

3rd Grade Sample Reading Selection #1

Tasty Treats in Ten Words or Less

motto – a short saying about an idea

advertisement – a notice that calls attention

decision - make up your mind about something

1 “Whoa! Look out!” Mr. Corcoran called as Benny charged in the bakery door. “It’s lucky I saw you coming, young man. If I hadn’t, you would have knocked me down and this tray full of cookies would have gone with me!”

2 “Sorry, Mr. Corcoran,” Benny gasped. “I was excited because I heard about your contest. I guess I hurried too much. You’ll still let me enter won’t you?”

3 “I couldn’t leave you out, Ben,” Mr. Corcoran said kindly. “You’re one of my best customers. You know every goody this bakery sells. And I believe the chocolate chip, peanut butter muffin is your favorite.” Mr. Corcoran sighed. “That big, new grocery store has its own bakery. We need a motto that helps people think about our bakery. Your nice words about us may be among the best. And we need it!”

4 “I’ll do my best, Mr. Corcoran,” said Benny. “The \$100 prize would buy the guitar I’ve been wanting. I wouldn’t mind second prize either. Imagine a free muffin a week for whole year!”

5 “Better not count your muffins or money just yet,” Mr. Corcoran laughed. “Remember, the decision won’t be up to me. The judges are leaders of the company. You know I will root for you, though. So, take this information sheet and get started!”

6 Benny took the sheet and bought one of his favorite muffins. As he sat at a table eating, he read the advertisement.

Muffins and More Bakery

We have the most wonderful baked goods in town! We use only the best products for our cakes and muffins. Our cookies are famous all over the world. And our pies are the talk of the town. Why shop anywhere else when you can get the best in one spot?

Muffins and More...The Taste You're Looking For

Everyone has seen this advertisement for years. It's time for us to get a new one. And whose ideas would be better than our customers? All of you who buy our baked goods know them best. So, we're encouraging you to enter a contest. Find the best words for our tasty treats and win \$100! To enter, just read the following information. Then, fill out the entry form below.

Since we have stores all over Oklahoma, this is a statewide contest. A quick sentence about our treats is all we want. It doesn't have to be a complete sentence. We're looking for a great line about our sweets. Keep it short, though. Entries must be 10 words or less.

Entry boxes have been placed in all stores. The contest will run for two months. All entries must be turned in by April 16. They will be sent to our main office in Lawton. Several company leaders will judge them. This group will announce the results on May 1. They will name a winner and five runners-up. The winner will receive a check for \$100. All runners-up will receive a book of 52 muffin tickets. For a full year, weekly tickets can be exchanged for a free muffin.

A chance at these prizes can be yours! Just fill out the form below the dotted line. Then drop it in the nearest Muffins and More entry box.

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

Muffins and More Store # (noted on store bags): _____

Sentence or Saying:

1. In paragraph 5, judges means

- A people who like cookies. C people who run a company.
B people who decide. D people who forget.

2. In paragraph 3, goody means

- A something to eat. C a comfort.
B something to aim. D a practice.

3. If Benny does not win, he will be unhappy. What does the un in unhappy mean?

- A always C not
B never D before

4. What is a synonym for spot as it is used in the first part of the ad for the contest?

- A stain C clear
B mark D place

5. Where would you look to find a word that means the same as prize?

- A a dictionary C a thesaurus
B an encyclopedia D an almanac

Root/root/*verb* 1. to dig with a snout or nose 2. to look for something 3. to cheer 4. to lend support to

6. Which meaning best fits the way root is used in paragraph 5?

- A 1 C 3
B 2 D 4

7. How did Mr. Corcoran feel when Benny came in the bakery?

- A happy
- B afraid
- C surprised
- D angry

8. In paragraph 4, how does Benny feel about entering the contest?

- A excited
- B nervous
- C frightened
- D strange

9. What does paragraph 4 tell the reader?

- A the reason for the contest
- B what Benny will do if he wins
- C Benny's favorite kind of muffin
- D how the contest will be judged

10. What is the ad for the Muffins and More Bakery mainly about?

- A how to fill out the entry form
- B where to drop off the entries
- C descriptions of bakery food
- D how to enter the contest

11. Which is an opinion from the ad?

- A "Our breads are made with the best ingredients."
- B "Since we have stores all over Oklahoma, this is a statewide contest."
- C "It doesn't even have to be a complete sentence!"
- D "This group of leaders will announce the results on May 1."

12. Which is a fact from the ad?

- A "Everyone has seen this ad for years."
- B "We have the most wonderful baked goods in town."
- C "The contest will run until April 16."
- D "Our cookies are famous all over the world."

13. What is Benny most likely to do after eating his muffin?

- A** buy another kind of muffin
- B** take a muffin to his mother
- C** complete the entry form
- D** plan how to spend the \$100

14. The story about Benny and the ad for Muffins and More Bakery are both about

- A** a contest.
- B** how to make cookies.
- C** a meal.
- D** how to write an ad.

15. In paragraph 1, the expression look out means the same as

- A** be careful.
- B** don't worry.
- C** sit down.
- D** be quiet.

16. Why does the ad for the Muffins and More Bakery have bold print words?

- A** it lists the kinds of muffins
- B** it tells about the contest
- C** it tells about the prizes
- D** to get people's attention

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	State Obj.:	DOK:	ANSWER:
1.	2.1	2	B
2.	2.1	2	A
3.	2.2	2	C
4.	2.3	2	D
5.	2.4	2	C
6.	2.4	2	C
7.	4.2.a	2	C
8.	4.2.a	2	A
9.	4.3.a	2	B
10.	4.3.b	3	D
11.	4.4.b	3	A
12.	4.4.a	3	C
13.	4.4.c	2	C
14.	5.2.a	3	A
15.	5.3	2	A
16.	6.1.e	2	D