

## 46. Li Tong



Last night Li Tong was thinking about giving up the idea of learning English. He had already attended six classes but he still couldn't understand a word the teacher was saying. He felt embarrassed in class because most of the students seemed to be progressing quite well. He had the impression that he was holding back the class. However, thanks to his daughter, he changed his mind before going to bed. It turns

out that when he told his wife that he was thinking about giving up, his daughter was doing her homework at the kitchen table. When she heard her father say this, she got up and told him that English was easy. She showed him her English book and, together, they studied the first two chapters. Li had always thought that his daughter was a gifted child and now he was sure of it. She explained to him how to conjugate the verb "to be" in the singular and the plural; and in the first, second and third person. Then she asked him questions using the interrogative form. Li was impressed. His daughter was only eight years old and she was teaching English better than his English teacher. They practiced the structures in the first two chapters for over 30 minutes. That night, when he went to bed, Li made a resolution to continue studying the language and to make a bigger effort to understand what the teacher and the other students were saying in class.

Anoche L estaba pensando sobre renunciar a la idea de aprender inglés. Él ya había asistido a 6 clases pero todavía no podía entender una palabra de lo que el profesor decía. Él se sentía avergonzado porque la mayoría de los estudiantes parecían progresar bastante bien. Él tenía la impresión que estaba retrasando (frenando) la clase. Sin embargo, gracias a su hija, él cambió de opinión antes de acostarse. Resulta que cuando dijo a su esposa que estaba pensando en rendirse su hija estaba haciendo su tarea en la mesa de la cocina. Cuando ella oyó a su padre decir esto, ella se levantó y le dijo que el inglés era fácil. Ella le mostró su libro inglés y juntos estudiaron los dos primeros capítulos. L siempre había pensado que su hija era superdotada y ahora estaba seguro. Ella le explicó como conjugar el verbo Ser en el singular y en plural; y en la primera, segunda y tercera persona. Luego ella le preguntó preguntas usando la forma interrogativa. L estaba impresionado. Su hija tenía solo 8 años y ella estaba enseñando inglés mejor que su profesor de inglés. Ellos practicaron las estructuras en los primeros 2 capítulos por más de 30 minutos. Esa noche, cuando él se acostó, L decidió continuar estudiando el idioma y hacer un mayor esfuerzo para comprender lo que el profesor y los otros estudiantes decían en clase.

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1. What was Li Tong thinking about doing last night?
2. How many classes had he already attended?
3. What couldn't he still understand?
4. How did he feel in class?
5. Why did he feel embarrassed?
6. What kind of impression did he have?
7. Thanks to whom did he change his mind?
8. Who did he talk to at home about giving up the classes?
9. Who heard him tell his wife this?
10. What was his daughter doing when she heard her father talking to his wife?
11. Where was she doing her homework?
12. What did she do when she heard her father?
13. What did she show him?
14. What did they study together?
15. What kind of child had Li always thought his daughter was?
16. What was he sure about now?
17. What did his daughter explain to him?
18. What kind of questions did she ask him?
19. How did Li react to his daughter's actions?
20. How old is his daughter?
21. What was his opinion of her as a teacher?
22. How long did they practice the first two chapters?
23. What resolution did Li make?
24. When did he make this resolution?