

Favorite Letters

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

“Dad, what’s your favorite letter?” Thomas asked his father.

Thomas’ father scratched his head. “I don’t know. Do you have a favorite letter?”

Thomas smiled. “I like T.”

“Why?” Father asked.

“Because my name starts with T, so it’s my favorite.” Thomas explained.

Father smiled. “I see. That is a good letter, but I think I like Q.”

Thomas frowned. “Q? Your name doesn’t start with Q.”

“No, it doesn’t.”

“Then why do you like the letter Q?” Thomas asked.

“Q is a strange letter. He can’t stand alone without U. He’s also in some cool words.”

“Like Queen?”

“Or quince.”

Thomas had never heard that word before. “What’s a quince?”

“It’s a fruit.” Father explained. “Or how about Quartet?”

He hadn’t heard of that one, either. “What does that mean?”

“It means four of something, like four musicians.”

“Do you know other Q words? I only know words like queen and quick and quiet.”

“Quaff, quandary, quarter...” Father listed a few.

“I don’t know the first two, but I know quarter! That’s money.”

Father nodded. “Or part of a basketball game.”

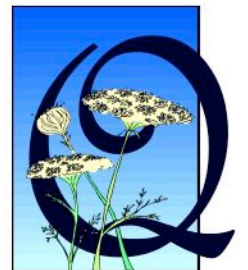
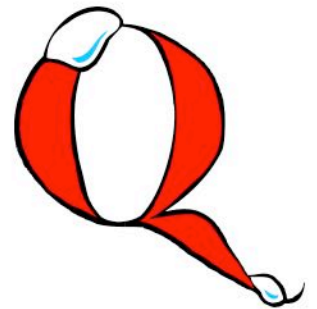
“Quack!” Thomas said suddenly. Ducks made quacking noises.

Father smiled. “That’s a good one, too. See? Q is a great letter.”

“I agree, but I still like T.” Thomas smiled.

“I like it quite a bunch, too.” Father winked.

“Quite!” Thomas laughed. There really were a lot of Q words if you thought about it.



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