

  **Comprehension**

 **Grade (9)**

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**Objective :- To develop students’ reading and comprehension skills .**

 Matt and his dad spent the next hour figuring out the whole week’s meals and side dishes. It was a lot more work than Matt expected, and almost every time he picked something out, his dad would tell him that someone in the family wouldn’t like it. It was very frustrating. “This is impossible!” Matt said, **exasperated**. “Yes, it is hard. Your mother and I try very hard to make everyone happy, but everyone has different tastes, and sometimes, we just can’t please everyone.” “Fine, we’ll have to just go with this plan this week. Next week I’ll try to make everyone happy,” replied Matt.

When his Dad finished grocery shopping, it was time for Matt to make his first meal. His parents were both in the kitchen to help him, since he didn’t know how to cook yet. They looked up the recipes for chicken, rice, and broccoli with cheese. Wow, that’s a lot to do, Matt thought, as he looked at the directions for everything. He was usually playing video games or outside while his parents made dinner.

It took almost an hour to make dinner. There were so many steps! Matt was tired and extra hungry when dinner was finished. He was also proud of himself - he made dinner! And he knew he would like it tonight! “Ew, this rice tastes funny,” Sophia said. Matt took a bite. It did taste a little funny. But he’d worked so hard! He felt like he might cry.

“It’s OK, Matt, cooking is hard. It takes a long time to figure it out. Sophia, be nice and please take three ‘no-thank-you’ bites. Matt worked really hard on this dinner,” Mom said and for the next day, Matt didn’t want to cook dinner. “It’s hard,” he explained to Mom. “It is hard, but your father and I do it anyway. How are we going to eat, otherwise?” said Mom.

 “We should just go out to eat every night, then everyone can get what they want and no one has to cook or clean,” Matt answered. “I guess we need to work budgeting into this, too,” Mom quietly sighed. “We spent about $190 on groceries this week. That was for 7 nights of dinner, so if we divide that, it comes out to about $27 each night. Does that make sense so far?” “Yes,” replied Matt. “Last time we went out to dinner,” began Mom, “We spent about $75. How does that compare to the groceries?” “That’s a lot more than $27.” “It is, and that adds up. It would be really nice to go out every night, but that would mean you couldn’t play soccer, and Sophia couldn’t do gymnastics. We’d probably have to move to a smaller house and Dad and I would have to share a car. Do you think that’s worth it?” Mom asked. “Oh, wow, I guess not. I’ll get started with dinner,” said Matt. Again, he was tired and hungry when dinner was finally ready. “I don’t like corn,” cried Sophia.

 Matt realized then how his parents must feel every time he complained about dinner. It took all of Matt’s willpower not to yell at his little sister. He had worked so hard on dinner, and it was impossible to make sure everyone liked every part of every meal!

“I’m sorry, Sophia. I’m sorry, Mom and Dad. I shouldn’t have yelled at you guys about dinner all the time. I didn’t know how hard it was to pick out food everyone likes, and how hard it was to cook all of the food. I don’t want to take over dinner anymore, I won’t complain,” Matt remarked. “Thank you, Matt,” Mom and Dad said. Dad continued, “We’ll take back dinner responsibilities. You’ll have to do it enough when you’re grown up!” Matt felt a lot better. He happily finished his dinner and never complained about a meal his parents made again.

Questions:

1-How would you describe Matt? Would you describe him in the same way at the beginning of the short story and at the end of it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2-What does “exasperated” mean in this story? How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3- Why do you think Matt’s parents decided to let Matt be in charge of dinner for a little while? Did they expect this reaction from him? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4-When was Matt ready to make his first meal ?

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5-How did Matt feel as he was making dinner ?

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6-What is the moral lesson that we can learn from the story ?

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7-.Retell the story in your own words. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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