

Sharing a Meal on Family Night

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What is meal time like in your home?
 - Who cooks the meal?
 - Who eats together at meal time?

Definitions:

- Dessert – a sweet food served at the end of a meal
- Grill – to cook on an outdoor heat source

Reading

14 It is Monday evening. Tonight is family night for the Cranes. They all help
14 make supper. Each person has a job. The jobs change each week. This week Mom
29 cooks corn on the cob. Dad grills the meat. They both help make dessert.

43 The children help too. Nan washes some grapes and puts them in a bowl.
57 Then she toasts the bread. Rob sets the table and pours the milk. The children like
73 to help. They learn to cook. They learn to set the table. They learn how to clean up
91 after a meal.

94 While they eat supper, the Cranes talk about their day. Mom and Dad talk
108 about their jobs. Nan and Rob talk about school and friends. They **enjoy** their time
123 together.

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Understanding

1. When is family night for the Cranes? _____

2. What do Mom and Dad make for supper? _____

3. How does Nan help? _____

4. Who pours the milk? _____

5. What do the children learn? _____

6. What does the word **enjoy** mean? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Do you have family night at your house? If yes, what do you do? If no, what could you do?
