

# The Chef Next Door

Andrew had been looking forward to Jamie's birthday party for weeks. He had bought a great present that he knew Jamie would love. It was a new video game Jamie had been wanting to play. Jamie's dad was a chef and owned his own restaurant in town. Andrew hadn't yet been to *The Proud Spice*, but he had been over for dinner at Jamie's place enough times to know that Mr Simonds was an amazing cook. He could make anything taste good, even vegetables!

That's why for weeks Andrew had been looking forward to this party. It wasn't so much that he loved parties, as he knew the food was going to be amazing! Three long, plastic outdoor tables were joined together, stretching almost from one side of the backyard to the other. The lunch laid out on the table looked like a banquet.

At one end of the tables were freshly cut sandwiches, large fruit platters and salads. At the other end there were homemade sausage rolls, mini hamburgers, chips and dips. In the centre of the table sat an enormous cake with eleven short, white candles. Andrew had once tasted one of Mr Simonds' cakes so he knew that he must leave room for a slice. As he was staying the night, he figured he might even get a second slice for dessert!



## Task A: Comprehension

1. What birthday cake did Jamie have?

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2. What is 'The Proud Spice'?

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3. How old was Jamie turning?

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4. List 5 foods that were served at the party?

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5. Why was Andrew so excited about Jamie's party?

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6. What do you think Andrew and Jamie might do after the party?

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7. Write about a time you felt nervous doing something for the first time.

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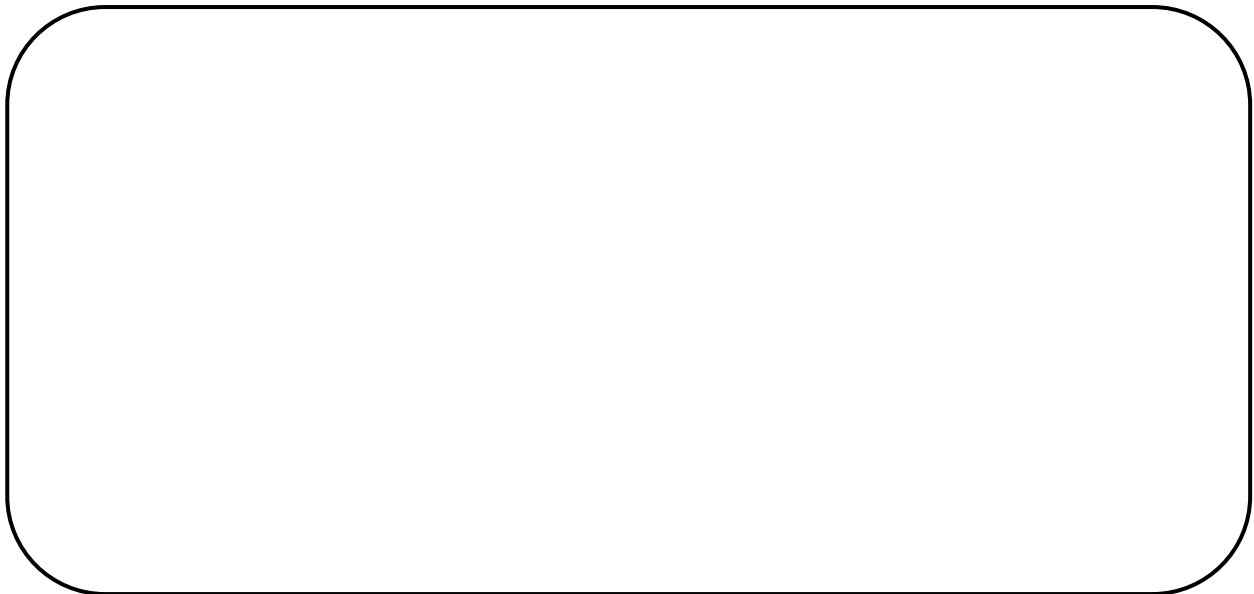
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## Task B: Language and Grammar

1. Make a list of **8 adjectives** from the text.

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2. Picture the party in your mind and then draw it. Use **descriptive language** from the text to help you.



## Task C: Challenge

Create a menu for your own birthday party. Write or draw.