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Reading NTI Day #4

THE SUGAR COOKIE CONTEST



Nora's mom and dad owned Sweet Surprises Bakery, which was a small shop. But, even though it was small, it was starting to become quite famous. Why were they so well known? It was all because of Grandma Maisie's sugar cookie recipe and Grandpa Roberto's famous buttercream recipe. When Nora's parents blended the two together, they had the best cookies in the county! "Now we have a chance to become known as the best cookies in the state!" Mr. Perez said proudly, holding up a letter.

"What's that, Daddy?" Nora asked him. "We've been invited to the State Bake-Off. Only the best bakers in the state will be invited. You can't enter yourself. You have to be nominated. This is a great honor. And if we win, or even get an honorable mention, it will help our business."

"Maybe we will even be able to expand our shop," said Mrs. Perez. "Money might be less tight, and we could hire some part-time help for the bakery." She patted her husband's shoulder. Nora nodded, her eyes shining. Her parents worked really long hours, and they did everything by themselves. The only helpers they had were Nora and her older brothers, Charlie and Gary. When they were at school, it was just her mom and dad. That meant her family never went on vacation and could not take family trips.

"I hope you win! Is there a prize, or will it just help people know about us?" Charlie asked. "The grand prize is several thousand dollars! Plus, we would get a chance to be on news coverage of the competition."

"What can we do to help?" Nora asked excitedly.

"What are you going to enter?" Gary demanded.

"Our sugar cookies! They got us into the competition, so we will go with them. They may be simple, but they are what our customers love! Not only that, but they honor both of our families. Without them, we wouldn't be getting this invitation to compete," Mr. Perez replied confidently.

"And to answer your question, Nora, there is something you can do to help."

Mrs. Perez took over speaking. "Part of the contest is flavor, and part is design and presentation. How will we present our cookies? How will we decorate them so that they shine and show who we are?"

"You want us to help design that?" Gary and Charlie cried together. "That's huge! If it doesn't look perfect, the judges might not even care about how the cookies taste."

"But we believe in you, like you believe in us. We can't do this ourselves. Your father's father helped us. My mother helped us. Our children help us every day. Of course we want you to help us in a way that really counts!"

"That's what we should do!" Nora exclaimed suddenly. "A sugar cookie family tree! But instead of names, we could decorate each of the cookies to represent people in our family. Maybe we could show Grandma Maisie's apron and Grandpa Roberto's pipe and sunhat."

"And flags from the countries our families came from!" Charlie shouted.

"Wedding rings to show marriages. Famous landmarks to show where we live now!" Mr. and Mrs. Perez looked at each other, mouths open. "I don't think we ever would have thought of that. And it's perfect. It's absolutely unique, and it will tell the story of our family bakery."

Mr. Perez beamed at his children.

"I knew we were right to leave this part to you three," Mrs. Perez said and hugged each of them in turn. "Win or lose, we're so proud of you."

"We're so proud of you, too, Mom and Dad!" chorused Nora and her brothers happily.

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Use evidence from the text to find the correct answer. Then, fill in the bubble of the correct answer.

1. How is Nora related to Mr. Perez?

- Ⓐ She is his sister.
- Ⓑ She is his daughter.
- Ⓒ She is his mother.
- Ⓓ She works for him.

2. Why is the bakery becoming famous?

- Ⓐ sugar cookies
- Ⓑ donuts
- Ⓒ the excited workers
- Ⓓ winning the contest

3. How did the Perez family enter the contest?

- Ⓐ They enter themselves in the contest.
- Ⓑ Another bakery entered them in the contest.
- Ⓒ Nora nominated them.
- Ⓓ Someone nominated them.

4. What caused the Perez family to miss their vacation?

- Ⓐ The kids had school.
- Ⓑ They couldn't decide where to go.
- Ⓒ They couldn't take a day off from work.
- Ⓓ They didn't like to travel.

5. What reason keeps the Perez family from taking help?

- Ⓐ They couldn't afford it.
- Ⓑ There wasn't room in the bakery.
- Ⓒ They didn't trust anyone.
- Ⓓ They didn't want anyone to steal the recipes.

6. According to the text, what is one thing the Perez family will do if they win?

- Ⓐ move locations
- Ⓑ hire part-time help
- Ⓒ make different cookies
- Ⓓ enter more contests

7. How can you tell the family has a close relationship with one another?

- Ⓐ They include the children on decisions.
- Ⓑ The children help in the bakery.
- Ⓒ The parents are proud of the children.
- Ⓓ All of the above

8. What theme did the Perez Family use to display their sugar cookies?

- Ⓐ rainbow designs
- Ⓑ family history
- Ⓒ cookie platter
- Ⓓ holiday display

9. Which of the following decoration ideas was not used as part of the sugar cookie family tree?

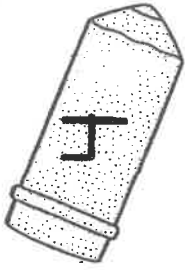
- Ⓐ Grandma Maisie's apron
- Ⓑ wedding rings for marriages
- Ⓒ names of people in the family
- Ⓓ flags from different countries represented by family

10. Why did Mr. Perez think the kids' idea was perfect?

- Ⓐ It shows how hard they work.
- Ⓑ It shows how delicious their cookies are.
- Ⓒ It tells the story of the family bakery.
- Ⓓ It will be colorful.

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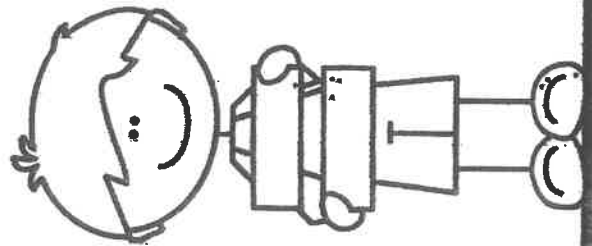
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2. $27 + 64 =$ _____

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3. $76 - 64 =$ _____

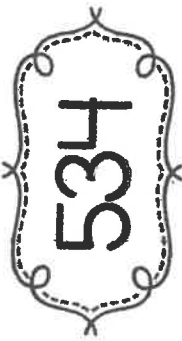
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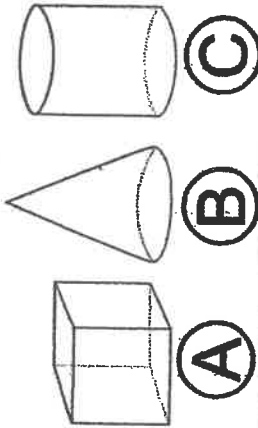
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6. What is the value of the digit 3?



7. Which is a cube?



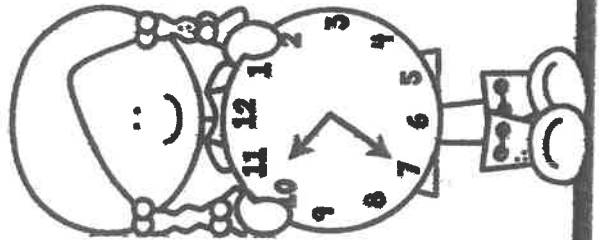
8. There are 12 kids on the swings, 34 playing tag, and 26 playing hopscotch. How many kids are there in all?

9. How many fewer students are there in room 8 than room 7.

Students in The Third Grade Classes

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room 7	### ## ## ## ##
room 8	### ## ## ##

10. What time is it?



answer

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