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## Revising



After checking the first draft, it is time to write the second draft. Read the tip boxes carefully. They will give you much help on writing up the second draft!

### Second Draft

V

'Commute' is a rather formal verb, which does not fit the context. Rewrite the sentence in a **less formal tone**.

I

Richard liked to help others, so **what kind of person** was he?

W

Choose a better **connective** to link up the two sentences as 'when' is used in the previous sentence.

V

**Direct speech** can animate a story. Why not add one here about what he told himself?

### Richard and the Money Tree

Richard was an ordinary factory worker. He ~~commuted~~ every day **went out to work early in the morning and came home late**

but his income could barely support his living. Sometimes, he did not even have enough money for food. Even though he was poor, he lived happily. He had a lot of friends because he liked to help people. He was **humble and kind**

One afternoon, when Richard was sleeping under a tree outside his house, he felt something fall on his face. ~~When~~ ( If / Once / Since ) he opened his eyes, he shouted with his eyes about to pop out of his head:

**Oh, gosh! MONEY! Loads of MONEY!**

He looked up and found that thousands of bank notes had grown on the tree. What was even more amazing was that the bank notes would grow again immediately after they were picked from the tree. He was completely speechless at that moment.

After a while, when Richard had recovered from his astonishment, he started to think about how to spend the money. In no time, he put all the money into his bag and dashed like an arrow to the town centre. First, he went to a boutique to buy himself some expensive brand name clothes. Then, he went to buy an expensive extravagant sports car. Driving his eye-catching car, he ~~went~~ arrived at a high-end restaurant to enjoy a big meal. Starting from that day, he no longer wanted to work hard and began to ~~leaf~~ live a luxurious life.

S  
Add a **connective** to complete this sentence.

W  
'Expensive' is used twice. Use **other modifiers**.

I  
**Where** did Richard go to enjoy a meal?

W  
Use a correct verb to **replace 'leaf'**.

Although he became very rich, Richard was not willing to share what he had with his friends. He even looked down on them because they did not drive expensive cars or wear beautiful clothes. The more arrogant he became, the more friends left him. While Richard could enjoy all kinds of material comforts, he did not have friends at all. He felt lonely all the time. His sadness was beyond words. He began to realise that money could not buy him happiness. He started to care for others and buy daily necessities such as food for people in need. Finally, all his friends were back and he became a well-known philanthropist in his town. ~~I really like this story because it is educational.~~

I  
**Why** did Richard look down on his friends?

I  
**How** did Richard **feel** at that time?

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