

The Biscuit Tin

Name _____

Date _____

Read the text carefully and answer every question clearly.

Ruby saved her best biscuit for Dad. She put it in a tin and drew a star on the lid so nobody would mistake it for the others.

When Dad came home, he carried his bag into the kitchen without looking up. Ruby pushed the tin towards him. He reached for a plate.

'It's only one,' she said.

Dad paused, then fetched two small plates. He broke the biscuit carefully, giving Ruby the bigger piece.

She moved a crumb from her plate to his.

While they ate, Dad put his bag under the table. Ruby turned the lid so the star faced him.

Comprehension questions

1. What did Ruby draw on the lid of the tin?

2. Who received the bigger piece of biscuit?

Reflection questions

1. What does Ruby's choice to save her best biscuit suggest about how she feels towards Dad? Use her choice as a clue.

2. How are Ruby's actions with the tin different from Dad's actions with his bag at first? What might this suggest about what each is thinking about?

3. How might Ruby be feeling when she says, 'It's only one'? Use the biscuit and Dad's first action to explain your idea.

4. What do the two plates suggest about Dad's plan for the biscuit? Connect them with what he does next.

5. Why might Ruby move a crumb onto Dad's plate? Use the sizes of their pieces to explain your idea.

6. What change in Dad's attention is suggested by putting his bag under the table? Compare the beginning and the end of his visit to the kitchen.

7. Why might Ruby turn the star towards Dad at the end? Explain how the mark could matter beyond helping people recognise the tin.

Opinion questions

1. Would you choose to share Ruby's biscuit or keep it as a gift just for Dad? Explain your choice.

2. Do you think Dad should have asked Ruby before breaking the biscuit? Give a reason connected to her gift.

3. Would you decorate the tin with Ruby's star or add a short message for Dad? Explain what you would want it to show.
