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The Great Bake Sale Mix-Up

Grades 3-4

Fiction

- 1 The morning of the school bake sale, Nora and her brother Eli baked a huge tray of chocolate chip cookies. They looked perfect: golden edges, gooey middles, and chips in every bite.
- 2 At the sale, their table was the busiest in the gym. The cookies sold out in twenty minutes, and the money jar was nearly full.
- 3 Then Mr. Park, the principal, took a bite and made a funny face. "These are... very salty," he said politely.
- 4 Nora's stomach dropped. She remembered the two white jars on the kitchen counter. They had used salt instead of sugar!
- 5 Eli whispered, "No one else has said anything. We could just keep quiet." But Nora knew that wasn't right. She walked to the microphone and explained the mix-up, and she offered everyone their money back.
- 6 To her surprise, people clapped. Most of them told her to keep the money for the class trip. "Everyone makes mistakes," Mr. Park said. "Owning up to one takes courage." The next week, Nora and Eli baked a new batch, and this time they labeled the jars.

Draw your favorite part of the story.

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Read the passage again if you need to. Circle the best answer.

1. What mistake did Nora and Eli make?

- ☐ a They burned the cookies
- ☐ c They forgot the chocolate chips

- ☐ b They used salt instead of sugar
- ☐ d They dropped the tray

2. Why did Nora go to the microphone?

- ☐ a To sell more cookies
- ☐ c To call Mr. Park

- ☐ b To tell everyone about the mix-up
- ☐ d To sing a song

3. What does "owning up" mean in this story?

- ☐ a Buying something
- ☐ c Winning a prize

- ☐ b Admitting a mistake
- ☐ d Hiding a secret

4. What is the theme of the story?

- ☐ a Baking is easy
- ☐ c Bake sales are too busy

- ☐ b Being honest takes courage
- ☐ d Principals like cookies

5. How did Eli's idea differ from Nora's choice, and which was better? Use details from the story.

Reading Comprehension: Answer Key

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1. b) They used salt instead of sugar
2. b) To tell everyone about the mix-up
3. b) Admitting a mistake
4. b) Being honest takes courage
5. Sample answer: Eli wanted to keep quiet, but Nora told the truth and offered refunds. Nora's choice was better because people respected her honesty and even let her keep the money.