



“Ramon Makes Stew”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories ⁽⁵⁾

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer questions about the passage below.

Ramon has a family with a wife and two children, a boy and a girl. Tonight Ramon is going to help cook dinner for his family. Ramon must go to the grocery store to get **ingredients** for the dinner.

Ramon is going to make a **vegetable** stew. He goes to the Vegetable Aisle. He gets onions, garlic, carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, green beans, and peppers. Then he goes to the **Canned** Food Aisle and gets tomato sauce. Next he goes to the **Condiment** Aisle and gets salt, pepper, and other condiments for the stew. Finally he gets some vegetable oil.

Now Ramon must pay for the food. He pushes his cart to the check out aisle and waits in the line. Now it is Ramon’s turn to check out. The cashier helps Ramon checkout. Ramon pays for the food. Then, he thanks the cashier and leaves the grocery store.

Ramon puts the food in his car and drives home. He drives home slowly. He does not want the food to spill in his car!

At home, Ramon says hello to his wife and hugs his children. The time is 6:00 pm. They turn on the television and watch the news. Ramon and his wife **prepare** the vegetables for cooking. They wash and clean the vegetables. Then, they heat up the oil in a pan. It takes about five minutes to heat up. When the oil is hot, they add the vegetables to the pan. They cook the vegetables for ten minutes. Every few minutes, they add water so that the vegetables do not stick to the pan. Once the vegetables are cooked, they put the vegetables in a pot. Next, they add the tomato sauce. Finally, they mix the ingredients together with a large spoon. They turn off the heat and let the sauce simmer.

They remove the stew from the stove and serve it for dinner.

Questions:

Vocabulary:

1) How many children does Ramon have?

- A. one
- B. two
- C. three
- D. four

2) Is Ramon married?

- A. yes
- B. no
- C. He is engaged.

3) Where in the grocery store does a person “check out” or buy his or her items?

- A. The Checkout Aisle
- B. The Vegetable Aisle
- C. The Condiment Aisle
- D. The Dairy Aisle

4) What do Ramon and his wife cook the vegetables in *first*?

- A. A pot
- B. A pan
- C. An oven
- D. A microwave

5) What do Ramon and his wife add to the stew *last*?

- A. Onions
- B. Tomatoes
- C. Peppers
- D. Tomato sauce

1) Which of the following is an **ingredient** in the stew?

- A. tomatoes
- B. potatoes
- C. onions
- D. all of the above

2) Which of the following is not a **vegetable**?

- A. potato
- B. onion
- C. green bean
- D. apple

3) If something is **canned**, it is...

- A. put in a bottle
- B. sliced
- C. put in a box
- D. put in a can

4) Which of the following is not a **condiment**?

- A. Salt
- B. Black pepper
- C. Mustard
- D. Vegetable oil

5) If something is **prepared**, it is...

- A. Made ready
- B. Thrown away
- C. Bought
- D. Sold