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## Painting the Presidents



U.S. presidents have an official portrait painted after they have left office. Each painting has its own story to tell.

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The portrait of George Washington shows the president as if he is about to give a speech. Washington is dressed as a statesman rather than as a military leader.

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Theodore Roosevelt's portrait is painted in a different style from the portrait of George Washington. Roosevelt is dressed in a black suit against a plain background. Roosevelt looks the viewer right in the eye.

When the artist was trying to find the right background and pose for the painting, President Roosevelt became impatient. During an argument, the artist told Roosevelt that he did not know how to pose properly. The president swung around to angrily reply, "Don't I?" He had placed his right hand on a post at the bottom of a staircase and put his left hand on his hip. The artist loved the pose so much he told Roosevelt not to move. Roosevelt was very pleased with the finished painting.



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Like Roosevelt's portrait, the painting of John F. Kennedy from 1970 presents him against a plain background without details that would identify him as a political leader. However, the similarity ends there because instead of facing the viewer, Kennedy has his arms crossed and his head bent down, as if deep in thought.



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The portrait of Kennedy was especially challenging because it was painted seven years after the president died. The artist had never met Kennedy and only had photographs to work with. While some people disliked the portrait, the artist defended his work, saying, "I painted him with his head bowed . . . because I wanted to show him as a president who was a thinker."

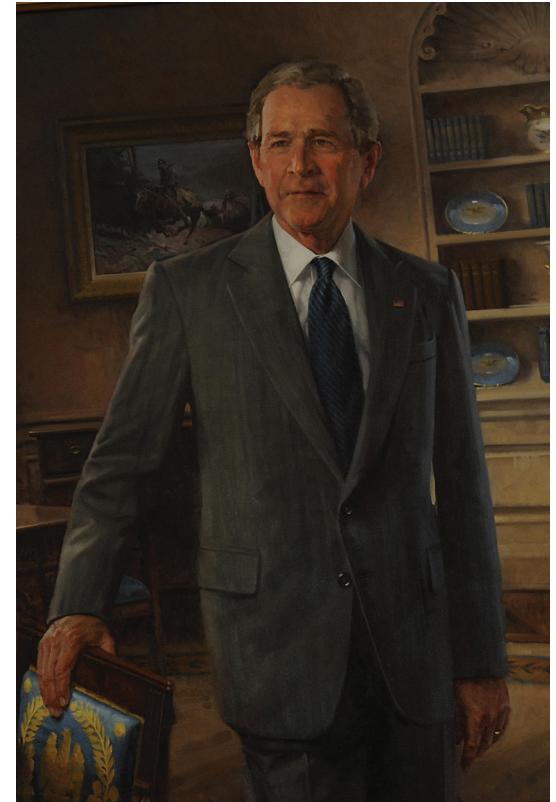


Roosevelt's portrait has a detailed background, and Kennedy's portrait has a plain beige background.

Roosevelt looks directly into the eyes of the viewer, and Kennedy has his head bowed, looking down.

Roosevelt was painted seven years after he died, and Kennedy was painted while he was still in office.

The portrait of George W. Bush has something in common with the portraits of Washington, Roosevelt, and Kennedy. Similar to Washington in his portrait, Bush stands in the middle of the Oval Office, which is the presidential office in the White House. Like Roosevelt, Bush looks as if he has just stepped away from his desk, perhaps to meet a visitor. Finally, like Kennedy in his portrait, Bush seems to be lost in thought, looking off to the side rather than at the viewer.



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President Bush's and Laura Bush's portraits were presented in a ceremony at the White House. Bush's successor Barack Obama, who lived in the White House and belonged to a different political party, hosted the event. The collection of presidential portraits in the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C., is the only collection outside the White House.



The event is an opportunity to put aside political differences and celebrate the presidential portraits painted by American artists.

