

Read the story “Green Juice” before answering Numbers 1 through 10.

Green Juice

Every night, each member of the Willet family is expected to help with dinner. Tonight, Eddie decided to surprise everyone by making a juice they have never had before. He got out a pitcher and spoon. Just as he opened the refrigerator, his sister strolled into the kitchen.

“Are we having apple or orange juice tonight?” Marcy asked.

“Neither,” answered Eddie. “I’m tired of drinking the same old boring juice and have decided to surprise everyone. I’m making something different—green juice.”

Marcy’s mouth opened as wide as the Grand Canyon. She couldn’t believe he was going through with this. Eddie did a lot of strange things, but this time he had gone too far.

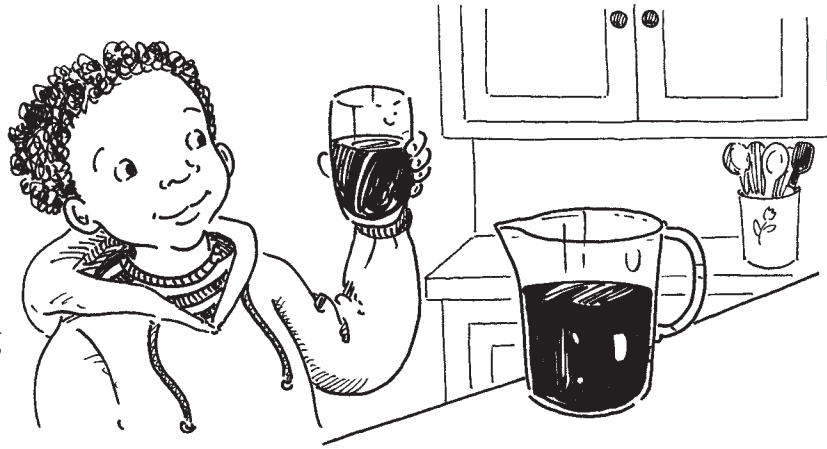
“No,” Eddie told her. “All I have to do is follow a recipe that I found.” Eddie showed Marcy a page that he had ripped from a recent issue of a cooking magazine. On the page was a photograph of a tall glass of bright green juice. “It will be a piece of cake to make this exciting new juice!” Eddie exclaimed.

“I don’t like to try new things, and I have absolutely no desire to drink green juice,” Marcy grumbled. Her stomach turned at the thought of drinking something that was green.

“How do you know it won’t taste good?” Eddie asked.

“Juice should be orange, purple, or red,” Marcy said. “It’s definitely not supposed to be green!” He knew his sister might have to be coaxed into trying the new drink. “This will be something new,” Eddie told her. “It’s fun to try new things.”

“Green juice is indeed new, but I don’t think it will be fun to try!” Marcy exclaimed. Marcy decided that if Eddie was determined to do this, she was not going to stay there and watch him! She left the kitchen



shaking her head at Eddie’s bizarre idea. Just moments later, Marcy returned to the kitchen to set the table and saw that Eddie had finished making his strange juice. It was very green. Marcy watched her brother as he poured some of the green liquid into a glass. She held her breath in disgust as Eddie took a drink.

“How does it taste?” she asked. Eddie smiled because he knew that Marcy was a bit curious.

“It’s magnificent!” exclaimed Eddie. “I think it’s the best juice I’ve ever made and would even call my creation a masterpiece. I am a juice artist!” He extended the glass in her direction and Marcy stared thoughtfully at the glass. Eddie was confident that Marcy would sample his exciting new drink.

“I certainly don’t like the look of it, but I guess you can’t judge a book by its cover!” Marcy said. Marcy wrinkled her nose and took the glass from Eddie. Then she cautiously took a tiny sip. “Wow! It tastes like apple juice and a bit like grape juice, too. I like it!” Marcy exclaimed. “I think you hit the nail on the head! What ingredients did you put in it to make it green and still give it this amazing flavor?”

“I have a secret ingredient,” Eddie answered.

“What is it?” Marcy asked. “I can’t tell you,” said Eddie with a smile. “Then it wouldn’t be a secret anymore.”

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Now answer Numbers 1 through 10. Base your answers on “Green Juice.”

