The Gingerbread Man

Once upon a time, there were a little old woman and a little old man who lived in a little cottage near the river. The little old woman and the little old man were hungry, so the little old woman decided to bake a gingerbread man.

She made a big batch of gingerbread dough, then rolled it flat and cut it in the shape of a gingerbread man. She gave him raisins for eyes, a cinnamon drop for a mouth, and chocolate chips for buttons. Then she put the gingerbread man in the oven to bake.

When the gingerbread man was done, the little old woman opened the oven door, but before she could take him out, the gingerbread man jumped up and ran through the kitchen and out of the cottage shouting, "Don't eat me!" The little old woman ran after the gingerbread man. "Stop," she yelled. But the gingerbread man ran even faster, chanting, "Run, run as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man.

The gingerbread man passed a cow by the barn. "Stop," the cow mooed, "I want to eat you." But the gingerbread man ran even faster, chanting, "I've run from a little old woman I can run away from you, I can. Run, run as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man.

The gingerbread man ran through the yard and passed a pig. "Stop," the pig snorted, "I want to eat you." But the gingerbread man ran even faster, chanting, "I've run from a little old woman and the cow, and I can run away from you, I can. Run, run as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man.

The gingerbread man passed a hen in the field. "Stop," the hen neighed, "I want to eat you." But the gingerbread man ran even faster, chanting, "I've run from a little old woman and a pig and a cow, and I can run away from you, I can. Run, run as fast as you can. You can't catch me.

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Then the gingerbread man reached a wide river, but he didn't know how to swim. A sly and hungry fox saw the gingerbread man and said, "Jump on my tail, and I'll take you across the river!"

The gingerbread man thought to himself, "I'll be safe on his tail." So he jumped on the fox's tail and they started across the river. Halfway across the river, the fox barked, "You're too heavy for my tail, jump on my back." So the gingerbread man jumped on the fox's back.

Soon, the fox said, You're too heavy for my back, jump onto my nose." So the gingerbread man jumped on the fox's nose. But as soon as they reached the riverbank, the fox flipped the gingerbread man into the air, snapped his mouth shut, and ate the gingerbread man.

And that was the end of the gingerbread man.

Choose TRUE or FALSE

1. The gingerbread man can't run fast.	**TRUE**	**FALSE**
2. There was a horse that wanted to eat the gingerbread man.	**TRUE**	**FALSE**
3. The gingerbread man met a pig.	**TRUE**	**FALSE**
4. The cow didn't want to eat him.	**TRUE**	**FALSE**
5. The fox helped him.	**TRUE**	**FALSE**

Draw a line to complete the sentences.

1. The gingerbread man can	baked a gingerbread man.
2. The old lady	run fast so he escaped.
3. The gingerbread man passed a cow	"I want to eat you."
4. "Stop," the pig snorted,	by the barn.
5. The hen saw the gingerbread man	and chased him too.
6. The fox said, You're too heavy for my back,	jump onto my nose.

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