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Backyard Picnic

By Katie Clark

Angela carried the tray to the backyard with Dad. Smoke curled in puffs from the grill. Angela sniffed. "Chicken! Yum!"

"Put the tray on the table, Angela," Dad said. "Then you can go to the house and get the plates and cups."

Angela walked to the table and placed the tray in the middle. "Meow!" said Toes the cat.

"Hi, Toes," she said. "It's a picnic!"

"Purrr!" said Toes.

Angela played with Toes for twenty minutes.

Grandpa and Grandma arrived, and then Aunt Marie, and John.

"Who's ready to eat?" Dad asked.

"I'm ready!" said Angela.

Dad frowned. "Where are the plates? Where are the cups?"

Angela looked around the yard. She was supposed to go to the house and get them, but she forgot when she saw her cat.

She ran to the house as fast as she could. She went in and the door slammed behind her. She scooped the plates and cups from the kitchen table and ran back outside.

Then she took her plate to Dad, who was at the grill. "Chicken, please!"



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_____, and _____

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b. forgetful

c. kind

d. tired

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4. Where were the plates and cups?

a. by the sink

b. on the counter

c. near the door

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



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In the story, "Backyard Picnic," Angela forgets to bring the plates and cups into the backyard.



Write about a time when you have forgotten something.
Tell what you forgot and why you forgot it.

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