

Lesson 7

READ THIS STORY #1, Basic

Willard

Willard was responsible for taking care of the churchyard. It had been raining most of the week. The grass was tall and difficult to cut. Willard had to work hard to push the mower.

It was getting dark as he turned the corner to mow the north side. Next to the church was a fenced graveyard. Willard noticed that the gate in the fence was swinging backward and forward. The stone markers seemed to be casting strange shadows. The whimper of a dog made Willard shiver.

His imagination began to work overtime. He told himself there was nothing to be scared of. Willard puckered up his lips and began to whistle to keep up his courage.

He pushed the mower faster and faster, and finished the job in record time.