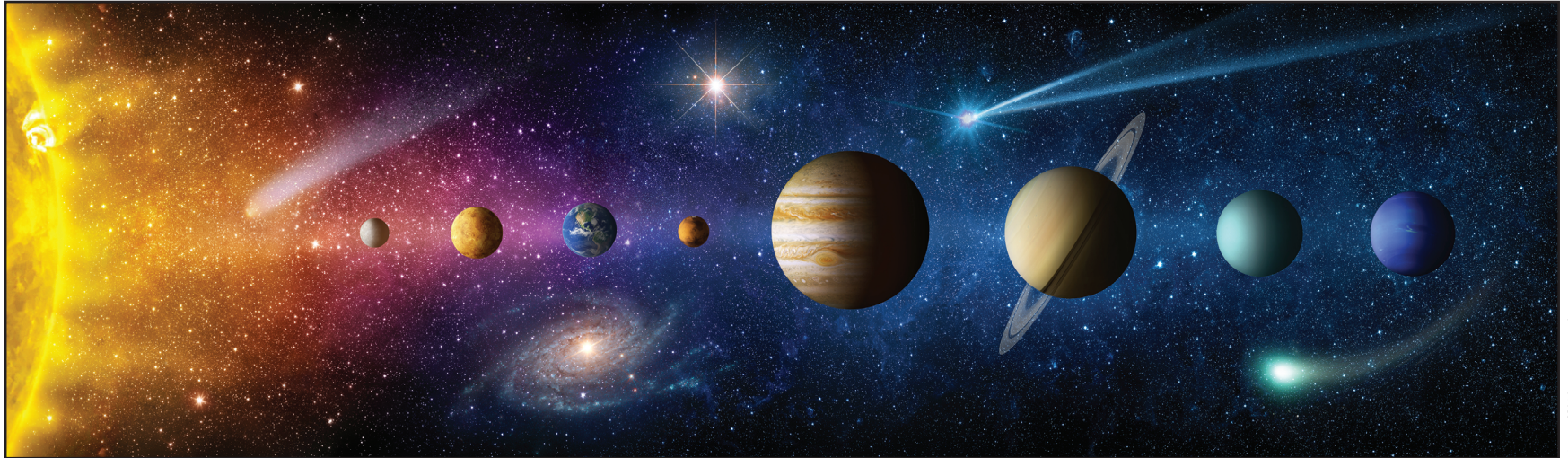
The event is an opportunity for the American public to see all the portraits exhibited in the White House.

The event is an opportunity for the president to have a party in the White House for people who lived there in the past.



