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WALT DISNEY

Where is "the happiest place on earth"? Some say it is Disneyland! Do you know the person who created this amazing theme park? He was a man named Walt Disney. Walt Disney was a pioneer in motion pictures. He also created Mickey Mouse and the Disney World theme parks. Walt Disney received hundreds of awards from all over the world.

Walt Disney was born in Chicago, Illinois. He was raised on a farm in Missouri with four other siblings. Walt's parents, Flora and Elias Disney, encouraged his creativity and sketches and drawings. Walt sold his first sketches at the age of seven.

After serving some time in the Red Cross, Walt got a job as an advertising cartoonist. This was where he marketed and created his first animated cartoon. In 1935, Walt married Lillian Bounds. They had two daughters. Another important member of the family was brought to life in 1928. That was Mickey Mouse.

Walt perfected the combination of animation and sound. *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* was created in 1937. Since then, the Disney name has gone on to produce hundreds of animated movies.



STORY QUESTIONS

- 1. What are the author's feelings about Walt Disney?
 - a. indifferent c. unsure
 - b. disapproves d. admires
- 2. Which sentence shows how the author feels about Walt Disney?
 - a. Walt married Lilian Bounds.
 - b. Disney was born in Chicago.
 - c. Walt Disney perfected the combination of animation and sound.
 - d. Walt got a job as an advertising cartoonist.
- 3. Which sentence is <u>not</u> an example of the encouragement Disney received through the years?
 - a. He got a job at an advertising agency.
 - b. He invented Mickey Mouse.
 - c. His parents encouraged his creativity.
 - d. He received awards from all over the world.
- 4. What is the meaning of word *pioneer* in this passage?
 - a. trailblazer of new ideas c. traveled across the plains
 - b. worker d. nomads



BAKE-SALE BLUES

Jesse, Milo, and Heidy had been planning all week to have a bake sale on Saturday. They had been so excited for the big day to arrive. Saturday arrived before they knew it. The table was ready. Jesse showed up bright and early with her homemade chocolate chip cookies. They were large cookies. Milo came next and he put his plate of cookies on the table. Heidy came riding up the street on her bike. She had her cookies in the basket of her bike.

They put up their sign and sat back to rake in the profits. Their first customer was four-year-old Sam from next door. He had a dollar to spend. Jesse, Milo, and Heidy unwrapped all the plates so Sam could take a look. To their astonishment, everyone had brought chocolate chip cookies! How were they going to be able to sell a lot of goodies if they were all the same things?

Milo was the first to speak. "What? I can't believe this!"

Jesse said, "I told you guys I was going to make chocolate chip cookies. I didn't know you were all going to copy me."

"Copy you?" replied Heidy. "You just said you were making chocolate cookies."

Milo added, "This is a disaster!"

"Relax," interrupted Sam. "This isn't such a big deal! Just change your sign. Change it to say nuts, oatmeal, or plain."

The three kids looked at each other and grinned. Heidy went inside to a get a marker to change the sign.

STORY QUESTIONS

- *1.* Which sentence shows how the children feel about the change of plans?
 - a. "This isn't such a big deal!"
 - b. "I didn't know you were all going to copy me."
 - c. "What? I can't believe this!"
 - d. The three kids looked at each other and grinned.
- 2. The second paragraph shares with the reader . . .
 - a. how to solve the problem.
 - b. what the problem was.
 - c. the disagreements between the children.
 - d. the relationship between the children.
- 3. Why is Sam's idea a good one?
 - a. It makes the best of the situation.
 - b. They will be able to save all the cookies.
 - c. Sam always has good ideas.

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