

(2) Bert and The Missing Mop Mix-up

◆ USEFUL EXPRESSION

1. Everybody had something to give to Bert.
2. What's going on?
3. All I needed was a mop.

One day Bert was painting. It was hard work. It made Bert thirsty. He got out the milk. SPLAT! Bert dropped the milk. "Ernie" yelled Bert. "Help!"

Ernie came running.

"Why did you pour milk on the floor?" he asked.

"I did not pour it," said Bert. "I spilled it!"

"Please go out and find a mop." "And hurry!"

Ernie ran down Sesame Street.

He saw Betty Lou.

"Bert needs a mop."

"Do you have one?" he asked Betty Lou.

"Gee, I don't know," she said.

"But I will look for one."

Betty Lou walked down the street.

"If Bert needs a map, he must be going on a trip!" she said. "I will look for a map."

"Then I will ask him to send me a postcard."

Betty Lou knocked on Oscar's trash can. CLANG! CLANG!

"Who woke me up? growled Oscar."

"I did" said Betty Lou.

"Bert needs a map." "Do you have one?" she asked.

"How should I know?" yelled Oscar. "I am asleep!"

SLAM! went the lid. Oscar peeked his head out of trash can. Now he was wide awake.

"I will find Bert a mat," growled Oscar.

"Then maybe everyone will leave me alone."

Ernie Bert

thirsty=喉が渴いた

get out=取り出す

splat=ヒッシャという音

pour[pɔə]=そそぐ、流れる

spill=こぼす(米→ p, pp=～ ed)

→通常 spilt が p, pp:英国

[map](㊦)マップ

trash=くず+can →ごみ箱

clang[klæŋ]=カーンという音

growl[grául]=うなる、どなる

yell[jel]=叫ぶ

slam[slæm]=ハッとしめる

lid=ふた

peek=そつとのぞく、ちらっと覗く

[mæt]=マット

○ leave me alone

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Then I came along.
 “Hi, Oscar!” I said. “How are you today?”
 “Rotten!” yelled Oscar. “Bert needs a mat.” “I am looking for one, and I hate helping!”
 I ran home.
 “Bert needs a mitt,” I thought. “He must want to play baseball!”
 “Maybe I can play too.”
 I got my bat and began to look for a mitt. I looked everywhere. I saw no mitt.

But I did see Grover.
 “Bert needs a mitt.” “Do you have one?” I asked him.
 “I will look for one!” said Grover.
 And he ran home to look.
 “Bert needs a mitten!” Grover told his mother.
 “I will help find one,” said Grover's mother.
 “Oh, good!” said Grover. “Bert will be so happy.”

Just then Herry came to Grover's window.
 “Come out to play!” called Herry.
 “Not now,” said Grover. “Bert needs a mitten. I am looking for one!”
 Herry smiled to himself. He ran to the pet shop.
 “I know how Bert feels,” Herry said. “Everyone needs a kitten.” “Kitten are so cute!”
 Herry saw a nice kitten.
 “I will give you to Bert.”
 “You will make him happy!” Herry told the kitten.
 “Purr” went the kitten.

Bert looked at the clock. He looked at the puddle on the floor. He trapped his foot.
 “Where is Ernie?” he said. “And where is that mop?”
 Suddenly the door opened. And everyone rushed in. Everyone had something to give to Bert. Betty Lou had a big map. Oscar had an old mat. I had a baseball mitt. Grover had a warm mitten.
 Herry had a furry kitten.

Bert looked at the map, the mat, the mitten, and the kitten.
 “What's going on?” cried Bert. “All I needed was a mop!” “And where is Ernie?”
 Just then Ernie came home.
 “Look, Bert,” said Ernie. “I found a mop!”
 “You're too late, Ernie,” said Bert. “I don't need it anymore.”
 “The kitten lapped up all the milk.”
 Everyone laughed.

came along=やってくる

[rú(ɔ)tn]=ひどく悪い、腐った

mitten[mítɪn]=手袋

→親指だけ離れた二また手袋

kitten=子猫

puddle[pʌdl]=水たまり

trap=流れをとめる。わなでとらえる

[fɔri]=毛皮でおおわれた

lap[læp]=へっぺなめる、ひざ
 → lap up=飲む