

# *The Parable of the Pencil*

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The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. "There are 5 things you need to know," he told the pencil, "Before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be."

1. *"You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand."*
2. *"You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil."*
3. *"You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."*
4. *"The most important part of you will always be what's inside."*
5. *"On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition you must continue to write."*

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in his heart.