

# Stories for Lipreading

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## **Marmalade Sandwiches by Michael Edwards - Setting the Scene**

This autobiographical piece is set in the 1950s, when the author's father was Resident Engineer in a convent laundry. The author and his brother were expected to help their father with physical tasks during the long, hot summer school holidays, 'rewarded' by not always welcome refreshments!

### **Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases**

Tasks in the boiler house  
Pairs of hands  
Inevitable mischief  
Oppressively hot  
Arduous task  
Bunker  
Coal  
Fuel store  
Looked forward to eagerly  
Laundry sister  
Billycan of tea  
Enamel mugs  
Decided we were sufficiently exhausted  
In our direction  
Ready milked  
Seriously sweet  
Lid kept the coal dust out  
Thinnest slices  
Grated cheese  
Smeared  
Runny  
Stifling heat  
Coated with coal dust  
Curl up  
React well to hot, dry conditions  
Sharply sweet lacquer  
Gritty  
Chatting with the sister  
Duty-bound to tuck in  
Expectant gaze  
Relish  
To the sister's satisfaction  
To this day