

Sugar and Spice

Task 1. Read the story below then answer the questions.

It was Saturday and Jia was getting ready for her 16th birthday party. In just three hours, all of her friends would arrive with presents and excitement. Every year, Jia and her mom made a cinnamon cake fresh on the day of her birthday party and Jia thought this year would be no different. Excited, she waited for her mom in the kitchen.

Jia's mother came into the kitchen and took her apron from a hook on the wall. Instead of putting it on, she lifted it over Jia's head. Surprised, Jia stood as her mom tied the strings of the apron behind her.

"Jia, I think you're old enough to mix the batter yourself this year. I'm sure you can do it. Remember what we say?"

"Yes... Baking is just a little sugar and a little spice."

"That's right," said Jia's mom. "Now, go ahead and start. I'm going to go blow up the balloons." With that, she left Jia alone in the kitchen. Maybe her mom was right.

Maybe there wasn't much to it. Carefully, Jia measured out the ingredients and poured them into a big bowl. Then, she cautiously mixed the batter until it was perfectly smooth. Carefully, she poured the batter into the cake pan. Then she called to her mom.

"It's ready to go into the oven," Jia said. Her mom turned on the oven, set the temperature, and popped the pan into the oven. Jia had actually done it!

When the cake came out, something seemed wrong. Jia tried to poke it with a toothpick, just as her mother always did. The toothpick wouldn't go through. The cake was almost as hard as a rock!

"I did exactly what I was supposed to," Jia moaned. "I was so careful! I didn't put the eggs in until last, and I measured the baking soda exactly."

"Baking soda? Oh, dear. that's the problem. You were supposed to use baking powder."



Jia began to cry. “I’m sorry, mom. I tried so hard.”

Jia’s mom gave her a big hug. “I’m the one who’s sorry. I expected too much and I was hard on you. I guess you could say I used too little sugar and too much spice!”

Jia laughed, and her mom laughed, too. “Now, let’s try again,” said Jia’s mom. “is time, we’ll do it together.”

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- Q1. Who baked the cake for the birthday party? Who blew the balloons?
- Q2. What mistake did Jia commit while baking the cinnamon cake on her own?
- Q3. Where did Jia wait for her mom?
- Q4. Why was the cake almost as hard as a rock?
- Q5. Create simile. (ABC, saint, cucumber, silk, whip, beaver, velvet, button)
- a. As soft as _____
 - b. As bright as _____
 - c. As busy as _____
 - d. As calm as _____
 - e. As cool as _____
 - f. As easy as _____
 - g. As smart as _____
 - h. As smooth as _____
- Q6. Make an alliteration to show Jia’s excitement.