

1. Bethsaida the toy maker

Talk about these questions.

- What can you see in the picture?
- What are the cars and lorry made of?
- What is the problem with the orange car?

Read the story and answer the questions.



Bethsaida's family collected old metal things that nobody wanted any more. They sold it, and then it was melted to make new metal. They also used some of it to make new things. Bethsaida's favourite things were toy cars made out of old tin cans. They were colourful, and every one was different.

Bethsaida wanted to learn how to make the cars. She went to see her grandfather. He was the expert on making them.

"It doesn't bring in a lot of money," he said. "People like them, but they don't want to pay a lot of money for them."

"I know, but it's always good to learn new skills."

So Bethsaida's grandfather gave her a set of shapes, and told her to copy them. She cut the shapes, and tried to make a car. At the end, she put on

four bottle tops for wheels. Her car looked awful. She felt a little sad and cross.

“It’s more difficult than I thought,” she said. “Maybe I don’t want to do it.”

“All skills take time to learn,” said her grandfather. “You have to be patient. Try again.”

Then they both laughed about her terrible first car.

Bethsaida made another car. This time it was a little better.

“You see,” said her grandfather. “You’re getting better already!”

1. How does Bethsaida’s family earn money?
2. Why does Bethsaida like the toy cars made with old tin cans?
3. What does she want to learn to do?
4. Why was she sad and cross?
5. What did her grandfather say about this?
6. How was the second car?



Find words in the story with these meanings. Write and say them.

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| 1. The ice ____ in the hot sun. | m _____ |
| 2. With many colours. | c _____ |
| 3. A person who knows a lot about something. | e _____ |
| 4. Things you know how to do. | s _____ |
| 5. Good at waiting for things. | p _____ |
| 6. Awful | t _____ |

Bethsaida made notes about how to make a toy car, but they are in the wrong order! Put them in the right order: number them 1 to 6.

Make the cans flat.

Bend the pieces.

Put on the wheels.

Cut the shapes.

Choose some nice tin cans.

Put the pieces together.
