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Planning a party

Read the conversation about two neighbors talking.

Martha: ...What a horrible weather today. I'd love to go out, but I think it _____ (1) continue raining.

Jane: Oh, I don't know. Maybe the sun _____ (2) come out later this afternoon.

Martha: I hope you're right. Listen, I _____ (3) have a party this Saturday. Would you like to come?

Jane: Oh, I'd love to come. Thank you for inviting me. Who _____ (4) come to the party?

Martha: Well, some people haven't told me yet. But, Peter and Mark _____ (5) help out with the cooking!

Jane: Hey, I _____ (6) help, too!



Martha: Would you? That would be great!

Jane: I _____ (7) make lasagna!

Martha: That sounds delicious! I know my Italian cousins _____ (8A) be there. I'm sure they _____ (8B) love it.

Jane: Italians? Maybe I _____ (9) bake a cake...

Martha: No, no. They're not like that. They

_____ (10) love it.

Jane: Well, if you say so... _____ there _____ (11) be a theme for the party?

Martha: No, I don't think so. Just a chance to get together and have fun.

Jane: I'm sure it _____ (12) be lots of fun.

Martha: But I _____ (13) hire a clown!

Jane: A clown! You're kidding me.

Martha: No, no. As I child, I always wanted a clown. Now, I _____ (14) have my clown at my own party.

Jane: I'm sure everyone _____ (15) have a good laugh.

Martha: That's the plan!



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Questions: Planning a party

Q1: What do they think about the weather?

- It's beautiful.
- It's terrible.
- It's snowing.

Q2: What does Martha have to share?

- News that she's going to get married.
- News that she's going to have a party.
- News that she's going to have a baby.

Q3: What are Peter and Mark going to do?

- They're going to cook lasagna.
- They're going to help with the cooking.
- They're going to come dressed as clowns.

Q4: What does Jane offer to do?

- She says she'll help cook.
- She says she'll come dressed as a clown.
- She says she'll speak Italian with her cousins.

Q5: How does Jane react to the news about the Italian cousins?

- She's happy they'll taste her lasagna.
- She's afraid they won't understand English.
- She says she'll bake a cake instead of lasagna.

Q6: What special plan is there?

- Martha's going to have a clown.
- Martha's going to make an announcement.
- Martha's going to have a themed party.

Q7: Why does Martha want a clown?

- She wanted a clown as a child, so now she's going to have one.
- She hates clowns.
- Because the clown goes well with the theme of the party.

Q8: Does Martha know exactly how many people are going to come?

- Yes, she does.
- No, she doesn't.

Q9: How does Jane think people will react to the clown?

- She thinks they'll hate it.
- She thinks they'll love it.
- She thinks they'll have a good laugh.