



An Imaginary Illness

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One morning, Jack woke up and suddenly remembered that he had a test. He decided to think of a reason to skip school since he was afraid of the test. He soon thought of an idea to pretend to be sick. Jack told his mother that he was sick. His mum was really worried, and in an instant, she took him to the clinic.

When they reached the clinic, the nurse at the front desk informed the doctor that there was a very sick boy who needed to be treated as soon as possible. It was Jack's turn in no time. The nurse asked Jack, 'What's the matter with you?'

Jack replied with a fake cough, 'I am sick.'

The nurse looked at Jack and thought his cough was very suspicious. She walked away pretending to get something. Meanwhile, Jack was very nervous.

Soon, the nurse came back with some pills and an injection needle. As soon as Jack saw them, he cried, 'No! I don't want an injection, or pills!' After Jack said that, he shook his head vigorously.

The nurse knew that Jack was not sick. She told Jack, 'I have some special medicine for you.' The nurse put down the medicine and sat in front of Jack. She asked him why he pretended to be sick.

Soon after, Jack explained to the nurse why he did not want to go to school. The nurse smiled and told him that he should face his problems and not avoid them. After a comforting talk, he thanked the nurse for her love and care. Jack never pretended to be sick again. He worked harder instead.

