

Read the story “Pete’s Cousin” before answering Numbers 1 through 10.

Pete’s Cousin

Pete’s aunt and cousin were coming to visit. They were from Mexico. “Dad,” said Pete. “Do they have to come? I do not want visitors.”

“But Luis is your cousin, and he is your age. You will like him!” said Dad.

“Luis lives far away. We will be different. It will not be fun,” said Pete.

“Stop worrying,” said Dad. “You may have lots of fun!”

Pete felt sad. He thought he would be bored.

At last, Pete’s aunt Ana and cousin Luis arrived. Luis smiled at Pete. “He looks nice,” thought Pete.

“Hi,” said Pete. Luis said something back. Pete did not understand.

Aunt Ana said, “Luis said hello.” Pete smiled at Luis, but he thought, “Oh no! We cannot talk to each other!”

Pete looked at Luis. His clothes were different. His shoes were different. His haircut was different. “We are so different. How will we have fun?” Pete was worried.

“You two look alike,” said Dad.

“Really?” asked Pete.

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Now answer Numbers 1 through 10. Base your answers on “Pete’s Cousin.”

- 1 Why does Pete feel sad at the BEGINNING of the story?
- Ⓐ He wants to go to Mexico.
 - Ⓑ He thinks he will not have fun with Luis.
 - Ⓒ He thinks having a cousin from Mexico is great.
 - Ⓓ He and Luis do not have the same kind of clothes.
- 2 What happens after Luis picks up Pete’s soccer ball?
- Ⓕ Pete’s cousin arrives.
 - Ⓖ Pete cannot understand Luis.
 - Ⓗ Dad says, “You two look alike!”
 - Ⓘ Pete and Luis play soccer together.
- 3 What is the root word of *bored*?
- Ⓐ board
 - Ⓑ bore
 - Ⓒ ore
 - Ⓓ red

“Yes,” said Aunt Ana.

“See? You both have dark brown hair. You both have brown eyes. You both have big smiles,” said Aunt Ana. Then she said something to Luis and Luis nodded. Pete did not understand.

Pete and Luis looked at each other. They both smiled.

“Maybe,” said Pete.

Luis looked around. Then he picked up Pete’s soccer ball. He bounced it off his knee and then he hit it off his head. “Wow!” said Pete. “You are good!”

Pete took the ball. He hit it to Luis with his head. They both laughed. Luis pointed to the window and this time Pete understood. “Yes!” he said. “Let’s go outside. Let’s play soccer!”

They played soccer until dinner. They both came in with red cheeks and big smiles.

“Did you have fun?” asked Dad.

“Yes!” said Pete. “Having a cousin from Mexico is great!”



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- 4 The word *arrive* means “reach a place.” What does *arrived* mean?
- Ⓕ reach places
 - Ⓖ reached a place
 - Ⓗ reaching a place
 - Ⓘ reach a place before
- 5 How does Pete change in this story?
- Ⓐ He changes what he likes to do.
 - Ⓑ He is sad. Then he is happy.
 - Ⓒ He is happy. Then he is sad.
 - Ⓓ He learns to play soccer.
- 6 Which word has the SAME root word as *smiled*?
- Ⓕ led
 - Ⓖ miles
 - Ⓗ smelled
 - Ⓘ smiling
- 7 Pete thinks that he and Luis will be different because
- Ⓐ they are cousins.
 - Ⓑ Luis is not his age.
 - Ⓒ Luis is coming to visit.
 - Ⓓ Luis lives far away in Mexico.

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- 8 Why does Dad think Pete and Luis may have fun together?
- Ⓕ Pete likes having visitors.
 - Ⓖ Pete and Luis have never met.
 - Ⓗ Pete and Luis are the same age.
 - Ⓘ Pete and Luis both have brown eyes.
- 9 What is the root word of *worrying*?
- Ⓐ or
 - Ⓑ ring
 - Ⓒ worry
 - Ⓓ ying
- 10 Which word has the SAME root word as *nodded*?
- Ⓕ deed
 - Ⓖ node
 - Ⓗ nodding
 - Ⓘ oddly

Pam looked in her lunch box.

“What do you have?” asked Angel.

“I have a sandwich,” Pam said.

“I have rice,” Angel said.

“We do, too,” said Kim and Paul.

They all had rice. Kim’s rice was brown. Angel had rice and beans. Paul’s rice was yellow. Pam wanted rice, too.

Pam went home. She talked to her mother.

“Can we make rice?” Pam asked.

“We can make fried rice,” Mom said. “It has eggs and other things.”

Mom got a pot. She put water in it. She let Pam put in the rice.

“Can I taste it?” Pam asked.

“No,” said Mom. “It is not ready. It has to cook.”

While Pam waited, she set the table. Soon the rice was done.

“Is this fried rice?” asked Pam.

“Not yet,” said Mom.

Mom showed Pam peas, peppers, and nuts. They put them in a bowl. Mom gave Pam a spoon. Pam stirred the mixture.

“Now we will make fried rice,” Mom said. Mom heated a pan. She put in the rice. Mom put in eggs. She added what Pam had mixed.

The fried rice was done. Pam got a plate. She took some fried rice. She ate a spoonful. Pam smiled.

“I like fried rice!” Pam said. “It is tasty.”

Pam was very excited the next day. She could not wait for lunch. She opened her lunch box.

“What do you have?” asked Angel.

“I have fried rice,” said Pam.

“Now we all have rice!” said Kim.



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Now answer Numbers 11 through 20. Base your answers on “Rice for Everyone.”

- 11** Why does Pam ask her mom to make rice?
- Ⓐ Pam likes rice.
 - Ⓑ Pam does not like rice.
 - Ⓒ Pam’s friends at school had rice.
 - Ⓓ Pam had a sandwich for her lunch.
- 12** What is the root word of *mixed*?
- Ⓕ max
 - Ⓖ miss
 - Ⓗ mix
 - Ⓘ mixed
- 13** Why does Pam smile after she eats some rice?
- Ⓐ She likes the fried rice.
 - Ⓑ Mom tells a funny story.
 - Ⓒ Her friends come to play.
 - Ⓓ Mom lets her help make it.
- 14** While the rice cooks, Pam
- Ⓕ gets sleepy.
 - Ⓖ sets the table.
 - Ⓗ eats a spoonful.
 - Ⓘ stirs the mixture.

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- 15** What is the root word of *heated*?
- Ⓐ at
 - Ⓑ eat
 - Ⓒ heat
 - Ⓓ reheated
- 16** If *stir* means “move around with a spoon,” then *stirred* means
- Ⓔ not move with a spoon.
 - Ⓕ move around with a spoon.
 - Ⓖ moved around with a spoon.
 - Ⓘ moving around with a spoon.
- 17** How does Pam change in the story?
- Ⓐ At first she is scared. Then she is brave.
 - Ⓑ At first she is lonely. Then she is friendly.
 - Ⓒ At first she is unhappy. Then she is excited.
 - Ⓓ At first she is excited. Then she is unhappy.

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- 18** What is the root word of the word *showed*?
- Ⓕ how
 - Ⓖ ow
 - Ⓗ show
 - Ⓘ shows
- 19** Which is the root word of the word *excited*?
- Ⓐ cite
 - Ⓑ excite
 - Ⓒ exciting
 - Ⓓ it
- 20** How is Pam the SAME as the other children at the end of the story?
- Ⓕ She has rice.
 - Ⓖ She makes rice.
 - Ⓗ She has a sandwich.
 - Ⓘ She has a lunch box.