A Shared Recipe

How sharing traditions can change a neighborhood

4.C.2.4.B "Explain how culture can affect the ways in which people live and how culture can change over time through cultural diffusion."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that show how family traditions affect meals, circle where the families share food or cooking ideas, and number two changes that happen afterward.

What Happened on Harbor Street

1 On Harbor Street, the Rivera family makes corn tortillas for Sunday lunch. Their recipe came from relatives in Mexico. Across the street, the Park family serves kimchi, a seasoned, fermented vegetable dish, with many meals. Their recipe came from relatives in Korea. The families do not eat exactly the same foods every day, but these family traditions help shape what they cook, buy, and share.

2 One spring, both families brought food to a block party. Mrs. Rivera tasted kimchi and asked how the Parks made it. Mr. Park tried a tortilla filled with beans and vegetables. The next week, the families cooked together. They made a new taco with kimchi, beans, and vegetables. Neighbors tasted it and asked for the recipe. Sharing food and ideas between groups is called cultural diffusion.

3 By fall, some neighbors were making the new tacos at home. A small cafe on Harbor Street put them on its lunch menu, so more people could try them. The Rivera family still made its usual Sunday tortillas, and the Park family still served kimchi at home. The shared recipe added a new choice to the neighborhood. Culture can change as people meet, try ideas, and make them their own.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did the Rivera family's tradition shape what they ate on Sundays?

2. How did the block party lead the two families to share food ideas?

3. By fall, how had the shared recipe changed what people ate on Harbor Street? Give two examples.

4. What shows that the new taco did not replace the families' older food traditions?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine two neighbors with different traditions meeting at a community event. In three or four sentences, describe a tradition not mentioned in the passage, how the neighbors share it, and what changes later in one neighbor's routine.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.C.2.4.B

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two details that show how family traditions affect meals, circle where the families share food or cooking ideas, and number two changes that happen afterward. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did the Rivera family's tradition shape what they ate on Sundays?	**They made corn tortillas for Sunday lunch using a recipe from relatives in Mexico.**
2	How did the block party lead the two families to share food ideas?	**The families tried each other's food at the party, then cooked together and made a new taco.**
3	By fall, how had the shared recipe changed what people ate on Harbor Street? Give two examples.	**Some neighbors made the new tacos at home, and a cafe added them to its lunch menu.**
4	What shows that the new taco did not replace the families' older food traditions?	**The Riveras still made Sunday tortillas, and the Parks still served kimchi at home.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Mina's family plays Irish fiddle tunes after dinner each Friday. At a community event, Mina teaches her neighbor Leo one tune. Leo learns to play it and starts practicing with his family on Fridays. His family still sings its own songs, but now they play Mina's tune too.

Accept other passage-based details that explain how traditions shape meals or how sharing led to change. For Part 3, look for a clear tradition, an exchange between neighbors, and a later change in a routine.