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"Can't I eat in the TV room?" said Terry.

"Certainly not," said Mother. "I have never heard of such a thing." Terry turned off the TV set. He walked into the kitchen for dinner. Mother had made his favorite meal--spaghetti and meatballs. Terry ate two plates of it most of the time, but not tonight. A space show was on TV. He ate very fast.

"Slow down!" said Mother. "You will choke on your dinner."

"I am sorry, Mother, but I want to finish quickly. A show about spacemen and rockets is on the TV."

Terry ate his dinner and even asked for a second helping to make Mother feel better. Then he raced into the TV room to watch his show.

As you can see, Terry loved to watch the television set. He got up early in the morning to watch it before school. After school he watched until dinner. His friends asked him to play ball outside. "No, thank you," he said. He just wanted to watch TV. At night Mother asked him to read a book before he went to bed. Terry did not like to read. There were no moving pictures. TV was better.

Terry rode the bus to school. On the bus he thought about TV. He wished for a TV on the bus. How nice that would be! The ride to and from school would be much more fun.

"I wish I had a TV in school," he said to his friend, Tom.

"What a crazy idea," said Tom. "You would not be able to learn anything."

One other day, Terry came home from school. He got an apple for a snack and turned the knob on the TV. Nothing happened. There

were no pictures or sounds. Terry's mouth was open in shock. He ran to tell his mother. He was very upset. Mother said the TV must be broken. Father could have it fixed.

"How long will it take?" asked Terry.

"We will have to see," said Mother.

Terry became bored. It would take a whole week to fix the TV. He moped around until one day he picked up a book. It was about space travel. Mother must have bought it for him. He began to read. By dinner time he had almost finished the book.

"Terry, come and eat dinner," said Mother.

"Let me finish my book, please," said Terry. Mother smiled.

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