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Reading Comprehension: Baking Day

Grade 2 | Reading an original short story about a weekend baking day and answering text-based questions

Read the story. Then answer the questions on the next page.

Baking Day

On Saturday morning, Jade put on her apron and waited by the kitchen window. Her friend Mateo was coming over to bake bread. They had practiced the steps with Jade's grandma last week, and today they wanted to try it on their own.

Mateo arrived with a small bag of flour. Jade measured the warm water while Mateo stirred in the yeast. "It smells like the bakery on Main Street," Mateo said, laughing as the dough stuck to his fingers.

They took turns kneading the dough on the counter. Jade's dad set a timer for one hour so the dough could rise. While they waited, the two friends washed the bowls and drew funny faces on the baking sheet with leftover flour.

When the timer rang, the dough had doubled in size. They shaped it into a round loaf and slid it into the hot oven. Twenty minutes later, the kitchen smelled warm and sweet. Jade's dad cut two thick slices. Mateo grinned. "Next Saturday," he said, "let's bake cookies."

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Circle the best answer. Look back at the story to find proof.

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a) They had a class project
b) They wanted to try baking bread on their own
c) They were making dinner for dad
d) They needed to sell bread

2. What did Mateo bring with him?

a) A bag of sugar
b) A timer
c) A small bag of flour
d) A baking sheet

3. Why did Jade's dad set a timer?

a) To bake the bread
b) So the dough could rise for one hour
c) To wash the bowls
d) To cut the bread

4. What did the friends do while the dough rose?

a) They went to the bakery
b) They shaped the loaf
c) They washed bowls and drew in the flour
d) They cut thick slices

5. How did Mateo feel at the end of the story? How do you know? Write 1-2 sentences.

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Correct answers with supporting evidence from the story.

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5. How did Mateo feel at the end of the story? How do you know? Write 1-2 sentences.

Sample answer: Mateo felt happy and excited. He grinned and suggested they bake cookies next Saturday.