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Someplace Special

by Kelly Hashway

"Brooke, put your shoes on and meet me in the car," Mom called.

"Where are we going?" Brooke asked, reaching for her sneakers.

"Someplace special. But hurry up. I don't want to hit traffic."



Someplace special? Brooke wondered what her mother had in mind. Sometimes Mom surprised her with trips to the movies or even ice cream when they had the day together like this. Brooke couldn't help smiling as she laced up her sneakers and raced to the garage.

"Ready," she said, getting in the car and fastening her seatbelt. "So where are we going?"

"Someplace special," Mom said.

"Yeah, but where?"

Mom laughed. "I guess you'll just have to wait and see."

Brooke watched the street signs and the stores as they drove. "Are we going to see the new movie that just came out in 3-D?"

"Nope," Mom said.

"Are we going to get our nails done?"

"Nope," Mom said.

They drove past the ice cream shop, so that wasn't the special place either. "Are we going shopping?"

"Nope," Mom said.

"Come on, give me a hint." Brooke could barely stand the suspense.

"I already told you where we're going," Mom said.

"No you didn't. You just said it was someplace special."

"Yes, it is." Mom nodded and smiled at Brooke.

Brooke wrinkled her forehead. Why wouldn't Mom tell her where they were going? It must be a really big surprise. Brooke daydreamed about all the amazing places Mom could be taking her. An amusement park. A zoo. She barely noticed when the car stopped.

"We're here," Mom said.

"Where?" Brooke looked out the window.

"Someplace special," Mom said.

Brooke was about to complain when she stepped out of the car and saw the big sign. "Someplace Special Bakery."

"They have the best three-layer chocolate fudge cake in the world," Mom said. "I thought it would be a nice treat."

Brooke was a little disappointed, but she didn't want to make Mom feel bad. They sat down at a small corner table, and they each ordered a piece of chocolate fudge cake. When it arrived, Brooke's mouth instantly began to water. It was huge. She took a bite, and it was the most delicious cake she'd ever had.

"So tell me the truth," Mom said. "Are you disappointed?"

"Honestly? Not at all. This really is someplace special, and this cake is *something* special," Brooke said, taking another big bite.



Note From the Author

This is based on a true story. When I was younger my parents told me we were going to someplace special. I was so excited and couldn't guess where we were going. It turned out to be a butcher shop--not exciting at all. The shop had the name *Someplace Special*.

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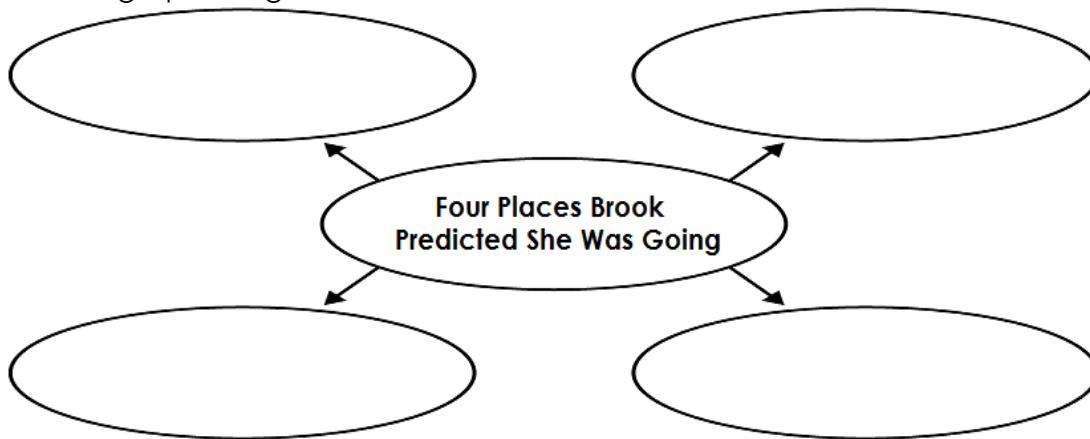
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 - b. in the car
 - c. in the morning
 - d. during the afternoon
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 - b. a mother who surprises her daughter with a trip to the movies
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3. Complete the graphic organizer.



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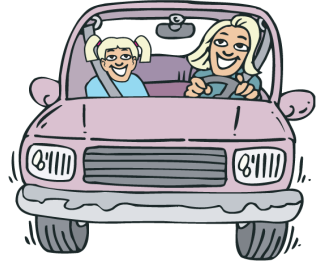
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 - b. shoes for walking and running
 - c. shoes for walking quietly
 - d. old shoes
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 - c. a great idea
 - d. a clue
3. Brooke wrinkled her forehead.
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 - b. part of your head above your eyes
 - c. back of your head
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In the story, "Someplace Special," Brooke's mother takes her for a ride in the car, but doesn't tell her where they're going. They arrive at a bakery named "Someplace Special" where Brooke and her mom have a piece of chocolate cake.



Describe a special place that you have visited with a parent. Tell where and when you visited the special place and what you did there.

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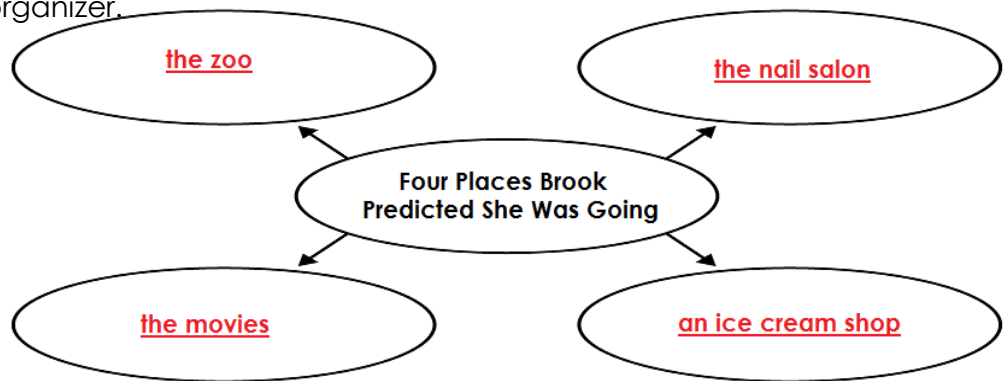
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also accept: amusement park

4. Has Brooke been to the bakery before? How can you tell?

She's probably never been there before because she would have recognized the name of the bakery when her mom said "Someplace Special." Also, her mother tells her about the chocolate fudge cake, which Brooke had never had.

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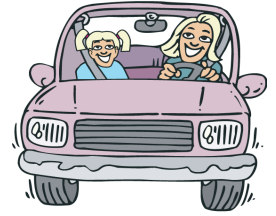
6. How did Brooke's feelings about the bakery change?

When she first arrived, she was disappointed. After she tried the cake, she really did think the bakery was someplace special. Also, spending time with her mother may have made it a special outing.

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