- 1 What do you learn about Marcy from the story?
- Ⓐ She does not like making juice for dinner.
 - Ⓑ She does not like setting the table for dinner.
 - Ⓒ She tried something new and found out she liked it.
 - Ⓓ She could follow a recipe and make juice for dinner.
- 2 What is the MAIN reason Eddie makes the green juice?
- Ⓕ He thinks it will be easy to make.
 - Ⓖ His mom has everything he needs.
 - Ⓗ He is tired of drinking the same boring juice.
 - Ⓘ He found a recipe to follow to make the juice.
- 3 Read this sentence from the story.

Eddie did a lot of strange things, but this time he had gone too far.

Which word has almost the SAME meaning as the word *strange* in the sentence above?

- Ⓐ bad
- Ⓑ clever
- Ⓒ important
- Ⓓ odd

- 4 Read this sentence from the story.

“It will be a piece of cake to make this exciting new juice!” Eddie exclaimed.

What does *it will be a piece of cake* mean?

- Ⓕ Someone will eat cake.
- Ⓖ Something is easy to do.
- Ⓗ Something is hard to do.
- Ⓘ Someone will make cake.

- 5 Read this sentence from the story.

Her stomach turned at the thought of drinking something that was green.

What does *her stomach turned* mean?

- Ⓐ She felt sick.
- Ⓑ She felt thirsty.
- Ⓒ She felt hungry.
- Ⓓ She felt grumpy.

- 6 Marcy does not want to try the green juice because she

- Ⓕ does not like juice.
- Ⓖ has made her own juice.
- Ⓗ has to set the table for dinner.
- Ⓘ does not like to try new things.

- 7 Eddie wants Marcy to drink the green juice because he

- Ⓐ thinks he is a juice artist.
- Ⓑ thinks it is fun to try new things.
- Ⓒ says there is a secret ingredient in the juice.
- Ⓓ tells her it will be a piece of cake to drink the juice.

- 8** Read this sentence from the story.

“I certainly don’t like the look of it, but I guess you can’t judge a book by its cover!” Marcy said.

What does *you can’t judge a book by its cover* mean?

- Ⓕ People cannot win prizes for a book cover.
 - Ⓖ People cannot choose books because of the cover.
 - Ⓗ People cannot judge something by the way it looks.
 - Ⓘ People cannot learn anything from the cover of a book.
- 9** Read these sentences from the story

“I like it!” Marcy exclaimed. “I think you hit the nail on the head!”

What does *hit the nail on the head* mean?

- Ⓐ you did something silly
 - Ⓑ you did something wrong
 - Ⓒ you did something just right
 - Ⓓ you did something with a tool
- 10** Based on the text evidence, Marcy drinks the green juice after Eddie calls it his masterpiece because
- Ⓕ she is nervous he will be mad at her.
 - Ⓖ she is curious of what it will taste like.
 - Ⓗ she is tired of listening to him talk about it.
 - Ⓘ she is thirsty from helping her parents make dinner.

Read the story “Piñata Party” before answering Numbers 11 through 20.

Piñata Party

Nola was so excited. She had just received an invitation to her friend Elle’s birthday party. Elle was going to be nine years old. Nola loved birthday parties. She loved eating cake and ice cream and singing “Happy Birthday!” Above all, she loved hitting the piñata and watching all the candy burst out.

“I’d love to come to your birthday party,” Nola told Elle at school the next day. “What shape of piñata are you going to have?”

“Oh, we won’t have a piñata,” Elle replied.

“Why not?” Nola asked, surprised.

“My brother can’t eat sugar,” Elle replied. “So I don’t like eating candy and things like that either. But we’ll play lots of good games, and my mother makes great fruit treats.” Nola hid her disappointment from Elle. But later that day, she talked with her friend Ami about it. “How can you have fun at a party without a piñata?” she asked. “How can you have a party without candy?”

Ami was folding paper into beautiful butterfly shapes. “Actually, I don’t eat much candy myself,” Ami replied. Then, after a pause, she looked up and said, “But who says a piñata has to be filled with candy? Why not fill it with — butterflies?”

“You mean your paper butterflies?” Nola asked. “What fun will that be?”

