



BARBECUE & GRILLING

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1. Read

The BBQ That Almost Didn't Happen

Jake invited eight friends to his house for a Saturday barbecue. Everyone was excited because the weather forecast was perfect.

On Saturday morning, Jake bought sausages, chicken, vegetables, bread and plenty of drinks. His friend Maria offered to bring a salad, while Tom said he would bring some music.

Everything was ready when the first guests arrived. Then the sky suddenly became very dark. Within minutes, it started raining heavily.

Jake didn't want to cancel the barbecue, so everyone helped move the food and chairs under a large covered area. Unfortunately, the barbecue itself wouldn't start.

After several minutes, Tom had an idea. They used the kitchen to cook some of the food instead. In the end, everyone sat together, ate, talked and laughed.

The barbecue wasn't exactly what Jake had planned, but everyone agreed that it was a great afternoon.

2. Check Your Understanding

1. How many friends did Jake invite?
2. What was the weather supposed to be like?
3. What did Maria bring?
4. What did Tom bring?
5. What happened to the weather?
6. What was wrong with the barbecue?
7. How did they solve the problem?
8. Did everyone enjoy the afternoon?

3. What Would You Do?

What would you do if:

1. it suddenly started raining?
2. the barbecue stopped working?
3. a vegetarian guest arrived unexpectedly?
4. you didn't have enough food?

Discuss with a partner.

4. Continue the Story

Imagine that Jake has another barbecue the following weekend.

What happens?

Write 80–100 words.

Try to include:

• *first* • *then* • *suddenly* • *luckily* • *finally*

5. Debate

Which is more important at a barbecue?

- A. Great food
- B. Great people
- C. Good weather
- D. Good music

Choose one and defend your choice.

Teacher's Key

1. Eight friends.
2. It was supposed to be perfect/good.
3. A salad.
4. Music.
5. It suddenly started raining heavily.
6. It wouldn't start.
7. They cooked some food in the kitchen.
8. Yes.