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Breakfast at Dawn with Baker Mom

Circle group

Kai's mom was a baker. She worked all night. Kai was asleep. When he woke up, she was just coming home.

Kai missed her at bedtime. Sometimes he felt grumpy.

"I have an idea," said Mom. "Let's have breakfast at dawn. That is when my day ends."

Kai set his alarm. The sky was pink and gray. Birds began to sing. Mom came in with a warm paper bag. It smelled like butter and cinnamon.

They sat on the back steps with rolls and milk. Mom told about the dough that grew too big. Kai told about his missing tooth.

"This is our time," said Mom.

"I like it," said Kai.

Questions

1. What was Kai's mom's job?

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2. When did Mom work?

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3. What was in the paper bag?

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4. Where did they eat?

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5. Why did Mom call it our time?

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Words to know

baker: a person who makes bread and cakes
dawn: the time in the morning when the sun comes up
cinnamon: a sweet brown spice
dough: soft, thick mix that turns into bread when baked

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Breakfast at Dawn with Baker Mom

Triangle group

Kai's mom was a baker. She worked all night while Kai slept. By the time Kai woke up, she was just coming home.

Kai missed her at bedtime. Sometimes he felt grumpy about it.

"I have an idea," said Mom one Saturday. "Let's have breakfast at dawn. That is when my day ends."

So Kai set his alarm for very early. The sky was still pink and gray. The birds were just starting to sing. Mom came in carrying a warm paper bag. It smelled like butter and cinnamon.

They sat on the back steps with two rolls and one cup of milk. Mom told Kai about the dough that grew too big. Kai told her about his missing tooth.

"This is our time," said Mom. "Even if the sun is barely up."

Kai nodded, his mouth full. "I like your day ending," he said. "It is a good time to start mine."

Questions

1. What was Kai's mom's job?

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2. When did Mom work?

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3. What was in the warm paper bag?

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4. Where did Kai and Mom eat their breakfast?

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5. Why did Mom call it "our time"?

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Words to know

baker: a person who makes bread and cakes
dawn: the time in the morning when the sun comes up
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dough: soft, thick mix that turns into bread when baked

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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Breakfast at Dawn with Baker Mom

Square group

Kai's mom was a baker, and she worked through the entire night while Kai slept soundly in his bed. By the time he woke up each morning, she was just arriving home, tired and sleepy.

Kai missed her at bedtime, and sometimes he felt rather grumpy about it.

"I have an idea," Mom said one Saturday. "Let's have breakfast at dawn, since that is exactly when my workday ends."

So Kai set his alarm for very early. The sky was still pink and gray, and the birds were just beginning to sing. Mom came in carrying a warm paper bag that smelled wonderfully of butter and cinnamon.

They sat together on the back steps with two rolls and one cup of milk. Mom told Kai about the dough that had grown far too big. Kai told her all about his missing tooth.

"This is our time," said Mom. "Even if the sun is barely up."

Kai nodded with his mouth full. "I like it when your day is ending," he said. "It is a good moment to start mine."

Questions

1. What was Kai's mom's job?

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2. When did Mom work?

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3. What was inside the warm paper bag?

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4. Where did Kai and Mom sit to eat breakfast?

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5. Why did Mom call the early breakfast their time?

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Words to know

baker: a person who makes bread and cakes
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cinnamon: a sweet brown spice
dough: soft, thick mix that turns into bread when baked

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: Breakfast at Dawn with Baker Mom

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Breakfast at Dawn with Baker Mom

Easier · 111 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.4

1. She was a baker.
2. All night.
3. Warm rolls.
4. On the back steps.
5. It was a special time just for the two of them.

Triangle: Breakfast at Dawn with Baker Mom

This passage · 153 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. She was a baker.
2. All night, while Kai slept.
3. Rolls that smelled like butter and cinnamon.
4. On the back steps.
5. It was a special time that only the two of them shared.

Square: Breakfast at Dawn with Baker Mom

Harder · 179 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.5

1. She was a baker.
2. Through the entire night, while Kai slept.
3. Rolls that smelled of butter and cinnamon.
4. On the back steps.
5. It was a special moment that only the two of them shared.