

A Change of Plan
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Pre-Reading

Have you ever made plans but then had to change them? What were they? How did your changed plans turn out?

Reading Comprehension

- 1) Why didn't Anton and Nina want to go to their grandmother's house for Christmas? (Cause & Effect)
 - a) They were afraid that Santa would not be able to find them.
 - b) They didn't like the beach.
 - c) They had never seen snow.
 - d) They didn't like their grandmother.

- 2) What did Oscar's collection of notes have in common? (Compare and Contrast)
 - a) They all had instructions to water plants.
 - b) They all were from children who would not be at home for Christmas.
 - c) They were all lists for Santa.
 - d) They were all notes to play the piano.

- 3) What is Konkani? (Context Clues)
 - a) an oven to make a Babcina cake
 - b) a language spoken by people from Goa
 - c) a special type of fireworks
 - d) a high pitched instrument

- 4) What was different about fireworks in Goa and fireworks in New York? (Compare and Contrast)
 - a) The fireworks in New York were bigger than the fireworks in Goa.
 - b) The fireworks in New York were more colorful than the fireworks in Goa.
 - c) The fireworks in New York were lit by people on cruise ships, but the children lit their own fireworks in Goa.
 - d) The fireworks in New York were from Santa Claus, but the fireworks in Goa were not.

- 5) Do you think that Anton and Nina enjoyed their Christmas with their grandmother? Why or why not? (Inference)

Vocabulary

- 1) The wind made the leaf _____ across the patio.
 - a) swirl
 - b) troop
 - c) frothy
 - d) dollop

- 2) Anton loved his _____ cup of hot chocolate.
- a) swirl
 - b) troop
 - c) frothy
 - d) dollop
- 3) The children _____ into the principal's office to discuss how unfair the new rules were.
- a) swirled
 - b) trooped
 - c) frothy
 - d) dollop
- 4) Nina wanted a _____ of ice-cream on her pie.
- a) swirl
 - b) trooped
 - c) frothy
 - d) dollop

Writing Extension

Imagine that you could celebrate any holiday any way you wish. Write a story about how you would celebrate your special holiday.