



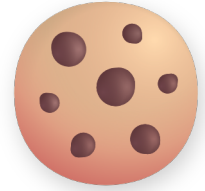
Accidental Inventions

Grade 3

Name: _____

Read the story carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence using evidence from the text.

The Sweetest Mistake



In the 1930s, Ruth Wakefield owned the Toll House Inn in Whitman, Massachusetts, a place known for its warm hospitality and delicious food. She was especially famous for her amazing desserts, and her chocolate butter drop do cookies were a particular favorite. One afternoon in 1938, Ruth was getting ready to bake a fresh batch of these popular cookies. Her recipe called for melted baker's chocolate to be mixed directly into the dough, giving the cookies a rich, uniform chocolate flavor.

However, as she gathered her ingredients, Ruth discovered a problem: her supply of baker's chocolate was completely gone! Instead of giving up, she looked for a solution. She spotted a Nestle semi-sweet chocolate bar in her pantry. Ruth decided to chop the hard chocolate bar into small pieces, thinking they would melt and blend smoothly into the cookie dough as it baked in the hot oven. She put the dough, filled with these chocolate chunks, onto baking sheets and slid them into the oven, expecting a typical chocolate cookie.

To her great surprise, when the cookies came out golden brown, the chocolate pieces had not melted completely into the dough. Instead, they remained as soft, gooey chunks, creating delightful pockets of warm chocolate throughout each cookie. Ruth, curious about her unexpected creation, decided to serve these "new" cookies to her guests anyway. Everyone at the Toll House Inn absolutely loved them! The unique texture and delicious chocolate chips were an instant hit, and word quickly spread. This happy accident led to the invention of the famous "Toll House Chocolate Crunch Cookie,"



proving that sometimes, a brilliant mistake can lead to one of the world's most beloved and enduring treats.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) What kind of cookies was Ruth Wakefield originally trying to bake?

(2) What unexpected thing happened to the chocolate pieces when the cookies baked?

(3) What does the word "hospitality" mean in the first paragraph?

(4) Why do you think Ruth decided to serve the unexpected cookies to her guests instead of throwing them away?



(5) According to the passage, what was the name of the new cookie that became famous?

(6) Do you think accidents can sometimes lead to good things? Use an example from the passage to support your answer.

