

A New Car

Story By: Judie Eberhardt

Larry's dad had a car that was 10 years old. His dad loved his car. It was black and had over 80,000 miles. Larry's dad said that it was time to get a new car, but he wasn't sure if the new cars would be as reliable as his car of 10 years. "Dad," said Larry. "You need to get a new car." "You don't want to have a car that is really old." Larry's dad knew he needed to get a new car, but the problem was he just didn't have enough money right now to buy a new car. Deep down, Larry knew that his dad was having money problems. Larry decided to take the money he had saved over the last two years from birthdays, Christmas, his bank account, and his allowance and give it to his dad to help buy the new car.



Larry left for school the next morning, but not before he left an envelope by his dad's plate at the table. In the envelope there was \$1,000. Larry's dad came into the kitchen to eat breakfast and saw the envelope. "What is this?" he asked Larry's mom. "Larry left that envelope before he went for school," said mom. Larry's dad opened the envelope and saw the \$1,000 that Larry had given his dad for the new car. "There's a \$1,000 in here!" exclaimed Larry's dad. Larry's mom said, "Larry wanted to help you with the payment for the new car."

That afternoon, Larry's dad went to the car dealer and got a car that was only one year old. It was a bright red, Larry's favorite color. The money Larry left for him was enough to pay for the new car. Larry's dad even had some money left over. With the money he had left, he bought a surprise gift for Larry.

That night Larry came home and saw the new car in the driveway. "Wow," said Larry. "That is a great car!" "Thanks to you, we got that great car," said Larry's dad. "Thank you so much for being such a generous and caring son." "There is a small gift for you too," said Larry's dad. Larry was so excited to find a new baseball in the box with the bow. Larry loved baseball, and his dad wanted to show how much he appreciated what Larry had done. "Not only do we have a great new car, I got a great new baseball too," said Larry. "Everyone is happy, and that makes me happy too," said Larry.

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 - D. Twenty years old

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 - A. Money from gifts
 - B. His mother gave it to him.
 - C. He found the money.
 - D. None of the above

3. How much money did Larry give dad?
 - A. \$500.00
 - B. \$550.00
 - C. \$800.00
 - D. \$1,000.00

4. Where did Larry leave the money?
 - A. On dad's dresser
 - B. Near dad's computer
 - C. On the counter
 - D. By dad's breakfast plate

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