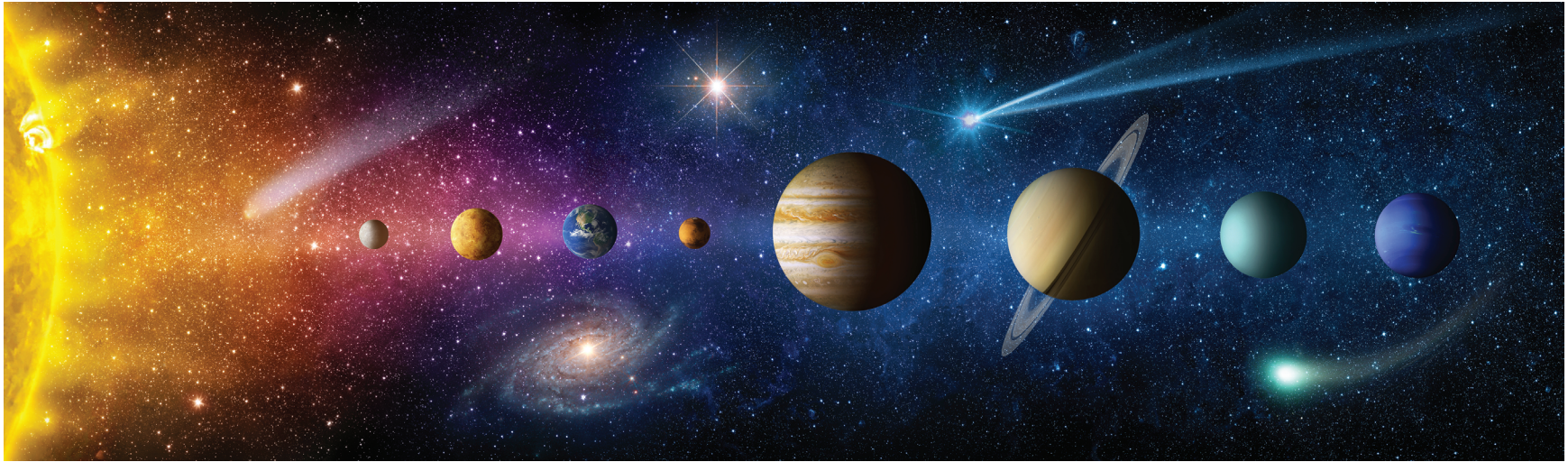


## Saturn



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Saturn is the sixth planet from the sun and the second largest planet in our solar system. Astronomers have learned that Saturn is made mostly of gas and that it is surrounded by rings and many moons.



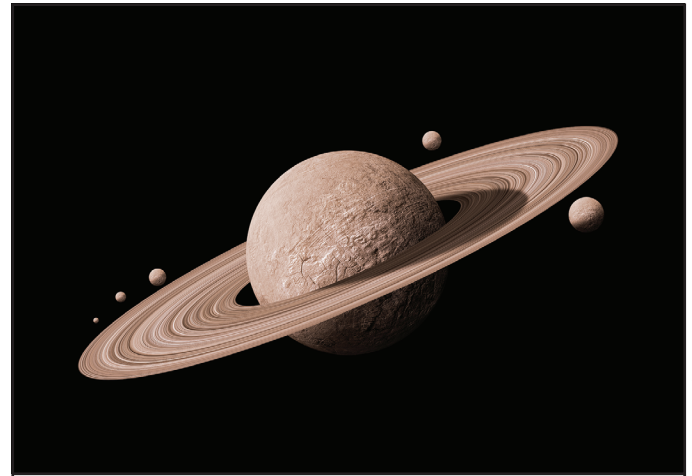
Saturn is about nine times as wide as Earth. If you compare the size of Earth to the size of Saturn, Earth would be the size of a nickel and Saturn would be the size of a volleyball. It takes about 29 years for Saturn to orbit the sun, but Saturn's days are much shorter than a day on Earth.





Earth

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Saturn

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Earth is a rocky planet covered with a large amount of water. But Saturn is a large ball of gas. It is one of the four planets in the outer part of the solar system that are made mostly of gas. Jupiter, Uranus, and Neptune are the other three. If you were to approach Saturn, you might notice wind in the atmosphere moving faster than the strongest hurricanes on Earth. When you reached Saturn, you would discover that instead of a surface to walk on, there are just swirling gases.

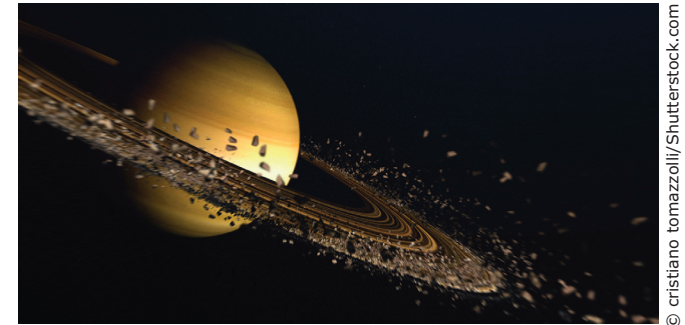


to warn the reader about the hurricane-strength winds on Saturn

to describe the ways Earth and Saturn are different

to explain how the gases on Saturn turn into a water-like liquid

While all the planets that are gas balls have rings, Saturn's are the most famous and, some might say, the most beautiful. Each ring orbits the planet at a different speed.



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When you look at a picture of Saturn, its rings look very smooth and even. However, they are made from pieces of ice and rock that might come from broken-up comets, asteroids, and moons. Some of the pieces are as tiny as specks of dust, while others are as big as a house or even larger.

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Titan is the largest of Saturn's 53 moons. Scientists have discovered liquid on its surface, but the liquid is not water. Instead, gases rain down and collect in huge lakes on Titan's ice-covered surface. Titan also has an ocean of liquid water below its icy surface. The presence of the water, as well as other chemicals found on Titan, suggest that Titan might be able to support life, though that life would be different from what could live on Earth.



