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A Birthday Treat

by Kelly Hashway

Randy couldn't wait to get to school. It was Mrs. Anderson's birthday, and she promised the class a special treat to help her celebrate. Randy knew that Mrs. Anderson was a great baker. She always made the most delicious cakes and cookies for the school bake sales. Randy's mouth watered as he walked into the room and took his seat.



Mrs. Anderson had a long covered container on her desk, and the room smelled incredible from whatever goody Mrs. Anderson had made. Everyone sniffed the air and smiled in anticipation. Once the class was settled, Mrs. Anderson said, "As promised I have a special treat for you today."



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Finally it was time to eat. Randy sat forward in his seat to get a good view of the container. Mrs. Anderson said, "I decided to do something a little different today. I wanted to share something really special with you, so I made my grandmother's famous blueberry muffins." With a big smile, she uncovered the container.

Randy slumped back in his seat. Blueberry? Randy didn't like blueberries. Mrs. Anderson

walked around the room, giving out the muffins. When she got to Randy's desk, he politely said,

"No, thank you. I don't like blueberries."

"Are you sure you don't want to at least try one?" Mrs. Anderson asked. "You could pick the blueberries out if you'd like."

"No, thank you." Randy lowered his head and rubbed his grumbling stomach. He'd skipped breakfast, and now he was really hungry. He watched his classmates eat the muffins and comment on how delicious they were.

Finally Randy couldn't take it. He was so hungry he didn't care if the muffins had blueberries. Just as he was about to raise his hand, Mrs. Anderson put a muffin on his desk. "As a birthday present to me, do you think you could at least try one?"



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Randy tried to say, "You're welcome," but it was tough to do with a mouth full of blueberry muffin.

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1. Whose birthday is being celebrated in the story?

- a. Olivia's
- b. Randy's
- c. Marvin's
- d. Mrs. Anderson's

2. When Mrs. Anderson said, "I have a special treat for you today," how did Randy feel? (circle one word from the list)

disappointed angry worried excited

Explain why he felt this way.

3. Why

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.



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4. Randy was very hungry when it was time to eat the muffins. Why?

- a. He skipped breakfast.
- b. He skipped lunch.
- c. He forgot to bring a snack to school.
- d. He just ate cupcakes.

5. What lesson can be learned from this story?

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The scrambled words below are vocabulary words from the story. Unscramble each word and write it on the line. Please be sure each word is spelled correctly.

1. _____ sluidoeci
hint: tasty; yummy

2. _____ topinacianti

3. _____



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4. _____ eitpolly
hint: with good manners

5. _____ senpret
hint: gift

6. _____ tencmom
hint: to give an opinion

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In the story, "A Birthday Treat," Randy is afraid to try Mrs. Anderson's blueberry muffins because he doesn't think he likes blueberries. When he tries them, he discovers that he likes them.



Think of a specific food that you enjoy that some people may not have tried. Write a persuasive paragraph in which you convince readers to try the food you have chosen.



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