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Something Special

Marco's wife's birthday is in two days. Marco wants to do something special to celebrate. He decides to cook her a special birthday dinner. He thinks about what she would like to eat. Her favorite American food is hamburgers, so he is going to make hamburgers for her.

The first step for Marco is to make a grocery list. The list helps him remember to buy all that he needs for the meal when he goes to the store. Here is his grocery list:

hamburger buns ketchup rice

Marco asks his daughter, Sara, if she can think of anything else her mother would like to eat. Sara reminds her father that Mom also likes broccoli. He adds this to the list.



Hamburger buns

Ketchup

Rice

Broccoli

"Look in the condiments aisle of the grocery store to find the ketchup," Sara tells her father.

At the store, Marco rolls the cart up and down the aisles. He looks at his grocery list. He buys hamburger, buns, ketchup, rice, and broccoli. In the frozen food section, he looks at the ice cream a long time. But he does not put any ice cream in his cart.

Instead, Marco goes to the bakery section of the store. He buys a pretty white cake with blue candles. Blue is his wife's favorite color.

The man behind the bakery counter asks Marco, "Would you like me to put a name on the cake?" Marco nods his head and tells the baker his wife's name.

The baker turns around and works on the cake. When he gives the cake to Marco, the cake says, "Happy Birthday Maria!"

Marco knows his wife will be surprised by her favorite foods and the special cake on her birthday.

1) Marco decides to celebrate his wife's birthday by

- I. cooking dinner for her
- II. buying a cake for her
- III. having a party for her

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II, and III

2) How does the reader know the name of Marco's wife?

- A. Sara talks to Marco about her.
- B. Marco writes her name on his grocery list.
- C. The baker writes her name on the cake.
- D. The reader never learns the name of Marco's wife.

3) How is Sara related to Maria?

- A. Sara is Maria's friend.
- B. Sara is Maria's mother.
- C. Sara is Maria's sister.
- D. Sara is Maria's daughter.

4) According to the passage, Marco does not buy the ice cream because he

- A. does not see a flavor that he likes
- B. decides to buy a birthday cake instead
- C. is afraid it will melt before he gets home
- D. remembers that his wife does not like it

5) How does Sara help her father with dinner?

- A. She lets him know that it is his wife's birthday.
- B. She reminds him that her mother likes broccoli.
- C. She goes to the grocery store with him.
- D. She cooks the hamburgers for him.

6) In this passage, Marco buys the ingredients for Maria’s favorite food. What ingredients are in your favorite food? What would you need to buy at the supermarket in order to cook your favorite food? Explain.

Answers and Explanations

1) B

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In the first paragraph, Marco decides to surprise his wife “with a special birthday dinner.” This supports **option (I)**.

While at the grocery store, Marco decides to buy “a pretty white cake with blue candles” for his wife. This supports **option (II)**.

The passage does not provide information to support the idea that Marco is having a party for his wife. This eliminates **option (III)**.

Therefore **(B)** is correct.

2) C

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

When Marco is at the grocery store, he asks the baker to write his wife’s name on the cake. The cake says “Happy Birthday Maria!” Using this information, we can understand that Marco’s wife is named Maria. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

3) D

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In paragraph 3 Marco asks his daughter, Sara, what other foods “her mother would like to eat.” Using this information, we know that Marco is talking about Sara’s mother. We also know that Marco is asking Sara about food for his wife, Maria. Therefore, we know that Maria is Sara’s mother, or that Sara is Maria’s daughter. This means **(D)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

4) B

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In the middle of the passage, Marco goes to the frozen food section of the grocery store. The passage says that “he looks at the ice cream a long time. But he does not put any ice cream in his cart. Instead, Marco goes to the bakery section of the store. He buys a pretty white cake with blue

candles.” Using this information, we know that Marco does not buy the ice cream because he decides to buy a birthday cake instead. Therefore, **(B)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

5) B

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In the beginning of the passage, Marco makes a grocery list. Marco asks his daughter, Sara, if she “can think of anything else her mom would like to eat.” Sara reminds her father that “Mom also likes broccoli.” This lets us know that **(B)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.