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Someplace Special



By Kelly Hashway

"Brooke, put your shoes on and meet me in the car," Mom called.

"Where are we going?" Brooke asked, reaching for her sneakers.

"Someplace special. But hurry up. I don't want to hit traffic."



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"Yeah, but where?"

Mom laughed. "I guess you'll just have to wait and see."

Brooke watched the street signs and the stores as they drove.

"Are we going to see the new movie that just came out in 3-D?"

"Nope," Mom said.

"Are we going to get our nails done?"

"Nope," Mom said.

They drove past the ice cream shop, so that wasn't the special place either. "Are we going shopping?"

"Nope," Mom said.

"Come on, give me a hint." Brooke could barely stand the suspense.

"I already told you where we're going," Mom said.

"No you didn't. You just said it was someplace special."

"Yes, it is." Mom nodded and smiled at Brooke.

Brooke wrinkled her forehead. Why wouldn't Mom tell her where they were going? It must be a really big surprise. Brooke daydreamed about all the amazing places Mom could be taking her. An amusement park. A zoo. She barely noticed when the car stopped.

"We're here," Mom said.

"Where?" Brooke looked out the window.

"Someplace special," Mom said.

Brooke was about to complain when she stepped out of the car and



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most delicious cake she'd ever had.

"So tell me the truth," Mom said. "Are you disappointed?"

"Honestly? Not at all.

This really is someplace special, and this cake is something special,"

Brooke said, taking another big bite.



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- b. shoes for walking and running
- c. shoes for walking quietly
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4. Brooke was about to **complain** when she stepped out of the car and saw the big sign.

- a. express a dislike for something
- b. show that you like something
- c. to argue and yell
- d. to confuse someone

5. When it arrived, Brooke's mouth **instantly** began to water.

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- b. felt hungry
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6. "So tell me the **truth**," Mom said.

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In the story, "Someplace Special," Brooke's mother takes her for a ride in the car, but doesn't tell her where they're going. They arrive at a bakery named "Someplace Special" where Brooke and her mom have a piece of chocolate cake.

Describe a special place that you have visited with a parent. Tell where and when you visited the special place and what you did there.



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an ice cream shop

4. Has Brooke been to the bakery before? How can you tell?

She's probably never been there before because she would have recognized the name of the bakery when her mom said "Someplace Special." Also, her mother tells her about the chocolate fudge cake, which Brooke had never had.

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When she first arrived, she was disappointed. After she tried the cake, she really did think the bakery was someplace special. Also, spending time with her mother may have made it a special outing.

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