Could I?

Mr and Mrs Hood had a house by the sea. Mr Hood was a fisherman. When he was away on a fishing trip, Mrs Hood would get very lonely and sad.

“I need a job,” she said to herself. “I like to look at books, I could sell books in the bookshop.”

She went to the bookshop but the people there said “No.”

“This is no good,” Mrs Hood said to herself, “I should stop and think.” Mrs Hood sat and had a good long think and then she said, “I like to cook. I could run a cake shop.”

She began to cook and in next to no time her house was full of the smell of cakes and pies. She put a poster up on the gate that said, “Home-made cakes and pies”. She sold everything she had made.

She told Mr Hood about it when he came home. “I would like to try a cake,” he said, “I’m hungry.”

“I’m sorry,” Mrs Hood said, “I sold out.”