

English Written Exam (February 2022)

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Part 1: Comprehension

Read and answer the questions

Chili Chips for Chakor



"Why isn't it time to leave yet?" Ria texted her cousin Nihal. "I can't wait any longer!"

Every summer, Ria loved visiting Nihal. And this summer would be the best yet. Nihal was going to adopt a kitten!

Ria hopped from foot to foot. Each time she hopped, she named a fun thing she and Nihal would do with the kitten.

"One, brush the kitten's fur. Two, teach the kitten to—"

Ding! Nihal texted her back.

Ria read the message. It said, "I have a surprise for you. My friend Chakor is staying here now. He's really smart and funny. You should hear the things he says! Oh, also, Chakor doesn't like cats, so I'm not getting a kitten."
Ria stared at the phone. All her fun plans were spoiled.



The next day, Mom drove Ria to Nihal's house. Yesterday, Ria couldn't wait to go to Nihal's. But after they got there, she took her time going inside. She was in no hurry to meet Nihal's new friend.

"Ria!" Nihal cried when he saw her. "I'm making cookies. Come help!"

Ria felt a little better when she saw the mixing bowl and measuring spoons. Baking would be fun!

But then Nihal tossed a bunch of different seeds into the bowl.

"Um, I don't think cookies are supposed to have so many seeds," Ria said.

"Seeds are Chakor's favorite," Nihal said. "He's kind of a picky eater."

Ria scowled. Because of Chakor, there was no kitten. And now the cookies were ruined, too!



As if the seeds weren't bad enough, Nihal started chopping hot peppers next.

Ria frowned. "What kind of cookies are these?"

"Chili Chip," Nihal said. "Chakor loves them!"

Ria made a face. "Who likes chili peppers in cookies?" she thought.

"If I hear Chakor's name one more time, I'm going to scream."

After the cookies were baked, Nihal put them on a serving tray.

"Chakor likes to eat in his room," Nihal explained.

Ria dragged her feet as she followed Nihal down the hall. "What kind of person gets cookies served to him in his bedroom?" she wondered to herself. "Is Chakor some kind of prince?"

But when Nihal opened Chakor's door, there was no prince.

There was not even a person!



Instead of a person in Nihal's room, Ria saw a bird.

"Surprise!" Nihal said. "Chakor is my parakeet!"

Nihal handed Ria a cookie. "If you feed him a treat, he'll know you're his friend."

Ria offered the cookie to Chakor. The bird nibbled happily on the seeds and peppers.

"Now watch this," Nihal said. He stroked Chakor's head.

"Say hello to Ria."

"Hello, Ria," said Chakor.

"Wow!" Ria cheered.

"I've been training him to do that for weeks," Nihal said. He gave Chakor another cookie. "Now that you're here, we can train him together."

Ria grinned. She had wanted to do fun kitten things with Nihal,

but a bird was pretty cool, too. And who knew? This could still be the best summer yet!

Questions:

1. Look at the picture. Why is Ria probably so excited about the new kitten?

Ria wants to make money cat-sitting.
Ria really likes cats and kittens.
Ria wants to see what kittens look like.



2. Why is Nihal putting so many seeds in the cookies?

Cookies always have lots of seeds.
Nihal wants the cookies to be crunchy.
Chakor loves to eat seeds.

3. Why does Ria drag her feet? Look for clues in the story.

Ria is worried about meeting a prince.
Ria does not want to meet Chakor.
Ria is tired from chopping peppers.

4. How does Ria probably feel about Chakor now? Look for clues in the story.

Ria thinks it will be fun to train Chakor.

Ria is surprised that Chakor eats cat food.

Ria is upset that Chakor is not a kitten.