

BE GOOD TO OTHERS

- 1 Read the story *Teddy Bears* and say who was the first to make a teddy bear.

Teddy Bears

Everyone loves teddy bears. Babies love them. Children love them. Grown-

Margarete Steiff ['mɑ:ɡret 'staɪf],
Theodore Roosevelt ['θi:ədə 'rouzəvelt],
Germany ['dʒɜ:məni]

ups love them. But how did teddy bears begin? Where did they come from and who thought of making them? Here is the answer —

In a little town in Germany there lived a girl whose name was Margarete Steiff. When she was small she became ill. She was ill for a long time. Then when she grew better she found that she could not walk. She could only sit in a wheelchair and read or play or sew.

When she grew up she could not go out to work, so she worked at home. She did sewing for people in the town. She sat in her chair and made dresses and skirts.

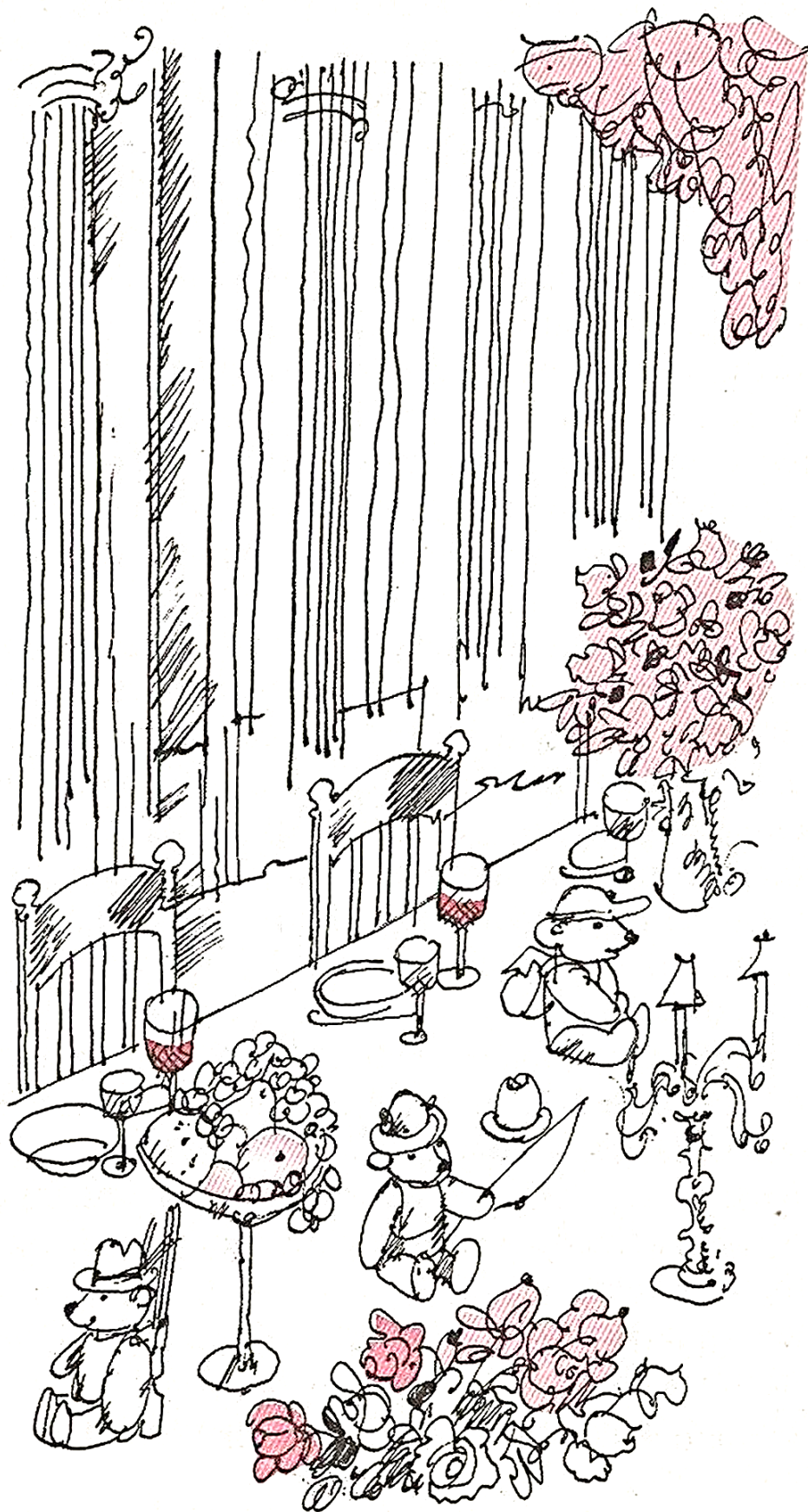
One day when she was not very busy she cut out a little elephant from some scraps of cloth¹. She stuffed² him. She stitched in³ his eyes. He really looked very good.

Margarete Steiff was fond of children. Children from the town often came to see her, and of course they saw the little elephant. "Isn't he sweet!" they said. "You are clever!" After that Margarete Steiff made other animals. She stuffed them. She stitched in their eyes. Then she gave them to the children as presents. She made the children very happy.

¹ scraps of cloth [kloθ] — лоскутки материи

² to stuff [stʌf] — набивать

³ to stitch [stɪtʃ] in — вшить



One day she thought, "If children like my little toy animals, then children of other towns will like them too. I will make some more and try to sell them to toy shops."

So Margarete Steiff started a small toy factory in her own room. Some people helped her. They made little stuffed animals and sent them to toy shops all over Germany. There were elephants, tigers, lions. There were horses, dogs, cats. There were all sorts of toy animals. The small factory grew. More and more people began to help Margarete. One of them was her brother. When his children grew up they began to work in the factory too.

