“My mom’s making us a snack,” James said.

“Yummy,” Bella said. “What is it?”

“I don’t know. She said it was a surprise.”

“Let’s be really quiet,” Bella whispered.

“Sounds from the kitchen might give us a clue.”

The two sat very still.

Suddenly, James waved his arms. “I hear a door opening.”

“A rattling sound,” Bella said.

“I wonder what it is.”

Bella and James kept listening.

Suddenly, they heard another sound.

Pop! Pop, pop! Pop, pop, pop, pop, pop!

James jumped up. So did Bella.

“Popcorn!” they cried.
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1. Who is making a snack?

2. Why are James and Bella being quiet?

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   b. “pop, pop, pop” from the popcorn
   c. a rattling sound
   d. a door opening and closing

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   c. something healthy  d. something unhealthy
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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

1. popcorn ● a shaking sound

2. yummy ● a fluffy, crunchy snack

5. quiet ● something you say when food tastes good

6. whispered ● small room where food is stored

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In the story, “Mystery Sounds,” James and Bella wonder what their surprise snack is going to be. They are very excited when they figure out they will be eating popcorn!

What are your three favorite snacks? Write your answer on the lines below. Use complete sentences.

_________________________
_________________________
_________________________
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   a. James  
   b. Bella  
   c. Mom  
   d. Dad  

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