

Family Times

Summary

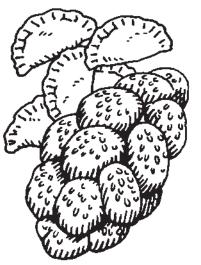
Jalapeño Bagels

Our narrator is trying to decide what treat to take to his class at school. As he helps his parents make food items in the bakery shop, he goes over his choices. Able to draw from his mother's Latin American heritage and his father's Jewish heritage, he has an unusual array of choices.

Activity

What Traditions Does Your Family

Have? Make a list of all the foods, traditions, decorations, or routines that your family has inherited from its heritage. Do you have a favorite soup passed down from your grandmother? Do you have a favorite saying that your mother learned from her mother?



Comprehension Skill

Draw Conclusions

A **conclusion** is a decision or opinion that makes sense based on facts and details.

Activity

Riddles Take turns reading from a book of riddles. Riddles require you to use what you already know and the information given in the riddle to draw a conclusion. What a funny way to practice this important skill!

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Jalapeño Bagels*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

bakery a place where breads, pies, cakes, and pastries are cooked in ovens

batch a group of something prepared or gathered together

boils liquid gets hot enough to bubble and give off steam

braided woven or twined together

dough thick mixture of flour and water that is usually baked

ingredients parts that go into a mixture

mixture something made up of different things that are put together

Conventions

Comparative and Superlative Adverbs

Some **adverbs** compare actions. To compare two actions, add *-er* to many adverbs. To compare three or more actions, add *-est* to many adverbs.

Activity

Describe That Action Write these verbs and adverbs about things we can do in the kitchen on cards as shown below. Have each student choose a card and create a sentence using either the comparative or superlative form of the adverb to describe the verb.

twist	mix
(tight)	(fast)
stir	bake
(slow)	(long)
wrap	remove
(loose)	(soon)

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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