One of the brother's boys was an artist¹. He often went to the zoo and drew the animals. Most of all he liked drawing bears.

One day he suddenly thought, "I will make a toy bear for Aunt Margarete's factory. I will give it legs and arms that will move. I will give it head that can turn."

So he made the first teddy bear, but at that time they called it just a bear.

When the next lot of toys came to America, the bear went with them, but no one liked him.

He was too fat. He was too hard. He was too heavy. He cost too much money.

Then Margarete made a better bear. She made him thinner. She made him softer. She made him lighter. He did not cost as much money.

This time a man from America came to Germany to find toys. He wanted something soft. He wanted something unusual.

He saw the new bear with legs and arms that moved and a head that turned.

"This is just what I want!" he said. "I will order three thousand please."

For weeks everyone at the factory worked very hard. They worked early in the morning, and late at night.

¹ artist ['a:tɪst] — художник

Then at last three thousand bears were sent to America.

At that time the President of America was Theodore Roosevelt. It was a long name, so his friends always called him Teddy for short. He was about to¹ give a great party at the White House for his daughter's wedding². Everything was nearly ready for it, but there was one thing missing³. The man who planned it all did not know how to decorate the tables. He wanted something unusual, but he could not think of anything special.

One day he was looking in the window of a toy shop, when he saw something quite new. It was a little stuffed bear with arms and legs that moved and a head that turned.

“Just what I want!” thought the man. He bought all the little bears in the shop. He dressed them up. He dressed some in camping clothes. He dressed some as fishermen and put little fishing rods in their paws. He put all the bears on the tables and made the tables look most unusual. The people who came to the wedding party were very pleased.

“What sort of bears are those, Teddy?” they asked Theodore Roosevelt.

“They are new ones to me,” he said.

“They must be Teddy Bears,” said someone else in fun, and that was how the Teddy Bear got his name. The next day the American papers told people about the wedding and about the Teddy Bears. Soon everybody wanted Teddy Bears.

The first teddy bear was made in the year 1903. They are still very popular today, for everyone loves teddy bears.

¹ to be about to do something — собираться сделать что-либо

² wedding ['wedɪŋ] — свадьба

³ there was one thing missing — не хватало одной вещи

Do You Understand The Story?

- 2 *Choose and read the correct ending to each sentence.*
- 1 Margarete Steiff began to make toy animals because:
 - she had a lot of free time and was not busy at all with any serious work.
 - she was fond of children and wanted to make them happy.
 - she liked to play with toys.
 - 2 Theodore Roosevelt's friends called him Teddy because:
 - Theodore was a long name.
 - they did not like his first name.
 - it was fun.
 - 3 Theodore Roosevelt gave a great party at the White House:
 - to celebrate his birthday.
 - to celebrate the country's great holiday.
 - for his daughter's wedding.
 - 4 The next day after the party all the American papers wrote about it because:
 - it was very beautiful.
 - everyone liked the unusual toys.
 - the people thought the toys were fun.
- 3 *Find in the story and read the sentences which:*
- explain why children from the town often came to see Margarete Steiff;
 - prove that it took a lot of time to make a good teddy bear;
 - describe how unusual teddy bears looked when they were put on the tables at Theodore Roosevelt's party in the White House.

4 *Choose the things which Margarete Steiff did.*

- She made toy animals.
- She decorated her room.
- She drew pictures of different animals.
- She did sewing for people in the town.
- She sold her toy animals to toy shops.
- She started a small toy factory.
- She gave parties.

5 *Answer the questions.*

- 1 Who was Margarete Steiff? Where did she live?
- 2 Why did she spend all her time only at home?
- 3 When did she make her first stuffed toy animal? What animal was it?
- 4 Who helped Margarete and gave her new ideas?
- 5 Whose idea was it to make a toy bear?
- 6 Why didn't people in America like the first toy bears sent from Margarete's toy factory?
- 7 What did the new toy bear look like?
- 8 Who gave the name of Teddy Bear to the toy? How did it happen?

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What Do You Think?

- 6 *In what way do you think Margarete Steiff made a lot of children in different countries happy?*
- 7 *Say what teddy bears look like today. Do children still like playing with them?*



How Good Is Your English?



8 Use the proper word from the box.

- 1 Little children like to play with toy animals which are
- 2 If we want to make a good present for our friend we think of something and
- 3 You can find toys in toy shops.
- 4 You can't go for a walk if you are very

soft
beautiful
unusual
all sorts of
busy

9 Match the words in column A with the words in column B.

A	B
clever	newspapers
happy	cakes
sweet	toys
soft	things
popular	children
unusual	animals

10 Use the correct preposition.

- 1 Do you know where teddy bears came ?
- 2 She was ill a long time.
- 3 When she grew up, she began to work home.
- 4 Margarete was fond children.
- 5 Everything was ready the party.
- 6 He put all the toys the table.
- 7 All the newspapers wrote the party at the White House.

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11 a) *Fill in Past Indefinite and Present Perfect for each of the verbs.*

	Past Indefinite	Present Perfect
make	made	have/has made
give		
grow		
think		
become		
begin		
buy		
put		
find		

b) *Past Indefinite? Present Perfect? Choose the correct form of the verb (✓).*

- 1 "These toy animals are so beautiful ! Who (made, has made) them?" the children asked.
- 2 Children from the town often (came, have come) to see Margarete because they liked her.
- 3 Margarete (gave, has given) the children toy animals as presents each time they came to see her.
- 4 The artist (thought, has thought) that he could make a nice toy bear for his aunt's factory.
- 5 The man suddenly (saw, has seen) something unusual in the shop window.
- 6 "(Did you buy, Have you bought) all these bears for the party?" the man asked.