

Stories for Lipreading



THE PARROT IN THE PET SHOP.

[This text is read aloud at the beginning of this video:]

Welcome to Stories for Lipreading. If you haven't used our website before, we suggest you look at our 'How to Use' page before you begin. We hope you enjoy this story joke, which is called 'The Parrot in the Pet Shop'.

The Parrot in the Pet Shop.

One morning, a woman went into a pet shop. She went up to the pet shop assistant and explained that she wanted to buy a parrot. But she didn't want just any old parrot. She wanted one that could talk.

The shop assistant said, 'I've got just the one for you, madam. She's rather expensive but I think you'll really like her. I've been training her myself and she's doing really well.'

He took the woman to the back of the shop and showed her a very beautiful parrot sitting on a perch. The parrot gave a squawk and fixed the woman with a beady eye.

'Let me show you what she can do,' said the shop assistant. 'If you pull the string attached to her right leg, she will say 'Pretty Polly.' If you pull the string attached to her left leg, she will say 'Polly wants a treat.'"

'That's incredible,' said the woman. 'Can you show me?'

So the shop assistant reached out and gently pulled the string on the right leg and the parrot said, 'Pretty Polly.' Then he pulled the string on the left leg and the parrot said, 'Polly wants a treat.'

The woman was amazed and very excited.

'So what happens if I pull both strings at once?' she asked.

'I'll fall off the perch,' replied the parrot.