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# The Restaurant's Rush

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**T**he Golden Spoon restaurant was usually a happy, busy place. However, today, its kitchen was in the midst of a big problem. A huge lunch rush had just started, and the orders were piling up

..... faster than the new cook could keep up.

Gus, the cook, had only been at the restaurant for a week. He was trying to do everything himself. He was stirring soup, chopping

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vegetables, and frying fish all at once, but he was too slow to make a difference. "I'm doing my best," he muttered, his apron dusty with flour, "but these orders are coming in too fast!" He felt frustrated and alone, but he wanted to do his best to impress the owner.

The restaurant's owner, Mrs. Chen, noticed Gus was getting



deliver the food to the tables. Even



when many ingredients are mixed together, they create a delicious meal. One person can't serve every table, but a whole group of people working together can.

Gus got the message. He asked the server with the best memory to help organize the food orders. He asked the baker to help chop the vegetables since he had a very sharp knife. The dishwasher agreed to throw on an apron and help

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them to be successful. It was hard work, but everyone felt good. They were part of something bigger.

Slowly, the kitchen started to move smoothly again. There were a few mistakes, but the food was cooked well, the plates went out, and the restaurant was filled with happy chatter. The lunch rush was a success, not because of one heroic cook, but because a whole team had worked as one.

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1. What is the problem at the beginning of the story?

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2. What is the best synonym for the underlined word in the sentence below?

However, today, its kitchen was in the midst of a big problem.



d. Gus wasn't a very good cook, so he needed help.

4. How does Gus change from the beginning to the end of the story?  
What does he learn?

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5. How did teamwork help solve the restaurant's problem?

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Match each vocabulary word from the reading passage with the correct definition.

1. \_\_\_\_ chatter

a. showing courage or bravery

2. \_\_\_\_ ingredient

b. the sound of people talking



5. \_\_\_\_ muttered

e. a piece of cloth worn to protect the clothing underneath

6. \_\_\_\_ heroic

f. in the middle of

7. \_\_\_\_ apron

g. talked in a low, quiet voice

8. \_\_\_\_ frustrated

h. to make someone feel admiration and respect

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In the story, "The Restaurant's Rush," Gus learns that teamwork is the key ingredient to success. Write about a time when you used teamwork to achieve something. How did working together help you? How was it similar to what happened in the story?



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A cartoon superhero with brown hair, wearing a blue suit with a red cape and a shield emblem with the letters 'STW' on his chest. He is flying through a blue sky with white clouds, pointing forward with a determined expression.

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## ANSWER KEY

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1. What is the problem at the beginning of the story?

**It is lunchtime and the restaurant is very busy. The new cook is unable to keep up with all the orders because he is trying to do everything**



**Answers may vary. An example is: When all the workers at the restaurant worked together, they were able to serve all the customers in the restaurant.**

**Each person did something different, even though it wasn't their job.**

**Together, they all helped the cook to serve lunch.**



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