

## Intermediate Short Stories – “Violet makes a Cake”

**Directions:** First read the basic version of the story below. Next, read the advanced version of the same story. Then, try to answer the questions about the story.

### Basic Version

Violet loves to cook. She wants to make a cake. To make a cake, she needs to buy all of the parts that make it first. She makes a list. She needs:

- 1) Flour
- 2) Eggs
- 3) Milk
- 4) Sugar
- 5) Vanilla



Violet goes to the grocery store to buy all the parts she needs to make a cake. When she gets home she puts them into a bowl. She uses a spoon to make them come together into one. Then, she turns the bowl over and it flows into a pan. She cooks it for thirty minutes.

When the cake is done, she lets it cool off. Her family eats the cake for a sweet treat after dinner. They all say it tastes very good!

### Advanced Version

Violet loves to cook. She wants to make a cake. To make a cake, she needs to buy all of the *ingredients* first. She makes a list. She needs:

- 1) Flour
- 2) Eggs
- 3) Milk
- 4) Sugar
- 5) Vanilla

Violet goes to the grocery store to buy the *ingredients* to make a cake. When she gets home she puts them into a bowl. She uses a spoon to *mix* them together. Then, she *pours* it into a pan. She cooks it for thirty minutes.

When the cake is done, she lets it cool off. Her family eats the cake for *dessert* after dinner. They all say it is *delicious*!

## Questions:

1. What does Violet want to make?
2. What are two ingredients she needs?
3. How long does she cook the cake for?

## Vocabulary:

**To find word definitions:** First, find the word in the advanced version of the story. Then, compare this part of the advanced version of the story to the same part of the basic version of the story. This will give you a general definition of the word.

1. What does “*ingredients*” mean? (*paragraph 1, sentence 3*) (*paragraph 2, sentence 1*)
2. What does “*mixes*” mean? (*paragraph 2, sentence 2*)
3. What does “*pour*” mean? (*paragraph 2, sentence 3*)
4. What does “*dessert*” mean? (*paragraph 3, sentence 2*)
5. What does “*delicious*” mean? (*paragraph 3, sentence 3*)