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Someplace Special

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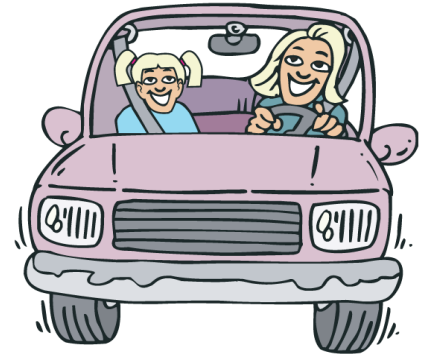
"Brooke, put your shoes on and meet me in the car," Mom called.

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

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

Someplace special? Brooke wondered what her mother had in mind. Sometimes Mom surprised her with trips to the movies or even ice cream when they had the day together like this. Brooke couldn't help smiling as she laced up her sneakers and raced to the garage.

"Ready," she said, getting in the car and fastening her seatbelt. "So where are we going?"



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"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.



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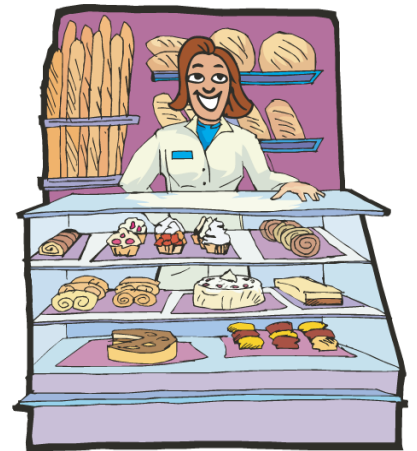
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thought it would be a nice treat."

Brooke was a little disappointed, but she didn't want to make Mom feel bad. They sat down at a small corner table, and they each ordered a piece of chocolate fudge cake. When it arrived, Brooke's mouth instantly began to water. It was huge. She took a bite, and it was the 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.



Note From the Author

This is based on a true story. When I was younger my parents told me we were going to someplace special. I was so excited and couldn't guess where we were going. It turned out to be a butcher shop--not exciting at all. The shop had the name *Someplace Special*.

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1. Where does most of this story take place?
- a. at home
 - b. in the car
 - c. in the morning
 - d. during the afternoon



2. What is this story mostly about?
- a. a mother and daughter who don't know where they're going
 - b. a mother who surprises her daughter with a trip to the movies
 - c. a girl who begs her mother to take her for ice cream
 - d. a girl who rides in the car with her mother and doesn't know where she's going

3. Complete the graphic organizer.





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

5. At first, how did Brooke feel when she arrived at the special place?

- a. disappointed
- b. upset
- c. excited
- d. glad

6. How did Brooke's feelings about the bakery change?

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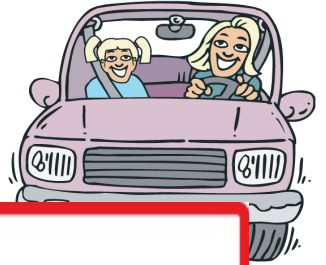
- c. back of your head
d. area on the sides of your head
4. Brooke was about to complain when she stepped out of the car and saw the big sign.
- a. express a dislike for something
b. show that you like something
c. to argue and yell
d. a confuse someone
5. When it arrived, Brooke's mouth instantly began to water.
- a. after a few minutes
b. felt hungry
c. became dry
d. right away
6. "So tell me the truth," Mom said.
- a. honest opinion b. small lie
c. interesting fact d. confusing words

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