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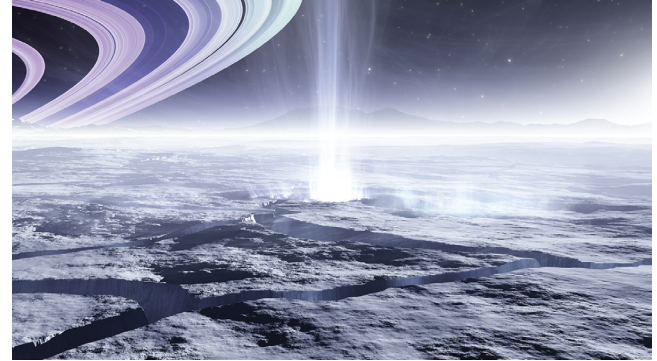
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The moon named Enceladus might also be able to support life.

Scientists saw jets of liquid water spraying out from its south pole.

Scientists think these jets of water are similar to the deep ocean vents

on Earth, where many living things live. The water and heat, as well as a food source on Enceladus, suggest that the conditions are there for simple forms of life to develop, if those forms of life are not already there.



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Scientists still have many questions about Saturn's rings, its moons, and the giant gas planet. Some of the questions may be answered in 2035, when NASA plans to land a drone called Dragonfly, which will travel for about eight years to reach Titan.





The rings around Saturn are made of many sizes of ice particles and rock.

Scientists have found evidence of water on the moons Titan and Enceladus.

A drone named Dragonfly will travel for about eight years to reach Titan.



Stand-up paddleboarding is a variation of surfing that originated in Hawaii.



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Unlike surfers who wait for a wave, stand-up paddleboarders use a paddle to move himself through the water.

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Stand-up paddleboard yoga is doing yoga on a paddleboard while floating in the water. Poses and exercises from yoga improve flexibility. Balancing on the paddleboard helps strengthen muscles. Yoga and paddleboarding combined work different areas of the body. And floating on the water makes exercising even more fun.

The poses and exercises from yoga improve flexibility, or balancing on the paddleboard helps strengthen muscles.

The poses and exercises from yoga improve flexibility, but balancing on the paddleboard helps strengthen muscles.

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To stand up on a paddleboard, place the paddle across the front of the board. Place your feet in the center of the board where your knees were. Standing up slowly holding on to the paddle. Keeping your knees bent. Your feet should be about shoulder width apart and parallel to each other.



Stand up slowly, holding on to the paddle while keeping your knees bent.

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Standing up slowly, holding on to the paddle and keeping your knees bent.



Potbellied pigs are great pets.



Potbellied pigs are great pets because they are very clean animals.



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Potbellied pigs are small pigs, also known as “mini pigs.” They can live inside if they are trained. Potbellied pigs can grow to weigh about 150 pounds. That’s small than a farm hog but big compared to even a large dog.

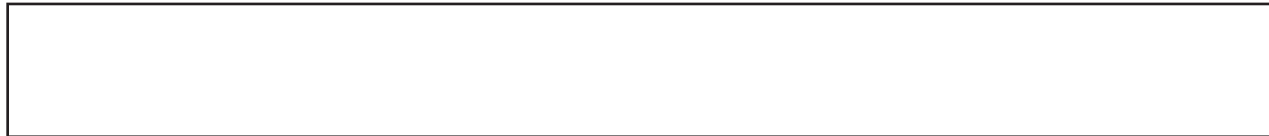
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Like dogs, potbellied pigs are curious animals that love to explore. When first introduced, a dog and a potbellied pig might not be best friends. But if the dog is not aggressive, the two will begin to get along. They will need some time to get used to each other.





They both need to drink water.

They might even become playmates.

They can be trained to follow commands.



There is important information to consider when deciding if a potbellied pig is the right pet for you. Potbellied pigs are very small at birth. They grow to be very large. Most are between 13 and 20 inches tall and can be up to 150 pounds when fully

grown. Potbellied pigs like to eat and can become obese without a healthy diet and exercise. Obesity can cause many health problems. Potbellied pigs can live from 12 to 15 years and therefore can be a responsibility for many years.

