

## 速読体験用マテリアル 「Stone soup」

A long time ago, two friends were walking to the next little town. They had been walking and looking for work for a long time. It was hard to find work in those times. They were hungry and they didn't have any money or any food. They were tired and they didn't have a place to sleep.

At night, they came to the little town but they couldn't see any people. All the people of the town were sleeping in their beds. The two friends found a place in the middle of the town and lay down and went to sleep. In the morning they were very hungry so they took out their cooking pot, and put water into it and put it on the fire. They put some stones in the cooking pot and they waited. Soon the people of the town got out of their beds and came outside. They looked at the two people and their fire.

“What are you cooking?” someone asked.

“Stone soup” they said. “It will be very good, but . . . it would be better if it had some chicken.”

One of the women said, “I've got some chicken.” And she ran to her house to get it. The two friends put the chicken into the soup and then they tried a little of the soup.

“Much better.” They said. “But . . . it would be better if it had some potatoes.”

Someone said, “I've got three potatoes”, and ran off to get the potatoes.

Slowly all the people thought of something they could put into the soup and they all ran back to their houses to get more food.

In the end, there was soup for all the people of the town as well as the two hungry happy friends.



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**1. How many friends were walking?**

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3

**2. What were they looking for?**

- a. Work
- b. A town
- c. Soup

**3. How many people did they see in the town that night?**

- a. A lot
- b. Not many
- c. None

**4. They slept:**

- a. in the middle of the town
- b. outside the town
- c. by a river

**5. In the morning, they were:**

- a. tired
- b. hungry
- c. happy

**6. What did they put in their cooking pot first?**

- a. Chicken
- b. Water
- c. Potatoes

**7. They were making:**

- a. potato soup
- b. chicken soup
- c. stone soup

**8. Who ate the soup?**

- a. The two friends
- b. The people of the town
- c. The two friends and the people of the town

Score:       /    8