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Emma's Lunch Surprise



By Anita N. Amin

Emma hurried to her table in the school lunchroom. She couldn't wait to look in her lunch bag. Mom had told Emma to expect a special surprise for lunch.

"It must be a really big surprise," Emma told her friend Alice as they sat down. "My bag feels heavier than usual."

"Hurry," Alice said. "Let's see your surprise."

Beaming, Emma reached into her bag. She pulled out an apple and frowned. "But I don't like apples. Mom does. I like bananas."

Emma reached into her bag again. This time she pulled out a banana.

"Wow," Alice said, her eyes growing wide. "You got what you wanted. Try it again."

So Emma reached into her bag. She pulled out some peanuts. "But I don't like peanuts. Mom does. I like cheese."

Emma reached into her bag. She smiled when she pulled out some cheese.

"It's a magic bag! Let me try!" Alice seized the bag. She told it, "I want chocolate cake." Grinning, Alice reached in and pulled out... prunes. "Yuck! Your bag isn't magic. I do not like prunes."

"Me neither..." Emma looked around. Suddenly she laughed. "But Mom does." Then Emma waved to Mom, who had come to visit for lunch!

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4. What is the setting of this story?

5. What type of story is this?

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- b. mystery
- c. fantasy
- d. fable

6. Which sentence is true, according to the story?

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- b. Alice's mother visited her daughter at lunch.
- c. Emma's lunch bag had more food in it than usual.
- d. Alice smiled when she pulled an apple out of her lunch bag.

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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story. Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. ____ o ____ d
clue: looked sad or disappointed

1. _____

2. ____ e ____ s ____
clue: food made from milk

2. _____

3. ____ r ____ d
clue: moved quickly

3. _____

4. ____ n e
clue: a plum that is partly dried out

4. _____

5. ____ u ____ e
clue: something unexpected

5. _____

6. ____ u ____ o ____
clue: place in school where students eat

6. _____

7. ____ a ____ i ____
clue: strange powers that can't be explained

7. _____

ANSWER KEY

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banana, cheese

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apple, peanuts, prunes

3. Why did Emma's mother put foods Emma didn't like in her lunch bag?

Emma's mother packed a lunch that she and Emma could eat together. She included both of their favorite foods.

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clue: a plum that is partly dried out

4. prune

5. s u r p r i s e

clue: something unexpected

5. surprise

6. l u n c h r o o m

clue: place in school where students eat

6. lunchroom

7. m a g i c

clue: strange powers that can't be explained

7. magic