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Date _____

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.