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The Great Christmas Cookie Caper: A Fun Family Holiday Mystery



It was a snowy December afternoon, and the Thompson family was busy in their kitchen baking Christmas cookies. Chocolate chip, gingerbread, and peppermint swirl cookies filled the air with a sweet, festive aroma. Twelve-year-old Emma carefully decorated a batch of gingerbread men, while her younger brother, Max, tasted a chocolate chip cookie before it cooled.

"Emma! Max! Come look!" Mom called from the living room. But when they returned, the plate of cookies had vanished!

"What? Who could have taken them?" Max exclaimed.

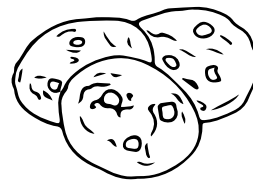
Emma looked around. The kitchen was spotless, and no one else was home. They decided to investigate. They looked for clues—crumbs on the floor, chocolate smudges on the counter, and even little paw prints that didn't belong to the dog.

As they followed the trail, they discovered that the cookies had mysteriously traveled all over the house. One gingerbread man was on the sofa, chocolate chip crumbs led under the Christmas tree, and peppermint swirls were found on the porch!

Emma and Max realized it wasn't a thief at all—it was their mischievous dog, Max, who had been sneaking bites and moving the cookies around the house. Laughing, the children gathered the remaining cookies and carefully placed them on a fresh plate.

To make the best of the situation, they decided to turn it into a family challenge. Each person decorated their own plate of cookies, and then they held a "cookie judging contest," tasting and laughing at their creations. By the end of the day, everyone had cookies to share, and the house was filled with joy, laughter, and the true spirit of Christmas.

Emma and Max learned an important lesson: sometimes holiday mishaps lead to unexpected fun and make family traditions even more memorable.



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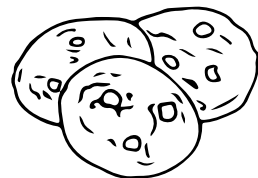
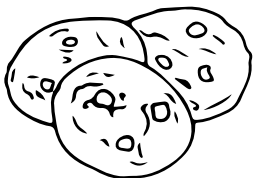
What types of cookies were the Thompson family baking?

What problem did Emma and Max discover in the kitchen?

What clues did they follow to solve the mystery of the missing cookies?

Who was actually responsible for moving the cookies around?

What lesson did Emma and Max learn from the cookie mishap?



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Circle the true answer:

The Thompson family baked cookies only for themselves. — True / False

The cookies mysteriously disappeared while everyone was in another room. — True / False

The children found cookie crumbs and paw prints as clues. — True / False

The family blamed a neighbor for taking the cookies. — True / False

The story shows that holiday mishaps can lead to fun and memorable family moments. — True / False

Multiple-Choice Questions:

1. Which of the following cookies were mentioned in the story?

- A. Chocolate chip, gingerbread, and peppermint swirl
- B. Sugar, oatmeal, and peanut butter
- C. Brownies and cupcakes
- D. Macarons and tarts

2. Where did Emma and Max first notice the cookies were missing?

- A. On the porch
- B. In the kitchen
- C. Under the tree
- D. In the living room

3. What clues helped the children solve the mystery?

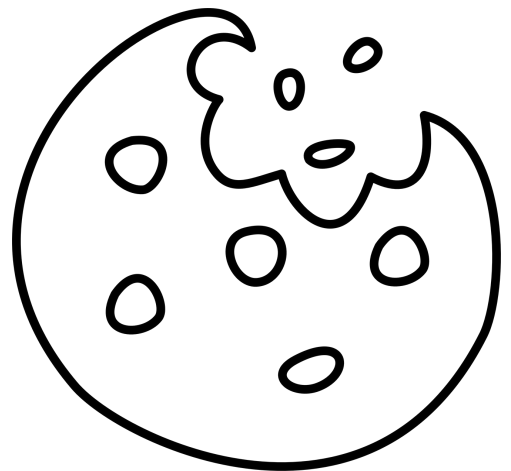
- A. A note left by Santa
- B. Crumbs on the floor, chocolate smudges, and paw prints
- C. A broken cookie jar
- D. A trail of candy canes

4. Who was responsible for taking the cookies?

- A. A neighbor
- B. The family dog
- C. Santa Claus
- D. A mischievous elf

5. What is the main lesson of the story?

- A. Always lock up your cookies
- B. Holiday mishaps can lead to fun and make family traditions memorable
- C. Only adults should bake cookies
- D. Chocolate chip cookies are the best



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Answer Key :

Open ended questions :

Chocolate chip, gingerbread, and peppermint swirl cookies.

The plate of cookies had vanished from the kitchen.

They followed crumbs on the floor, chocolate smudges, and paw prints.

The family dog, Max, was moving the cookies around.

They learned that holiday mishaps can lead to fun and make family traditions memorable.

True / False Answers

False — They baked cookies for family fun and the holiday.

True — The cookies disappeared while everyone was in another room.

True — Crumbs and paw prints were clues.

False — They did not blame a neighbor.

True — The story shows holiday mishaps can lead to fun family moments.

Multiple-Choice Answers

A — Chocolate chip, gingerbread, and peppermint swirl

B — In the kitchen

B — Crumbs on the floor, chocolate smudges, and paw prints

B — The family dog

B — Holiday mishaps can lead to fun and make family traditions memorable