

🇬🇧 SSSSB Story 038b: Anu's Journey of Gratitude [13+ years]



Anu, a 13-year-old girl, stayed home helping her mother with chores because her parents could not afford to send her to school. Yet, she longed to study like other children. Every morning, she sat outside her house watching them walk to school. Eventually, she began following them, standing quietly at the school gate, observing their prayers and activities.

One day, a teacher noticed her and asked, “Why are you standing here?” Anu replied honestly, “I want to come to school, but my parents cannot pay the fees.”

The teacher smiled kindly and said, “From next week, there is a new rule. If parents cannot afford school money, they can apply for a scholarship. Come tomorrow with your parents, and we will arrange it for you.”

This opportunity changed Anu's life. Though her parents could not guide her in studies, her neighbor Sila, a 15-year-old student at the same school, began helping her. Sila explained lessons, shared stationery, and encouraged her. Inspired by Sila's kindness, Anu studied diligently and soon made remarkable progress.

Teachers began appreciating Anu's improvement in both studies and manners. Grateful Anu said: “Ma'am, without Sila's help, I would never have improved. She even gave me notebooks and pens when my parents couldn't afford them. I am really thankful to her.” She added: “I also want to help others who are in need, just like Sila helped me.”

Her words touched the teachers deeply. Anu began tutoring younger students, becoming more confident, disciplined, kind, and helpful. **She became an example of how receiving help can inspire us to help others.**

The teachers and the Principal felt proud of both the girls. In the school assembly, they praised the two girls, inspiring other students to practice human values in their daily lives.

Question and Heart-Work: Can you think of a time when someone helped you in a small or big way? How did it make you feel, and did it inspire you to help someone else afterward?”