

The Hope of The Future

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The streets were crowded; you could see everybody walking past Peter and his family. It was bright and late. Peter and his family were poor. They barely had any shelter and food to live, they were suffering a lot.

Peter was 14 years old, and all of the kids of his age were laughing at Peter. When Peter heard about school he wanted to go more than anything, but he didn't have any money for the school supplies. He wanted to get a good education to get a good job for money; there was no way for Peter to get enough money to go to school.

Finally a door opened, a pepper fell from the sky, and it was saying "Spelling bee on the school Next month in November 17, 2017. Winner gets \$100. Anyone can enter." Peter was more excited than ever. But there was only one problem, Peter did not know how to spell, read, nor write. Peter only had one month to learn all that stuff.

Peter went to a public library, it was full with shelves and books. Peter was looking for someone that could teach him how to read. He asked everybody, but everyone just laughed and pushed Peter around. Finally he saw the librarian, Peter asked help for help. The librarian declined, but Peter didn't give up. He begged, and begged, and begged. The librarian told Peter that she was too busy. But then she got an idea, she told him if Peter works as her assistant in the library she will have enough time to teach him how to read and write. Peter accepted, then he asked for her name. She said that her name was Charlotte, and she also told him to be here at morning.

In the first day, Peter got in the library at 7:00. Charlotte was already there. He learned how to organize the books, and learned the parts of the library. At the end of the day, Charlotte taught Peter to read. He started with the basics, a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p r s t u v w x y z are the letters of the alphabet. The vowels are a e i o u and rest of the letters are consonants. Peter learned the sounds of the letters.

Peter got used to it in the second week. He was also a fast learner. He knew a lot, it was easier for him because he mastered speaking English.

After four weeks have past, he knew everything. He was lucky that he was trained by a professional. Peter was really nervous, the tournament was tomorrow.

When they got there, everyone was laughing at Peter. They sign up and went to the waiting room. Then the judge announced the rules. The rules were one to one matches, first person who spells two words wins the match.

In the first match, Peter was vs student of the school. His opponent was underestimating Peter. There was a red button that makes a lot of sound when you press it. The judge said, onomatopoeia, fastly Peter pressed the button. He said o n o m a t o p o e i a, the judge said that it was correct. However, Peter has not won yet, he needed one more point to win. The judge said, q u a t e r. Peter pressed the button again and said q u a t e r. The judge said it was correct. Peter was so happy! His opponent was really surprised.

The same things happened every round, and Charlotte was cheering for him too. However, in the semifinals he almost lost by one word. Peter was on to the finals, but he was really worried. This round was his hope of the future. In the finals there were some special rules, instead of spelling two words, the person needs to spell three words.

His opponent was champion for the past three years. Then Peter went to the match. The judge said quotient, Peter's opponent pressed the button and said q u o t i e n t. The judge said that it was correct. Peter was down one word. The judge said impossible, Peter pressed the button before his opponent and said i m p o s s i b l e. The judge said it was correct, it was a tie one to one. The judge said calculator, admiralty the opponent pressed the button and said c a l c u l a t o r. Once again the judge said it was correct. The judge said future, Peter pressed the button and said f u t u r e. The

judge said it was correct. Later, he judge said keyboard, Peter opponent pressed the button again. However, he said k y b o a r d, and the judge said it was wrong. Since he got it wrong they give Peter a chance to complete it. Peter did not the answer, but he still tried. He said, k e y b o a r d? The judge said it was correct, Peter has won! Now Peter is going to school!