## **Little Johnny**



The neighbourhood boys always tease Little Johnny for being stupid. Their favourite joke is to offer Johnny his choice between a nickel and a dime.

Little Johnny always takes the nickel.

One day, after Johnny takes the nickel, a neighbour takes him aside and says, "Johnny, those boys are making fun of you. Don't you know that a dime is worth more than a nickel, even though

the nickel's bigger?"

Johnny grins and says, "Well, if I took the dime, they'd stop doing it, and so far I've made \$20!"

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to tease somebody: to make fun of him, to give him a hard time

to offer one a choice: to let

him choose

so far: until now

nickel: metal; five cent coin dime: ten cent coin (formerly made of silver)

## Add ALWAYS, NEVER, USUALLY, OFTEN, SOMETIMES:

(Place the adverb of frequency before the main verb)

ALWAYS - The boys tease Little Johnny The boys always tease Little Johnny		
USUALLY - They offer Johnny a dime or a nickel.		
NEVER - He takes the bigger coin		
ALWAYS - Johnny takes the small coin.		
SOMETIMES - The girls make fun of Little Johnny, too.		
ALWAYS - Why do they offer Johnny a choice between a nickel and a dime?		
NEVER - I've seen a silver coin in my piggy bank.		
OFTEN - My friend and I go out on Saturday evenings.		
SOMETIMES - Do you meet your classmates at the Full Moon Pub?		
Can you buy them for \$ 20? YES / NO / MAYBE		
a ballpoint pen	a cell phone	a Blue Mauritius stamp
a paperback	a Swiss wristwatch	five postcards
a piggy bank	a cinema ticket	a red rose
a sandwich	a drink	a raincoat
a quality tent	a meal	an umbrella