

## FAMILY TRADITIONS—WHAT OUR READERS SAY:

■ Once a month we have movie and pizza night. We take turns picking a movie to watch together. It's fun because I watch something my parents like, and they watch something I like. My mother likes old black and white movies, so I see a lot of them! We also make pizza and eat it in front of the TV. — **JARED**

■ On our birthdays we get our favorite meal. My favorite meal is spaghetti and meatballs. My mom usually cooks, but my dad and sister help. On my sister's birthday we eat pizza. On my mom's birthday we have chicken, and on my dad's birthday we have steak. Of course we always have a birthday cake, too. — **WINNIE**

■ My family is really busy. We have a large family, and it's not easy for everyone to get together at the same time. So we go out to eat together on the first Saturday of every month. We go to a nice restaurant and we talk and talk and talk. — **DANNI**

■ We have an interesting tradition in our home, or maybe it's a rule. At dinnertime there are no TVs, computers, phones, tablets—nothing electronic! We don't even answer the door if someone rings the doorbell! Isn't that strange? I understand why my parents do it, but I don't like it. — **GREG**

■ Every Friday night we have games night. After dinner, we go to the living room and play a board game, such as Scrabble® or Monopoly. We have about seven different ones we play, but we only play one game a night. I plan to keep this tradition after I start my own family. — **SUZIE**

■ Every year, on Mother's Day, I make breakfast for my mother. I get up early and make something special, such as a mushroom omelet with fruit salad. Then I put it on a tray with a newspaper and a flower, and bring it to my mother for breakfast in bed. She always acts surprised, but I do it every year. — **ROB**



### 2 Scan the text *Family traditions*. Match each person with the correct tradition.

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| 1 Jared  | ___ | a | cooks breakfast for his/her mother    |
| 2 Winnie | ___ | b | goes out to eat with the whole family |
| 3 Danni  | ___ | c | watches movies and eats pizza         |
| 4 Greg   | ___ | d | plays board games                     |
| 5 Suzie  | ___ | e | enjoys a favorite meal at home        |
| 6 Rob    | ___ | f | doesn't use electronics               |

## Close reading

Read *Family traditions*. Answer these questions.

- Who picks the movies in Jared's family?
- What is Winnie's father's favorite meal?
- When does Danni's family go out to eat?
- How does Greg describe his family tradition?
- How many games does Suzie's family play each Friday?
- What does Rob put on the tray?