

# Pomegranate juice thief walks home

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Story: "Man goes to store, buys cauliflower, leaves."

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"Man goes shopping, buys cauliflower, leaves."

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That is a six-word story. Notice that the meaning does not change with the word count. Syllabic count: pentameter (ten). Keep these commas.

"A man shops for cauliflower, returns."

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Notice that the action changes little from version to version.

Syllabic count: pentameter.

What makes it a story and not only a sentence?

"Mangoes leave shopping for cauliflower."

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