

Chapter 3

Closed

next check patch soft grass lunch crumb
pants flick block knelt front champ nudge
edge cliff splash spring calm blast dust

Breaking

Picnic yellow chicken salad Frisbee fantastic
dizzy lucky napkins thunder Listen behind

Suffixes

helping added jumped chuckled crunched
galloped kidding tossed twisted limped
whistled trotted swimming biggest quickly

Phrases

baked a cake a good day above the river
caught the Frisbee played soccer Whoever scores
much calmer clap of thunder wind whipped up

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The Picnic

The next day, we went up to the ranch to check on the horses. We met Kingfish and Mike. Mom grabbed Mike's hand and said, 'Thank you for helping Tammy the other day. I baked a cake for you and Kingfish. I packed us a lunch, too.'

Mike said, 'Yum. I like cake.'

Kingfish laughed at his friend. He said, 'Mike likes all cakes. He likes white cakes, yellow cakes, cupcakes and pancakes.' Then Kingfish added, 'It is a good day for a picnic. We can ride the horses to a patch of soft grass next to the river. We can have the cake there.'

Ben jumped up and grabbed Mike's hand. 'Mike, are there any wolves by this picnic spot?'

Mike chuckled and said, 'No, Ben. But after lunch, let's check out the cliff above the river.'

Ben nodded. He felt brave next to Mike.

It was a quick trip on horseback to the picnic spot. We got off the horses and sat on some blankets. Mom pulled out a chicken salad and some carrots from the picnic basket.

Ben crunched on a carrot. He said, 'Thanks, Mom. You make the best picnic lunch. Can we play some Frisbee now?'

Kidding, Mom said, 'Ben, are you sick? What about the cake?' We chuckled.

Ben jumped up and brushed off a crumb from his pants. He grabbed the Frisbee. Ben tossed the Frisbee to Kingfish, and Kingfish tossed it to Mike.

Mike tossed the Frisbee as far up he could. Magic ran and caught the Frisbee. We were shocked. Suddenly, with a flick of his nose, Magic tossed the Frisbee back to Ben.

Next, we played soccer. Mom picked Ben and Kingfish to play with her. I picked Tammy and Mike. It was fun, but the sun was hot. The score was six to six...



