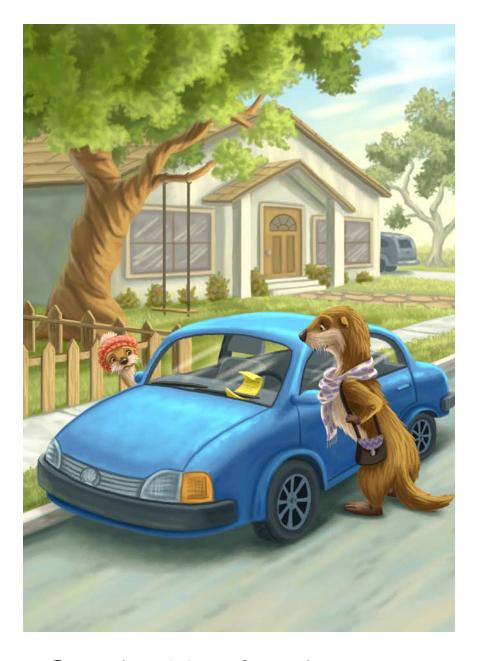


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Focus Question

What did the mom do after she got a parking ticket? Why?



One day, Mom found a **parking ticket** on our car.



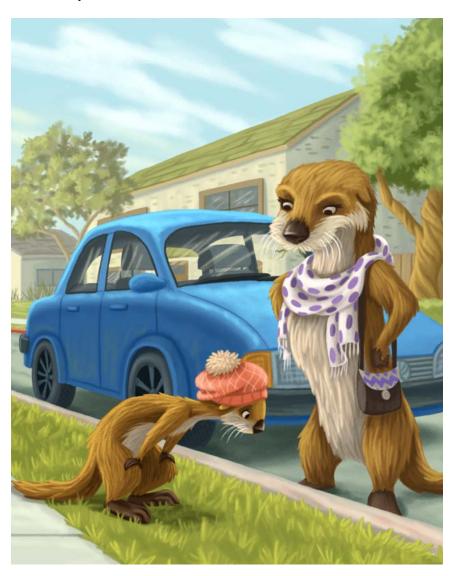
The ticket said it was against the law to park where we had parked. The ticket said Mom had to pay money to the city.



Mom pointed across the street.

- "See how that **curb** is painted red?" she asked me.
- "See those signs that tell you not to park there?" she added.

Our parking spot had no signs. The red paint on our curb was very faded.





Mom took some photos with her phone.

"We're going to **fight** this ticket," she said.

"These photos will help," she added.



We went to **court**.

Mom told the **judge** our story.

She showed him our ticket.

She showed him our photos.



The judge looked at the photos. The judge looked at Mom. "I agree with you," the judge said.

We did not have to pay!

Mom thanked him, and we left.





Mom took me out for ice cream. We were very careful where we parked!

Glossary

court (n.) a place where legal cases are heard (p. 8)

curb (n.) a concrete or stone edge of a street (p. 5)

fight (v.) to speak or work against something seen as unfair or wrong (p. 7)

judge (n.) a person whose job is
 to decide cases in a court
 of law (p. 8)

law (n.) a rule or set of rules made by a government (p. 4)

parking a special paper that tells ticket (n.) a person that he or she owes money for parking somewhere not allowed (p. 3)

Words to Know

court judge

curb law

fight parking ticket

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Connections

Writing and Art

Should the mom have been given a parking ticket?
Why or why not?
Draw a picture and write about it.

Social Studies

Why is it important to follow the law?

Share your ideas with a partner.



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