

How Mr John Became A Millionaire

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Mr John whose first name was Sam, was not like any other seven year old in his class. You see he loved to sew. Instead of playing video games, he would go to the cloth shop and collect scraps of material. These he would use to sew and make different types of doll clothes for the girls to buy, for fifty cents.

Sam John had a dream. His dream was to be a successful fashion designer, one day. When he went to school all his friends would laugh at him but he would just ignore them. You see he was a boy that did not care what anybody said. But when they ripped their pants and other things from their uniforms, the same ones who laughed, would come to him to sew them, and all he would do is sit down and sew.

As the years went by, Sam continued to sew and save his extra money, while his friends played football, cricket and other games, and spent their extra money on sweets. Then one afternoon as he was counting his money, he realised that he had enough money to buy a sewing machine. He raced out the door with his money in his hand. As soon as he got to the library, he did some research on the Internet and got a teacher to buy it for him. When he got his sewing machine Oh! How he leapt with joy. He took so much care of it. Then he hoped that someday he would go to college and fulfill his dream to become a fashion designer.

When his final year in high school came around he asked his parents about going to college. He was really depressed when they told him he could not go because they were too poor. But do you think that kept him down? No it did not. He went out to find a job so he could save up, just the way he had when he was a child, for he now understood the value of money.

When he set out to look for a job he realised that no one had started that type of business yet. So he had to work in a hotel. He planned to work and save up for college; he would also help his family. One day he found out that one of the guests was a big movie star; he secretly hoped that he could sew a dress for her.

Well lucky for him, one day as the movie star was taking her favorite dress out, it ripped and immediately Mr John volunteered to sew it. When he was finished, the movie star was so impressed that right away she asked him why he was working in a hotel; he told her that he was saving up money to go to college. After talking to him some more, she decided to offer him a scholarship. He was

thrilled and quickly grabbed the opportunity. While he was in school 'he kept sewing for the movie star. Her friends admired her dresses and then he started working for them too.

After graduating, with his savings from his hotel job, which he still had, he opened a small fashion business. His business grew and grew, because instead of spending wildly, he put the money he could have spent back in the company. After some years, Mr John had made one million dollars and was officially a millionaire.

Mr John thought back on all the things he had gone through to become a millionaire. The laughing, the teasing, the great opportunity of a scholarship but most importantly making the best use of every cent that had ever come his way. He then thought the best way to use his money now was to go back to his little country, and not only start a school on fashion design but also one that taught **how to make the best value of every cent of your dollar.**