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# A Perfect Picnic

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Mark and Ava decided to have a picnic in the back yard.

"I brought bread and cheese," Mark told his sister.

"I brought carrots," Ava said, "but I wish we had fruit."

"We do," said Mark. "We can pick berries off our bushes."

Ava smiled. "Okay. We better hurry. Those look like rain clouds."

They quickly began picking berries.

The wind started to blow.

They picked faster.

Suddenly, thunder boomed. Then, rain poured down!

Mark and Ava grabbed all the food and ran into the house.

"I am sorry your picnic was rained out," Mom said.

"Me, too," Mark said.

"It does not have to be rained out!" Ava said. "We can have a picnic in the house. You can join us, Mom."

"Great idea," Mark said. "It will be perfect. We have bread, cheese, carrots, and berries to eat and a roof to keep us dry!"



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1. What is missing from Mark and Ava's picnic?

- a. bread
- b. cheese
- c. carrots
- d. fruit

2. Why do Mark and Ava come inside?

- a. It is too hot.
- b. It is too windy.
- c. It starts to rain.
- d. They do not have enough food.

3. What do Mark and Ava decide to do after they come inside?

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4. Who joins Mark and Ava when they are back in the house?

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5. How do Mark and Ava feel at the end of the story?

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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

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| 1. picnic  | a. do something quickly; rush                        |
| 2. hurry   | b. a loud boom that comes after a flash of lightning |
| 3. berries | c. a food made from milk curds                       |
| 4. thunder | d. orange root vegetables                            |
| 5. carrots | e. a meal you eat outside on a blanket               |
| 6. cheese  | f. small, sweet fruits                               |

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In the story, "A Perfect Picnic," Mark and Ava pack some tasty snacks for their picnic.

On the lines below, tell about **five foods** you would like to take with you on a picnic. Make sure you choose at least **one fruit** and **one vegetable**.



Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines and a dashed middle line. There are ten sets of these lines provided for writing.