Section C Cookies for Santa

About the Poet

Kenn Nesbitt is 54 years old and lives in Washington with his wife, son, daughter and a cat. He has written several poems for children. He also keeps visiting schools because he loves to encourage children to read books and write poetry. His famous stories and poems include My Hippo Has the Hiccups, Revenge of the Lunch Ladies, My Foot Fell Asleep, The Tale of the Sun and the Moon, and so on. He frequently visits schools to give poetry performances and workshops to students.

Summary

The poem is about a child who bakes cookies for Santa. The child is the narrator of the event. The child bakes the cookies with the intention of leaving them out for Santa so that he has something to eat when he comes down the chimney to leave presents for the child. However, the child eats one cookie to taste and then eats another and another until all the cookies have been eaten up. The child justifies her action by saying that Santa needs to go on a diet in any case, and should not eat cookies. She leaves the plate for Santa instead, and hopes he likes it.

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Understanding the Text

A. Correct statement: 3rd

B. Answer these questions:

1. The speaker arranged the cookies on a plate at first.

2. The speaker thought the second cookie would not be missed.

3. The fifth cookie was accidentally dropped on the ground along with the sixth cookie. The speaker consoled herself by saying that Santa would not want a cookie that had been dropped on the ground, and ate it up.

4. When Santa comes to the speaker’s house, he would find an empty plate.

5. The speaker excuses herself by saying that Santa needs to watch his weight, so it is alright that there are no cookies left form him.

C. Answer these questions with reference to context:

1. a. The speaker is the child who had baked the cookies.

b. The speaker wants to eat the cookies.

c. It wouldn’t matter because there were plenty of cookies on the plate.

2. a. The speaker here is the child.

b. The cookies were scarfed down.

c. The excuse was that two of the cookies had fallen on the ground, so Santa would surely not want  them.

3. a. Two cookies disappeared because the speaker had eaten them up too. b. The speaker doesn’t want to admit that she had more of the cookies. c. The speaker herself ate all the cookies.

4. a. The damage was that no cookies were left were Santa.

b. The speaker had done the damage.

c. Yes, she could have prevented the damage if she had not eaten up all the cookies

Playing with Words

A. 1. The sunbeam played hide and seek with the leaves. (played)

2. The wind howled around the house. (howled)

3. Time flew by on the wings of a bird. (flew)

4. The waves lashed at the rocks. (lashed)

5. This is my new car. She purrs when I switch on the engine. (purrs)

6. The alarm rang out loudly and asked me to wake up. (asked)

B. 1. b 2. f 3. e 4. A