

## Lesson 9

## READ THIS STORY #1, Basic

**King Harold**

**King Harold often wished that he had not inherited the throne. He was a gentle person, not given to barbarity.**

**The king liked to prance through the provinces on his sturdy horse. Harold wasn't derelict in his duties, but he wasn't very earnest. However, the King was quite adept at performing ceremonial tasks.**

**Although he was famous for his many acts of charity, his popularity was due to his jocular. So a visit from the king was an occasion for hilarity.**

**The aristocracy declared among themselves that he was comparatively stupid. But it was quite dangerous to disparage the king in public.**