

# Things I Learned from My

Written by learners from the High Beginner Class

# Dad

**PROVIDER**

*happy* a big tease

Hard working

LOVING BUSY

LIKES THE OUTDOORS

**big heart**

SMART MENTOR

teacher **nice**

*likes to play*

*laughs* patient

*Thank You Dad*

I lived with my dad and mom for seven years and then with my grandmom and grandfather. So I can say my father was very strict but also nice to me. He taught me punctuality and to help at home. I understood him well. Now I teach my children punctuality.

-Tatjana

I like my family. My family has six women; five girls and my mom. My father has a big place in his heart for all girls. From my dad, I learned to do all work from start to finish with happiness. My father was strict, but he could play with us, and laugh with us. I like to drive with my father and my sisters to pick mushrooms. In the evening we fried the mushrooms with onions in a big pan. My father's last wish was that he visit me in Canada.

- Helen

My dad was a mechanic. He fixed cars, motors, washing machines, lawn mowers and more. If my car or motor or lawn mower isn't working, I like to find out what the trouble is. Often I can fix it.

What is more important, the last time when he was in the hospital, he had a strong warning to all his children. He warned the children about smoking. He said, "Don't smoke." "Please stop smoking!" every day because he was sick. His lungs were black from smoke and he knew that. Every time he told us, "Don't smoke!"

Thank-you dad for everything.

- Elisabeth

My dad was very busy. He taught my brothers more housework than me. I remember he shouted at them often. But I was the only girl, and he never shouted at me. We often worked together. But it was my mother who gave advice. Dad taught me to drive a car and a tractor. I think I was 14-15 years old. For me, it was easy to drive and I was happy. My dad said, "How good it will be when your mom learns to drive a car too." But my mom was scared.

- Olga

My dad taught me how to hitch a horse to a buggy. First he taught me how to put the harness on the horse. Then we backed up the horse to the buggy and hooked it up. Then he taught me how to drive the horse and buggy. He taught me it was very important to use the reins properly to control the horse. One day when I drove from home, I had the reins crossed. Then a truck came from the front. I tried to steer to the right but since the reins were crossed I turned left. "What are you doing?" asked the man in the truck. Then I understood how important it is to use the reins correctly. My dad also taught me how to drive a tractor, plant crops, fertilize fields and how to make bales. When my dad irrigated the fields, my sister and I like to play in the water with the dogs.

When I was a child we got gifts from school. When we got home my dad took them and ran away. We had to chase him to get them back. It was lots of fun for us all. My dad would always try to balance a teaspoon on its side at the breakfast table. It is one of his habits.

- Susana

### What Children in Childcare Say about Their Fathers

My dad had a big family. He worked hard. I learned to like working outside from him. I can work with outside animals because he taught me. My dad was strict. We lived in a village in a big house. My dad had many different animals. He had horses. We had very much happiness in our free time. My sister, brother and I splashed each other and our father with water in summer. Now my dad is 90 years old. He lives in Germany.

- Irma

Sara says: "He tickles me and he makes me feel better when I cry. He loves me and dolphins. He reads me books and makes me happy. I like him and love him."

Elia says: "I play with my Dad. We play baseball and soccer outside. My Dad gives me rides on his quad."

Jolanda says: "Daddy wakes us up in the morning. When I do not get up, Daddy tickles me. Daddy sometimes buys pink, brown and white ice cream. That tastes very good. When Daddy comes home from work Janette and I go and sit on his lap. We love him."

Amy says: "Daddy plays with me. I like him. We play with my teddy."

Linda says: I like everything about my Dad. He buys nice things to eat.

Pavel says: "Daddy buys toys, plays with me and so I love him."

Issac says: I like to play football with my Dad. We sometimes go for a bike ride. Mom and Justina come too.