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Although potbellied pigs are very small at birth, they grow to be very large.

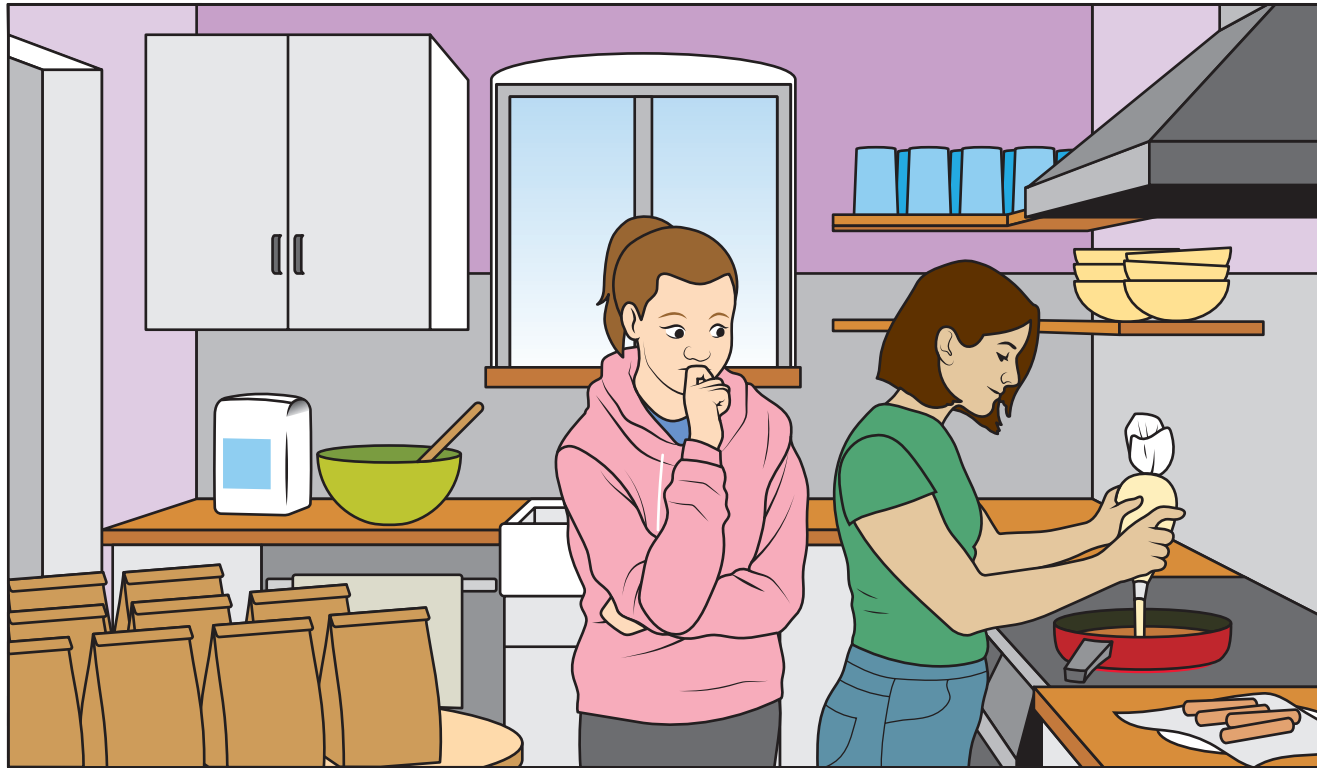
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## The Bake Sale



