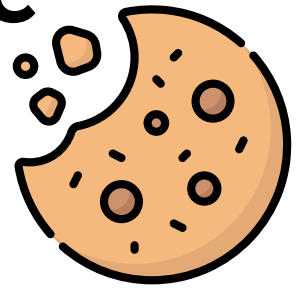




# The Mystery of the Missing Cookies



*Read the passage below and answer the questions on the next page.*

In the Baker family's kitchen, there was a wonderful aroma. Mrs. Baker had just taken a batch of chocolate chip cookies out of the oven.

She placed them on the kitchen counter to cool and warned her three children, Ben, Emily, and Sam, "No cookies until after dinner!"

Mrs. Baker then went to the garden to pick some fresh vegetables for dinner. When she came back, she was surprised to find the plate of cookies empty.

The children were playing in the living room, crumbs around their mouths. "Who ate the cookies?" she asked. The children shrugged their shoulders.

Ben said he was too busy reading a book. Emily claimed she was playing with her dolls, and Sam insisted he was drawing a picture.

The mystery was on. Who do you think ate the cookies?

1) What is the main problem in the story?

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2. What were Ben, Emily, and Sam's responses when their mother asked who ate the cookies?

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3) Based on the information in the story, who do you think ate the cookies and why?

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4) What clues in the story lead you to believe this?

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5) How would you have solved the mystery of the missing cookies if you were in the story?

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