

Part 1

1. expert
2. clinic
3. interest
4. changes
5. themselves
6. people
7. difference
8. mirror
9. through
10. practicing
11. questions

Bill tried to say things that would interest other people. He asked questions and tried to get people to talk about themselves. He said things that were funny. He talked faster and louder. He tried to smile more when he talked. But all those changes made no difference. After Bill was through speaking, everybody else was sleeping.

One day, Bill was at home. He was practicing in front of the mirror. He smiled, moved around a lot, and talked to the mirror.

Just then the door bell rang. Bill opened the door and saw a woman who said, "I am an expert at making people sleep. I work for the Sleep More Clinic. We help people who have trouble sleeping. I hear that you can make people sleep, too."

Yes," Bill said. "If I speak for a while, people will sleep."

"That is interesting," the sleep expert said. "Can you explain why people sleep?"

"Yes, I can," Bill said.

Part 2

1. What was the first name of the man in the story?

3. His problem was that he
• was old • had five dogs • put people to sleep
2. Underline 4 things he did to try to be more interesting.
 - frown more
 - smile more
 - whisper
 - ask questions
 - answer questions
4. He practiced in front of
• his wife • the mirror • the TV
5. Who came over when he was practicing?
• a sleeper • a dog expert • a sleep expert
6. Name the place where she worked.
