

# **A pickpocket**

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Last Saturday, Rita wanted to go to Tsim Sha Tsui to meet her friends. So she went to the train station to wait for the next train to Tsim Sha Tsui. Rita waited on the platform patiently. There were a lot of people there since it was a Saturday. After a few minutes, the train finally arrived. Rita's legs were a bit sore from standing up for so long.

After all the passengers had got on the train, Rita found a spot for herself to sit. Then, she saw an old man with a broken leg coming in the train, but there were no more empty seats left. She decided to get up from her seat and offered her seat to the injured old man. After that, she found an unoccupied handrail for her to rest on. Next to her was a woman dozing off. She was wearing a dotted T-shirt and had a pony tail. Suddenly, a man with short hair, a long face and a big nose slowly squeezed through the crowd. Next, he took his hand out of his pocket and reached into the woman's handbag and took out her wallet. The woman had no idea. The passengers around them didn't pay any attention to it as well. Rita was shocked and worried because she thought the man was a pickpocket.

At that moment, Rita didn't know what to do. She got really scared so she shouted loudly, 'Pickpocket!' As she pointed at the man, the other passengers turned around and looked at him with a frown. The man's face

was as red as a tomato. He was embarrassed and frightened. He looked like he was frozen. Then the man tried to escape when the train door opened. But the other passengers quickly blocked the way before he could get out. Someone ran to call a guard standing outside the train. The guard caught the pickpocket but the pickpocket pushed him away and ran out as fast as he could. The guard chased after him but the pickpocket got on the train across the one they were on. Once he got in, the door closed before the guard could catch him. Everyone was disappointed but luckily there was a policeman on that train. So the policeman arrested the pickpocket and everyone shouted happily, 'Hooray!' Everybody was full of joy.

In the end, the pickpocket was caught. Rita and the woman were relieved. The police were very proud of Rita so they gave her a badge as a reward. Everyone thought Rita was a hero because she helped them catch a pickpocket. It was a very tiring day.