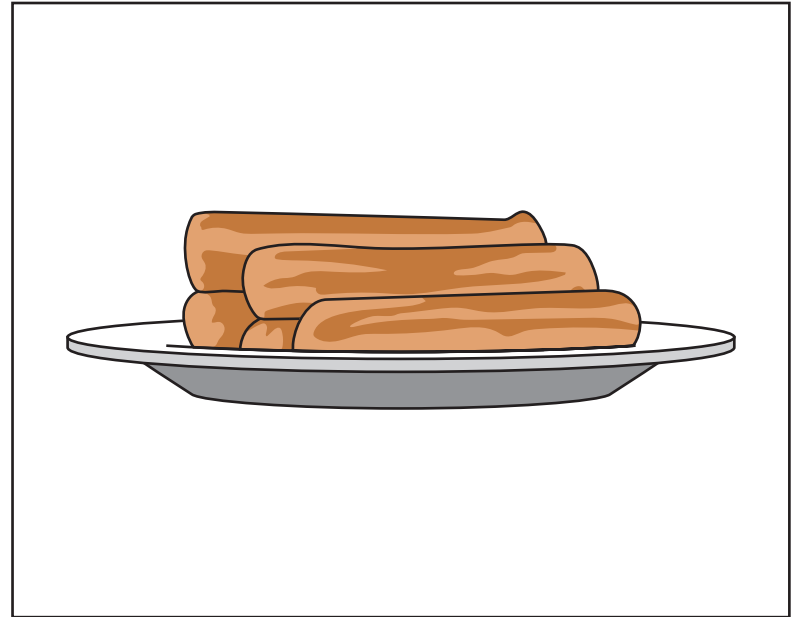
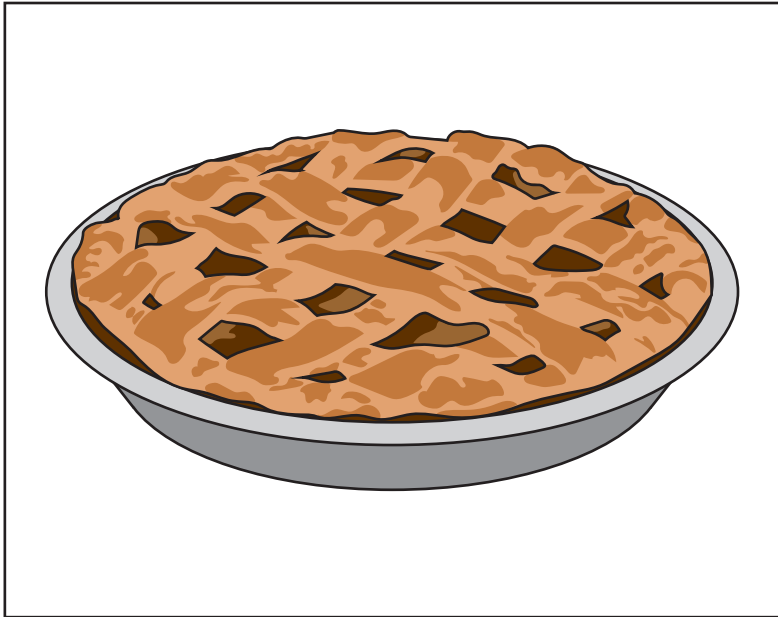
Abby is watching Sophia make churros for the freshman class bake sale.



Abby finished making her apple pie that morning. She is surprised to see nine bags of churros on Sophia's kitchen table.

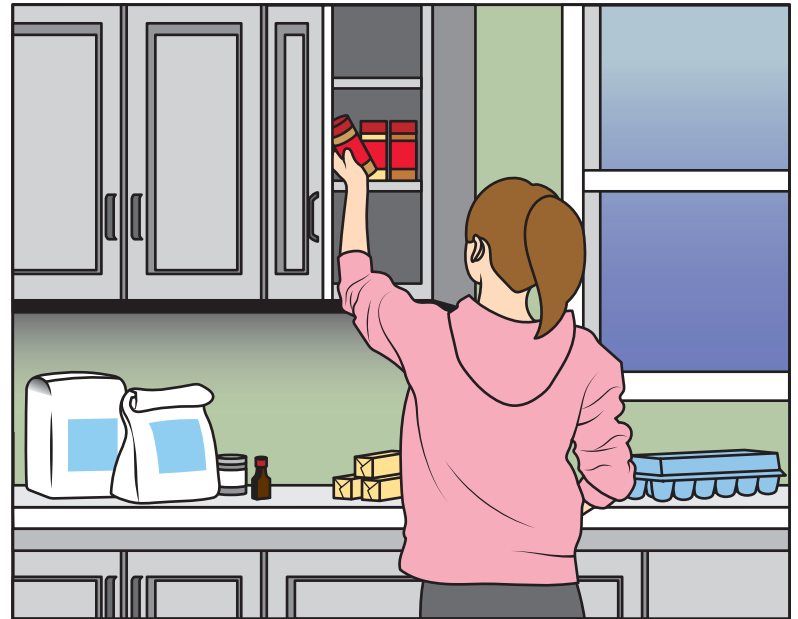
"This is the last dozen," Sophia says as she scoops the fried dough onto paper towels. After the fried dough dries, she sprinkles on the cinnamon and sugar.

