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"She's sad," replied Tom, "because her grandmother fell and broke her leg yesterday."

"How terrible,!" said Mary, looking concerned. "I hope she's back on her feet again soon."

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"Did you read the news?" said Tom.

"About the earthquake which affected New Zealand?" Peter replied. "Yes I did. It was terrible!/. One of my teachers has family over there. Luckily, they're all safe."

"Some of the victims homes were completely destroyed," went on Tom. "Losing your home is an awful experience!"

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The Miser (An Aesop's Fable)

A miser sold all that he had, bought a lump of gold, which he buried in a hole in the ground by the side of an old wall and went to look at daily. One of his workmen observed his frequent visits to the spot and decided to watch his movements, he soon discovered the secret of the hidden treasure, and digging down, came to the lump of gold, stole it.

The Miser, on his next day found the hole empty and began to get very angry, he screamed loudly. A neighbour, seeing him overcome with grief and learning the cause, said, "You do not grieve so; but go and take a stone, and place it in the hole, and imagine that the gold is still lying there, it will do you quite the same service; for when the gold was there, you had it not, as you did not make the slightest use of it."

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