



I Know How to Count

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Noi helped her father pulling fish net.



They had caught a lot of fish. Some were still babies. They knew they should only keep the adult fish to eat or sell. Otherwise the fish population would get smaller and smaller.



Noi separated the fish. She put the big ones in the basket. Then she returned the small ones to the sea so they could grow into adults. She watched the baby fish swim away.



"There are six big fish, Dad!" Noi declared.
"Two dollars for each big fish."



People started to come to look at the fish.
One man removed the fish from the basket.
"Where's the fish owner?" asked the man.
"I'm the owner," said Noi.



The man handed some money to Noi.
Noi started to count. "One dollar, two?"
Noi looked at the man and said, "Uncle, you
didn't give me the right amount of money."



"I bought everything. Five dollars is a lot of money," answered the man.

"I know how to count. You need to pay twelve dollars," Noi responded. "There are six fish, and each fish is two dollars."



"Then give me my money back," the man responded. He returned the fish to Noi.



"Dad, the man refused to pay the full amount,
" Noi said in a quiet voice.

Her dad responded, "People will buy them. Do not worry. The important thing is that I know my daughter knows how to count. You are brave to speak up."



Soon, a family came and checked out the fish. "Dad, I think these people are going to buy our fish," whispered Noi.



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