

Lesson 8
READ THIS STORY #1, Basic

The Parade Route

Patrick studied the diagram of the parade route. Last year, when Patrick had dressed as Uncle Sam, he had been stuck at the end of the parade behind a unit of performing motorcyclists. Their exhaust fumes had made him ill. Patrick had almost decided never to take part in the parade again. He had a long dialogue with Mr. Parsons about the situation. Mr. Parsons promised that Patrick would be put in a better position this year.

Mr. Parsons was giving instructions through a megaphone but it was difficult to focus on what he was saying because he spoke in such a monotone.

When Patrick learned that he would be following a group of Polynesian dancers, he was disgruntled. Being behind a group strumming ukuleles would really cramp his style.

Patrick much preferred being placed in front of the band. After all, he would be dressed as Yankee Doodle. He would pedal his unicycle and wear a tricornered hat with a huge feather stuck in it. He was sure he would hear cheers from the multitude watching the Fourth of July spectacle. Perhaps the judges would even give him an award if they watched his maneuvers.