COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Layla and the Cupcakes with Tiny Bites

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Layla compares bite marks and crumbs to discover that a loose window screen let a squirrel reach cooling cupcakes.

Read, talk, and discover

The complete story is followed by questions and a separate answer guide. Read aloud together, pause to talk, and take your time.

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Part 1

Layla and Auntie baked berry cupcakes for the block party. While they cooled, three cupcakes gained tiny bites along their paper edges.

Part 2

No one in the kitchen had tasted them. A curved line of crumbs led from the cooling rack toward the open window.

Part 3

Layla first suspected their small dog, Pepper. But Pepper's nose could not reach the high counter, and no crumbs lay on the floor.

Part 4

At the window, one corner of the screen had popped loose. A tuft of gray fur clung to the rough wooden frame.

Part 5

Outside, a squirrel sat on the fence holding a berry wrapper. Its small front teeth left two narrow marks like those on the cupcakes.

Part 6

Auntie discarded every cupcake exposed on that tray. She and Layla washed their hands, rack, and counter, secured the screen, and cooled a fresh covered batch.

Part 7

They watched from the doorway. The squirrel approached the window, found the screen secure, and hurried back to the oak tree without reaching any food.

Part 8

Layla learned to compare reach, tracks, and marks before choosing an answer. She also learned to protect food without harming a curious animal.

Draw, tell, or write

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.

My favorite part, and why I chose it

STORY QUIZ

Think about the story

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Read each question and all the choices. Circle one answer. A grown-up can read aloud; you can point or say your answer, too.

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1. What happened to three cooling cupcakes?

A. They turned green	B. They had tiny bites	C. They rolled away

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

2. Where did the crumbs lead?

A. Toward the open window	B. Toward the door	C. Into Pepper's bowl

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

3. Why was Pepper unlikely to be responsible?

A. Pepper disliked berries	B. Pepper was outside	C. Pepper could not reach the high counter

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

Questions 4 to 5

4. What clue was caught on the window frame?

A. A tuft of gray fur	B. A blue ribbon	C. A bird feather

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

5. How did Layla and Auntie protect the fresh cupcakes?

A. They hid the oak tree	B. They secured the screen and covered the fresh batch	C. They chased the squirrel

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

ANSWER GUIDE

For the grown-up

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Keep this page separate from the child's activity. Read directions aloud when helpful, and invite the child to explain their ideas.

1. B - They had tiny bites

They had tiny bites

2. A - Toward the open window

Toward the open window

3. C - Pepper could not reach the high counter

Pepper could not reach the high counter

4. A - A tuft of gray fur

A tuft of gray fur

5. B - They secured the screen and covered the fresh batch

They secured the screen and covered the fresh batch

Keep exploring

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.