

# A BAKER'S TALE

#### The Little Bakery on the Corner

Every morning, the smell of warm bread comes from the little bakery on the corner. The bakery is small and yellow, with a big window. You can see many yummy things inside.

Inside the bakery, a kind man named Mr. Ben is always smiling. He wears a white hat and a white apron. He loves to bake.

Mr. Ben bakes many things. He bakes bread that is soft and brown. He bakes small cakes with colorful frosting. He also bakes cookies with chocolate chips.

Many people come to Mr. Ben's bakery. Children like to buy cookies after school. Parents buy bread for their dinner. Everyone loves the smell and the tasty food.

One little girl, Lily, goes to the bakery with her mom. Lily always chooses a small cake with pink frosting. She eats it very slowly, enjoying every sweet bite.

Mr. Ben knows all his customers. He says hello and asks how they are. The little bakery on the corner is a happy place. It smells good, and the food is delicious. Everyone feels welcome there.

What is your favorite thing to buy at a bakery? Or do you like to bake at home?

#### **Comprehension Questions**

Answer the questions about the story.

- 1. What color is the bakery?
- 2. What is the baker's name?
- 3. What color is his hat?
- 4. What does Mr. Ben bake besides bread? (Name two things)
- 5. Who goes to the bakery after school?
- 6. What does Lily always choose to eat?

## **Discussion Questions**

Discuss these questions with a partner or in a small group.

- 1. Do you like small bakeries like Mr. Ben's? Why or why not?
- 2. What do you think is the best smell in a bakery?
- 3. If you visited Mr. Ben's bakery, what food would you choose to buy?
- 4. Do you know a baker or someone who bakes? What do they make?
- 5. Why do you think Mr. Ben is always smiling?
- 6. How does the bakery make people feel?

# Speaking Activity: At the Bakery!

**Part 1: Your Favorite Bakery Item** Think about your favorite thing to buy or eat from a bakery. Tell your partner:

- "My favorite thing is..." (e.g., bread, a cookie, a cake)
- "It tastes..." (e.g., sweet, warm, soft)

## Part 2: Role-Play: Buying Food

- Student A: The Baker (Mr. Ben) You are selling food. Ask: "Hello! What can I get for you?"
- **Student B: The Customer** You want to buy something. Say: "Hello! I would like one [favorite item], please."
  - After the baker gives it to you, say: "Thank you!"
- Switch roles and practice again!

# **Teacher's Key**

# **Comprehension Questions**

- 1. What color is the bakery?
  - $\circ$  The bakery is yellow.
- 2. What is the baker's name?
  - His name is Mr. Ben.
- 3. What color is his hat?
  - His hat is white.
- 4. What does Mr. Ben bake besides bread? (Name two things)
  - He bakes small cakes and cookies.
- 5. Who goes to the bakery after school?
  - Children go to the bakery after school.
- 6. What does Lily always choose to eat?
  - Lily always chooses a small cake with pink frosting.