



SWEET TREATS, GREAT FRIENDS

Short Story - The Perfect Summer Treat

It was a very **sunny** Saturday **afternoon**. The air felt hot outside. Elara, Mia, and Sofia had been trying to **hang out** all morning, but the summer heat was very strong. "Phew, it's hot!" Mia said, waving her hand. Sofia nodded. "I could really use something **refreshing** right now. Let's go to 'Sweet Spot **Café**' downtown!"

They walked quickly, happy to get away from the sun. Inside, the **café** was a cool place. It smelled sweet. A friendly person behind the counter gave them a **menu**. "Welcome! So many **choices** today!" Elara, Mia, and Sofia found a small, comfortable table by the window. Elara saw the ice cream first. "A big **scoop** of lemon **flavor** ice cream in a crispy **cone** sounds very **delicious** and cool!" she said, looking at her friends.

Mia made a face. "Lemon? That's too sour! I want something huge with lots of **toppings**! Like the 'Choco-Blast Sundae' – it has whipped cream, sprinkles, AND cherries!" Sofia laughed. "Cherries? That's old-fashioned! And all those **toppings**? You won't even taste the ice cream!" They started to **chat** about their different options, each defending her favorite **flavor**.

"What about a simple, **refreshing** fruit smoothie instead?" Sofia asked. Mia thought. "A smoothie is good, but today I want something very special. It's a very hot day!" They talked for a few minutes, trying to **decide** between ice cream, milkshakes, or a fancy cake. Every **choice** looked good, even if her friends thought it was strange!

Finally, they agreed to disagree. Mia would **order** her chocolate fudge sundae, with lots of whipped cream and cherry **toppings**. Elara still wanted her mint **flavor** ice cream **cone**, but also decided to **share** a small, **delicious** fruit tart with Sofia. When their treats arrived, they looked just like the pictures on the **menu**. They didn't wait. They just sat, ate, and **enjoyed** their own **delicious** sweet treats and great friends' company. It was the perfect summer afternoon, made even better by their different **choices** and good friends.

Post-Reading Activities - Part 1: Story Comprehension

Read the questions and answer them about the story "The Perfect Summer Treat."

1. What was the weather like on Saturday afternoon?
2. Where did Elara, Mia, and Sofia decide to go to cool down?
3. What **flavor** of ice cream did Elara want to **order**?
4. What kind of sweet treat did Mia want, with lots of **toppings**?
5. Why did Sofia laugh at Mia's **choice** of **toppings**?
6. Did the girls all **order** the same thing, or did they have different **choices**?
7. What did Elara **share** with Sofia in the end?
8. How did the girls feel after eating their treats and spending time together?

Part 2: Put the Events in Order

Write the numbers 1-8 in the boxes to show the correct order of events from the story!

1. ____ The girls walked quickly to 'Sweet Spot Café' downtown.
2. ____ Mia ordered a chocolate fudge sundae.
3. ____ Elara, Mia, and Sofia wanted to **hang out** on a very **sunny** afternoon.
4. ____ They looked at the **menu** and Elara wanted a **scoop** of lemon ice cream.
5. ____ They talked for a few minutes, trying to **decide** what to **order**.
6. ____ Mia made a face at Elara's **choice**, saying lemon was too sour.
7. ____ They sat, ate, and **enjoyed** their **delicious** sweet treats and good friends company.
8. ____ Elara also decided to **share** a small fruit tart with Sofia.

Part 3: True or False?

Read each sentence. Write **True** or **False**. If the sentence is False, correct it to make it True!

1. The story happens on a cold winter day. _____

2. Elara, Mia, and Sofia wanted to **hang out** at a shopping mall. _____

3. The **café** smelled sweet inside. _____

4. Elara wanted a chocolate-**flavored** ice cream. _____

5. Mia loved all the **toppings** on her sundae. _____

6. The girls agreed to **order** the same thing. _____

7. Elara decided to **share** a fruit tart. _____

8. They did not **enjoy** their treats very much. _____

Part 4: My Sweet Opinions

Answer these questions about your own ideas and feelings!

1. Which sweet treat from the story (lemon ice cream, chocolate sundae, or fruit tart) would YOU **choose**? Why? _____
2. Do you ever **chat** with your friends about what to **order** when you go to a **café**? What do you usually talk about? _____
3. What is your favorite kind of place to **hang out** on a **sunny** day with friends?

4. If you had to **share** a **delicious** sweet treat with your friends, what would it be?

Teacher's Key

Part 1: Story Comprehension

1. What was the weather like on the Saturday afternoon?
 - It was a very **sunny** afternoon, and the air felt hot.
2. Where did Elara, Mia, and Sofia decide to go to cool down?
 - They decided to go to 'Sweet Spot **Café**' downtown.
3. What **flavor** of ice cream did Elara want to **order**?
 - Elara wanted to order a lemon **flavor** ice cream.
4. What kind of sweet treat did Mia want, with lots of **toppings**?
 - Mia wanted a chocolate fudge sundae with lots of **toppings**.
5. Why did Sofia laugh at Mia's **choice** of **toppings**?
 - Sofia said that cherries were old-fashioned and that Mia wouldn't even taste the ice cream with all those **toppings**.
6. Did the girls all **order** the same thing, or did they have different **choices**?
 - No, they had different **choices**; they did not **order** the same thing.
7. What did Elara **share** with Sofia in the end?
 - Elara decided to **share** a small fruit tart with Sofia.
8. How did the girls feel after eating their treats and spending time together?
 - They felt good/happy and **enjoyed** their sweet treats and good friends company.

Part 2: Put the Events in Order

1. **3** Elara, Mia, and Sofia wanted to **hang out** on a very **sunny** afternoon.
2. **1** The girls walked quickly to 'Sweet Spot Café' downtown.
3. **4** They looked at the **menu** and Elara wanted a **scoop** of lemon ice cream.
4. **6** Mia made a face at Elara's **choice**, saying lemon was too sour.
5. **5** They talked for a few minutes, trying to **decide** what to **order**.
6. **2** Mia ordered a chocolate fudge sundae.
7. **8** They sat, ate, and **enjoyed** their **delicious** sweet treats and good friends company.
8. **7** Elara also decided to **share** a small fruit tart with Sofia.

Part 3: True or False?

1. The story happens on a cold winter day. **False** (Correction if False: The story happens on a very **sunny** Saturday **afternoon** in summer.)
2. Elara, Mia, and Sofia wanted to **hang out** at a shopping mall. **False** (Correction if False: Elara, Mia, and Sofia wanted to **hang out** at 'Sweet Spot **Café**'.)
3. The **café** smelled sweet inside. **True** (Correction if False: -)
4. Elara wanted a chocolate-**flavored** ice cream. **False** (Correction if False: Elara wanted a lemon **flavor** ice cream.)
5. Mia loved all the **toppings** on her sundae. **True** (Correction if False: -)
6. The girls agreed to **order** the same thing. **False** (Correction if False: The girls agreed to **order** different things/their own **choices**.)
7. Elara decided to **share** a fruit tart. **True** (Correction if False: -)
8. They did not **enjoy** their treats very much. **False** (Correction if False: They **enjoyed** their treats very much.)