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Ian Makes Dad a Birthday Cake

by Anita N. Amin

It was Dad's birthday. Ian wanted to make Dad a cake.

"Dad likes carrot cake," Ian told Mom.

"I'll make carrot cake for him."

Mom helped. She cut some carrots.

Ian mixed flour, sugar, and spices in a bowl.



Ian's dog, Sir Wags-a-Lot, sniffed the bowl.

"No, Sir Wags-a-Lot," Ian said. He moved his dog away. "We don't want dog hair in the cake."

Ian added eggs and oil to the bowl.

Sir Wags-a-Lot sniffed the bowl.

"No, Sir Wags-a-Lot," Ian said. He moved his dog away.

"I got egg shells in the cake mix." Ian took out most of the shells but missed a few.

Ian's hands were wet from the egg. He went and washed his hands. When he came back, Sir Wags-a-Lot had a paw in the cake mix.

"No Sir Wags-a-Lot," Ian said. He moved his dog away. "Now, where is my spoon?" He saw a bit of silver in the cake mix. He fished the spoon out of the cake mix.

Ian added Mom's carrots to the bowl. He stirred and poured the cake mix into a pan. Mom put it in the oven.

Soon, the cake was ready for Dad!

Sir Wags-a-Lot put a paw in the cake. "No Sir Wags-a-Lot," Ian said. He moved his dog away. "We have to give it to Dad first."

Dad blew out his candles. He ate his cake. "This is the best cake ever because you made it yourselves!" Dad said. If Dad did eat any egg shells or hair, his smile didn't show it.

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- a. Sir-Wags-a-Lot might get dog hair in the cake mix.
 - b. Sir-Wags-a-Lot is trying to steal a carrot.
 - c. Sir-Wags-a-Lot is eating the food.
 - d. Sir-Wags-a-Lot is barking too much.



2. How many times does Ian move Sir-Wags-a-Lot away from the cake mix?

Ian moves Sir-Wags-a-Lot away _____ times.

3. The box below shows food items that Ian added to Dad's birthday cake. Circle the two items Ian did **not** use to make Dad's cake.

carrots	spices	vanilla	eggs
milk	sugar	flour	oil

4. Which of the following events in the story happens first?
- a. Mom puts the pan in the oven.
 - b. Dad says, "This is the best cake ever!"
 - c. Ian washes his hands.
 - d. Ian mixes flour, sugar, and spices in a bowl.

5. Who cuts the carrots for Dad's birthday cake?

_____ cuts the carrots for Dad's birthday cake.

6. Would you want to eat the birthday cake Ian made? Why or why not?

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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.



1. carrot



smelled

2. flour



sticks that are burned to give light

3. sniffed



grabbed or scooped

4. silver



an orange vegetable that grows in the ground

5. candles



a shiny gray color

6. fished



a powder used to make a cake

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In the story, "Ian Makes Dad a Birthday Cake," Ian makes a special cake for Dad's birthday.

On the lines below, write about a special gift you gave someone for their birthday.



Handwriting practice lines consisting of 10 sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid) for writing.

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2. How many times does Ian move Sir-Wags-a-Lot away from the cake mix?

Ian moves Sir-Wags-a-Lot away **four** times.

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5. Who cuts the carrots for Dad's birthday cake?

Mom cuts the carrots for Dad's birthday cake.

6. Would you want to eat the birthday cake Ian made? Why or why not?

Answers will vary.

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