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Vocab Narrative #1

Selfless: (adjective) having little or no concern for oneself, especially with regard to fame, position, or money; unselfish

Selfless strolled into the cafeteria and got on the end of the line. Having skipped breakfast that morning, he felt like his stomach would soon begin eating itself. He could not wait to bite into a delicious sandwich. As he got closer and closer to the front, he kept making additions to what he would order. In addition to the sandwich, he would treat himself to chips and ice cream. The \$10 in his pocket would just cover it.

“\$8.75,” said the cashier, extending her hand to the boy just ahead of him on the line.

Selfless could see the boy panicking as he dug his hands into his pockets and managed to pull out only a few pieces of lint. “May I bring you the money tomorrow?” the boy asked the cashier quietly.

“Unfortunately, we can’t do that. Rules are rules,” she replied, and shifted her attention to the next customer: Selfless.

Selfless made like he was picking something up off of the floor. When he stood back up, he handed his \$10 bill to the lunchless boy and said, “I think you dropped this.”

The boy couldn’t believe his luck and thanked Selfless repeatedly for his generosity. He knew he hadn’t dropped any money on the floor and turned his attention back toward the lunch counter.

“What’ll it be?” the cashier asked Selfless.

“You know what? I’m not really hungry today. Nevermind.” Selfless walked to his table with empty hands and an empty stomach, but his heart was full because he knew he had done something good for someone in need.