



Read the play and choose the right option.

Mother's Day Surprise

It's noon on Saturday. Jay Thomas and his sister are in the mall. Their dad will be back in two hours to pick them up. The brother and sister are going to buy a special Mother's Day gift for their mom. Jay and Nadia begin their shopping adventure at Smith's, the largest department store in the mall.

Nadia (to Jay): Let's start in the jewellery department.

As Jay and Nadia look at a pair of gold earrings, they hear some soft voices coming from the jewellery case.

Earrings: Hey, kids! Buy us!

Jay (puzzled): W-Who ... What said that?

Earrings: We did!

Jay: Talking earrings? No way!

Earrings: Way! You know your mom will like us.

Nadia (looking at the price tag): Forget it, Jay! They are too expensive. Let's go.

Jay and Nadia go on to the perfume section.

Perfume bottle: Yoo-hoo! Over here! Buy me, darlings!

Jay: Huh? Talking perfume?

Perfume bottle: Of course, my dear! And I am so nice!

Nadia (to Jay): Everyone buys perfume for Mother's Day. I want something different.

When they are at the scarves section, Jay and Nadia hear another voice.

Scarf: Dears, you simply must buy me!

Jay: More talking things here?

Scarf: My beautiful colours can dress up any outfit!

Nadia: Mom doesn't wear scarves. Let's try another store.

As Jay and Nadia go on walking, the display in the window of the card shop catches Jay's eye.

Jay: Hey, Nadia, check this out. This card is almost as big as I am!

Card (loudly): Show your mom how much you care — in a BIG way! Buy me!

Surprised, Jay and Nadia jump back and hurry away.

Nadia: This is crazy! Why are all these things talking to us? I need a break. Let's go to the food court and get some pizza and soft drinks.

Jay (to Nadia): We spent here more than an hour and we couldn't find a gift for Mom!

Suddenly, a voice whispers from Nadia soft drink cup...

Soft drink cup: Who says you must buy a Mother's Day gift for your mom? Listen up! Your Mom works hard all day at the hospital. Then she comes home and works hard to take care of your family. What she needs most is rest! Why don't you give your mom a day off?

Nadia: What a great idea! We'll ask Dad to help us. Jay and Nadia quickly finish their food and go to meet their dad. Mr. Thomas is surprised when he doesn't see any packages.

Mr. Thomas: Hi, kids. What happened? Didn't you find a gift for Mom?

Jay: Dad, we have a present, but it isn't something we can put in a box.

**Jay and Nadia explain their idea to their dad. Mr Thomas smiles.
He likes the idea.**

Mr. Thomas: That's great! How did you think of that gift?

Nadia: Uh ... It just came to us while we were having a pizza.

Mr. Thomas: Well, I know Mom will like it. We'll go to the supermarket on the way home and buy some of her favourite foods.

It's morning on Mother's Day. Mr. Thomas, Jay and Nadia get up early to make breakfast.

Mr Thomas carries a tray of food upstairs.

Jay and Nadia knock on the bedroom door.

Mrs. Thomas (stretching and yawning): Come in!

Jay, Nadia and Mr Thomas (together): Happy Mother's Day!

Mrs. Thomas (sitting up): Breakfast in bed! How lovely! Everything looks delicious.

Jay gives his mom a piece of paper with a red ribbon around it.

Mrs. Thomas: What's this, Jay?

Jay: Read it, Mom.

Mrs. Thomas (smiling): "Hear ye, hear ye, members of the Thomas family! Today is Mother's Day! We will honour our mother by giving her a day of rest and relaxation. Her wish is our command!"
Wow! What a wonderful gift! This is so nice of you!

Mrs. Thomas spent the whole day doing what she liked reading, relaxing and watching her favourite movies. Jay and Nadia helped their dad around the house and made a tasty dinner. After the meal Mrs. Thomas hugged everyone.

Mrs. Thomas: This has been the best day ever. Thank you all, so much! It's Monday morning. The alarm clock rings. Mrs. Thomas gets up and knocks on the doors to Jay and Nadia's rooms.

Mrs. Thomas: Jay, Nadia, wake up! It's time for school! *(Sighing, to herself.)* If only every day could be Mother's Day ...

1. Jay and Nadia are ____.

1. sisters
2. a sister and brother
3. friends

2. They are in the mall to buy ____.

1. a Mother's Day card
2. food for the special family dinner
3. a present for their mother

3. Some things in the mall spoke to the children and ____.

1. asked to buy them
2. frightened them
3. the children liked them

4. Jay and Nadia didn't buy earrings because ____.

1. they didn't like the colour
2. they cost too much
3. Mom didn't like jewellery

5. Jay and Nadia didn't buy perfume because ____.

1. nobody buys perfume for Mother's Day
2. they wanted something different
3. it was talking perfume

6. Jay and Nadia had ____ for a snack.

1. pizza and soft drinks
2. tea and a cake
3. a cup of coffee

7. They decided to give Mom ____ as a Mother's Day present.

1. a scarf
2. a card
3. a relaxing day

8. In the morning on Mother's Day the children and their father ____.

1. went shopping
2. made breakfast
3. did the washing

9. During the day Jay and Nadia ____.

1. watched their favourite movies
2. cooked
3. read books

10. Mrs. Thomas ____.

1. enjoyed the day
2. made a tasty dinner
3. got up very early on Mother's Day