“It will be great fun!” Ami insisted. “The butterflies will all flutter though the air. And they’ll be our paper butterflies because you’re going to help me make them. Let’s not let the cat out of the bag and make it a big surprise for everyone!”

Nola scrunched up her nose, but then she shrugged her shoulders and decided to go along with Ami's idea. For the next few hours, the girls were as busy as beavers. They cut and folded pretty pastel colors of tissue paper over and over. At first Nola was all thumbs. But as she carefully watched Ami's hands and practiced, her butterflies became as good as Ami's. Ami's mother lent a hand by making a large piñata in the shape of a butterfly. The girls stuffed all their butterflies inside before Ami's mother sealed it.

When the girls arrived at Elle's party, they presented her with the piñata. "Don't worry," Nola said. "There's no candy inside. There's a surprise."

The piñata was hung and all the kids took turns whacking at it until—FWOP!—the piñata burst. Dozens of paper butterflies fluttered down. The kids all squealed with delight.

Elle shouted, "Everyone try to catch as many as you can! Whoever catches the most will win a prize!"

"You were right," Nola giggled to Ami, as she snatched a butterfly that was landing on Ami's head. "This beats candy!"



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Now answer Numbers 11 through 20. Base your answers on “Piñata Party.”

11 What do you learn about Nola from the story?

- Ⓐ She enjoys trying new things.
- Ⓑ She cares about others’ feelings.
- Ⓒ She does not like making piñatas.
- Ⓓ She does not like to go to birthday parties.

12 Read these sentences from the story.

“Let’s not let the cat out of the bag and make it a big surprise for everyone!”

What does *let the cat out of the bag* mean as used in the sentence above?

- Ⓕ surprise a cat
- Ⓖ keep a gift in a bag
- Ⓖ give away a secret
- Ⓘ play a trick on someone

13 Elle tells Nola she will not have a piñata at her party because

- Ⓐ she does not like piñatas.
- Ⓑ her brother cannot reach piñatas.
- Ⓒ she does not know how to make a piñata.
- Ⓓ her brother cannot eat candy from a piñata.

14 Nola hides her disappointment from Elle because she

- Ⓕ does not want to hurt Elle’s feelings.
- Ⓖ knows Elle does not care how she feels.
- Ⓖ does not want to help Ami make a piñata.
- Ⓘ knows Ami does not want to go to the party.

- 15** Read these sentences from the story.

Dozens of paper butterflies fluttered down. The kids all squealed with delight.

Which word has almost the SAME meaning as the word *delight* as used in the sentence above?

- Ⓐ fear
- Ⓑ joy
- Ⓒ pride
- Ⓓ relief

- 16** Nola scrunches up her nose because she

- Ⓕ feels she has to sneeze.
- Ⓖ likes making funny faces.
- Ⓗ does not think Ami's idea is good.
- Ⓘ does not like the smell of the room.

- 17** Read these sentences from the story.

For the next few hours, the girls were as busy as beavers. They cut and folded pretty pastel colors of tissue paper over and over.

What does *busy as beavers* mean as used in the sentence above?

- Ⓐ working very hard
- Ⓑ cutting paper quickly
- Ⓒ making something out of wood
- Ⓓ doing something over and over again

- 18** Read these sentences from the story.

At first Nola was all thumbs. But as she carefully watched Ami's hands and practiced, her butterflies became as good as Ami's.

What does *Nola was all thumbs* mean as used in the sentence above?

- Ⓕ Her hands were very sore.
- Ⓖ Her hands were very powerful.
- Ⓗ She was clumsy with her hands.
- Ⓘ She was talented with her hands.

- 19** Read this sentence from the story.

Ami's mother lent a hand by making a large piñata in the shape of a butterfly.

What does *lent a hand* mean as used in the sentence above?

- Ⓐ borrowed
- Ⓑ clapped
- Ⓒ grabbed
- Ⓓ helped

- 20** What happens when the piñata bursts?

- Ⓕ Ami grabs the most butterflies.
- Ⓖ The butterflies do not fall out of the piñata.
- Ⓗ Elle is upset when candy does not fall out of the piñata.
- Ⓘ The kids all cheer in happiness when the butterflies fall out of the piñata.



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- 21** In the stories Marcy and Nola change the way they feel about something. Use text evidence to explain how their views changed.
