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1. Verb Present Ends In S

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The movie <u>verb Present ends in S</u> with an accusation from a store owner. She places blame on a young boy for stealing medicine. The boy lowers his head while he receives criticism from the store owner. Her belief that he should not be stealing was obvious in her tone. Before the allegation goes any further a shop owner nearby intervenes and decides not to pass judgement on the boy, but to pay for the medicine instead.

We see that time has passed and it is now thirty years later. The same man is working in his restaurant. His daughter is now an adult. She signals to her father to draw his attention to someone that he appears to know. A man with a scraggly appearance seems to be begging for soup. We make the assumption as viewers that it is the same little boy that was caught stealing years ago. Our perception is that the child did not make much of his life after that day in the market. Without any argument, the father gives the man soup for free. The idea of a poor child growing up to be a poor adult is not hard to imagine.

When the father falls suddenly, our first thought is that he has had a heart attack. Later we see his daughter receive a large hospital bill. When we see her crying, it is easy to get the impression from her tears that she is worried about her father and paying the bill. Although she and her father may own a business we view them as people from a third world country with limited resources.

Next we see the doctor viewing the man's case and we come to the conclusion that he needs an operation and they must sell their business to pay for it. When we see the daughter resting by her father's side there is no doubt that she was not expecting what she discovered next. She finds that her entire bill has been paid. There was no charge for the operation due to what occurred thirty years ago. we discover as viewers that our notion was incorrect, the young thief did not grow up to become a beggar. Was our theory based on the opinion that a poor child who makes mistakes can never become something great in life? Many people claim that if you are from a certain ethnic group or part of the world you have limited abilities and potential. This view is certainly challenged after watching this video.

What is your opinion of the father and the boy now? Does the way you view people who are less fortunate need further analysis?

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