# Elin and the Story That Grew

Before passing it on, find out.



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"The fruit stall is closing," whispered Bo at the school gate. Elin gasped. She loved the stall's striped awning and the way Mrs Fern arranged pears in spirals.



On the walk home, Elin told her brother. "The fruit stall is closing forever." He told Mum they would never buy pears there again. Everyone looked disappointed.



Mum stopped beside the crossing. "What did the stallholder say?" Elin thought hard. She had not spoken to Mrs Fern. Bo had told her, before the bell.



They went to the market together. The striped awning was rolled up, but crates stood neatly behind the counter. A small notice hung from a wooden peg.



Mum read it aloud: "Closed on Wednesday for a new floor. Open again Thursday." Elin looked at the word Wednesday. Her ears began to feel very hot.



Mrs Fern came out carrying a broom. "Mind the empty boxes," she said. Elin pointed to the notice. "You aren't closing forever?" Mrs Fern shook her head.



"Just for one day. The old floor has a wobbly board." Elin looked down. A carpenter was measuring it. Nobody was carrying away the striped awning.



"I added forever," Elin admitted to Mum. "I thought closing meant forever." Mum nodded. "You can tell the people you told. Then they can correct it too."



Elin found her brother first. "I got it wrong. It is only Wednesday." Together, they told Mum's neighbour, who had already planned to shop somewhere else.



The next morning, Elin spoke to Bo. He had heard only part of a conversation. They agreed to check the notice together when they passed the market.



On Thursday, Mrs Fern opened the stall. The floor was firm, the awning was striped, and the pears made a beautiful spiral. Elin bought two with Mum.



She carried one home for her brother. "The stall is open," she said. "I saw it myself." That sentence was smaller than yesterday's story, and much more useful.

# The End

A little story. A moment to share.

Which word did Elin add?

How did she find out what was really happening?

Choose a favourite moment and draw what happened next.

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