Party at the Park

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What kind of party might be held at a park? Why?

Definitions:

- Spacious – having a lot of space
- Utensil – a kitchen tool that has a specific purpose

Reading

June 14th is a special day. Both Ny and Juan were born on that day; mother and son share a birthday. This year their family has decided to host a big birthday party at the local park shelter.

All of their friends will be invited. The park shelter is spacious. It is perfect for large groups. Plus, it is a great place for all ages. There is lots of playground equipment. The park has two slides, a bridge and fire pole, a jungle gym, and lots of sand.

There are swings for both little ones and adults. The open grassy spaces are great for playing Frisbee, croquet or catch with a baseball or football. It is also a great place to relax, visit with friends, and enjoy the outdoors.

The park shelter has a number of grills near it. The hosts plan to do some grilling at the party. They will need to bring charcoal. The park does not provide it. They will also need to bring some long handled utensils.

The shelter will need to be reserved, and the sooner the better. If it is not reserved, some other group may be using it on the big day. A call to the city office can assure the party planners the use of the space.
Understanding

1. What does the word *reserve* mean? ____________________________________________
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2. Who are the hosts of the party? ____________________________________________
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3. Why is the party being held at the park? (List at least three reasons.) _____________
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4. Can the park shelter be reserved? If yes, how? _________________________________
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5. How do the hosts plan to prepare some of the meal at the park? What will they need to
   bring in order to do it? ____________________________________________
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Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: What kinds of parties have you hosted? How did you plan for them?