

The Surprise Party

Read the story. Then answer the questions on the next page.

- 1 Grandpa was turning seventy on Friday. Priya and her brother Arjun wanted to throw him a surprise party. Since Grandpa lived with them, they had to plan in whispers.
- 2 On Friday afternoon, Mom took Grandpa to the store. Now the children could get ready. Priya blew up balloons. Arjun baked a lemon cake because lemon was Grandpa's favorite flavor.
- 3 Soon things went wrong. Arjun forgot to set the timer. As a result, the cake stayed in the oven too long, and the edges turned black. "We have no time to bake another one," Priya said. So they cut off the burned edges and covered the cake with thick frosting.
- 4 Meanwhile, their dog, Biscuit, chased a balloon. His claws popped it with a bang. This led to loud barking, and Biscuit popped two more. Priya laughed and put him out in the yard.
- 5 At five o'clock, the front door opened. "Surprise!" everyone shouted. The shout made Grandpa jump. Then a big grin spread across his face. He ate two slices of the small, lumpy cake. "This is the best cake I have ever had," he said. Priya and Arjun smiled at each other. They never told him about the timer.



The Surprise Party: Questions

Go back to the text to find your proof. Underline it in the color shown.

1. Why did the children have to plan in whispers?

red

- ☐ Grandpa lived with them.
- ☐ The baby was asleep.
- ☐ Mom had a headache.

2. Why did Arjun bake a lemon cake?

orange

- ☐ It was the easiest cake to make.
- ☐ Lemon was Grandpa's favorite flavor.
- ☐ They had too many lemons.

3. Why did the children cut off the edges of the cake and add thick frosting?

yellow

4. Finish the chart. A cause is why something happens. An effect is what happens.

CAUSE

Arjun forgot to set the timer.

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EFFECT

CAUSE

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EFFECT

The balloon popped with a bang.

CAUSE

Everyone shouted, "Surprise!"

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EFFECT

5. Which words in paragraph 4 tell you that an effect is coming?

green

- ☐ this led to
- ☐ in the yard
- ☐ a bang

The Surprise Party: Answer Key

Answers are in green. The proof is where to find each answer in the text.

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Proof Paragraph 1: "Since Grandpa lived with them, they had to plan in whispers."

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Proof Paragraph 2: "Arjun baked a lemon cake because lemon was Grandpa's favorite flavor."

3. Why did the children cut off the edges of the cake and add thick frosting?

yellow

The edges were burned, and there was no time to bake another cake.

4. Finish the chart. A cause is why something happens. An effect is what happens.

CAUSE

Arjun forgot to set the timer.

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EFFECT

The cake stayed in the oven too long.

CAUSE

Biscuit's claws hit a balloon.

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EFFECT

The balloon popped with a bang.

CAUSE

Everyone shouted, "Surprise!"

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EFFECT

Grandpa jumped.

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☐ a bang

Proof Paragraph 4: "This led to loud barking"