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Abby can't believe that Sophia is taking ten dozen churros to the bake sale after school tomorrow. When Abby returns home, she looks at her one apple pie with disappointment.

"I'm going to make oatmeal raisin cookies," Abby says to her mother.



"But, Abby, the sale is tomorrow. Do you have enough time?" her mom asks.

Quickly, Abby gathers the ingredients: butter, flour, eggs, vanilla, cinnamon, and baking soda. But she cannot find any oatmeal in the pantry.

"May I walk up to the store to get some oatmeal?" she asks.

Her mother checks the time and says, "O.K. But hurry back to get that homework done." She points at a stack of books on the corner of the table.

When she returns home, Abby mixes the ingredients. She gets ready to stir in the raisins, but there are no raisins in the pantry.





Abby is irritated with herself as she walks to the store for a second time that day. By the time she gets back, it is dinnertime, so she has to wait until later that evening to bake the cookies.

After she pulls the last tray from the oven, Abby opens her books to start her homework.

*I'm not going to be outdone by Sophia's churros, she thinks. I've made just as many cookies, and I bet they sell out in no time!*

Abby finally gets to bed, much later than her usual bedtime. She is tired but pleased with what she has accomplished.



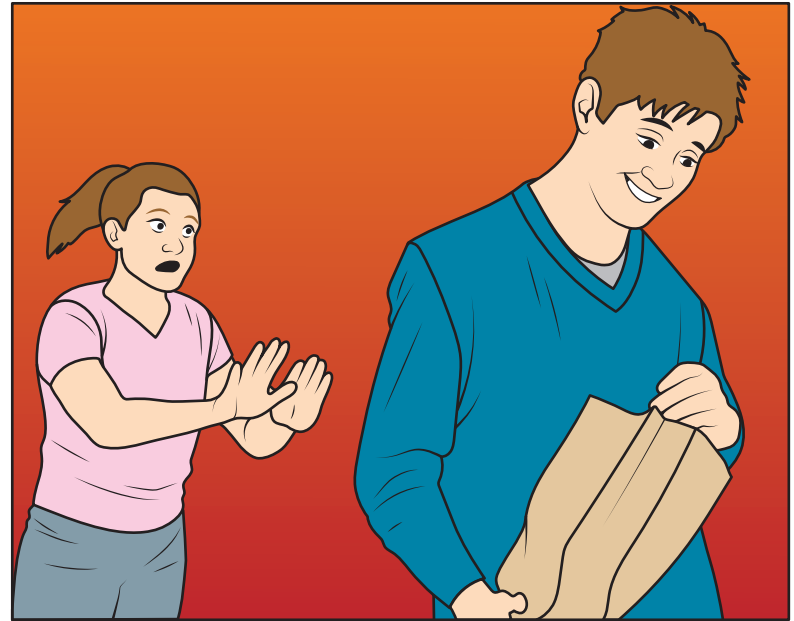
Abby decides to bake oatmeal raisin cookies because —

she worries that no one will buy her apple pie

she thinks that her one apple pie is not as impressive as Sophia's ten dozen churros

she remembers that she needs to take something to sell at the school bake sale

Because Abby stayed up late doing her homework, she oversleeps the next morning. When she rushes into the kitchen, she is horrified to see her older brother opening one of the bags of oatmeal raisin cookies.

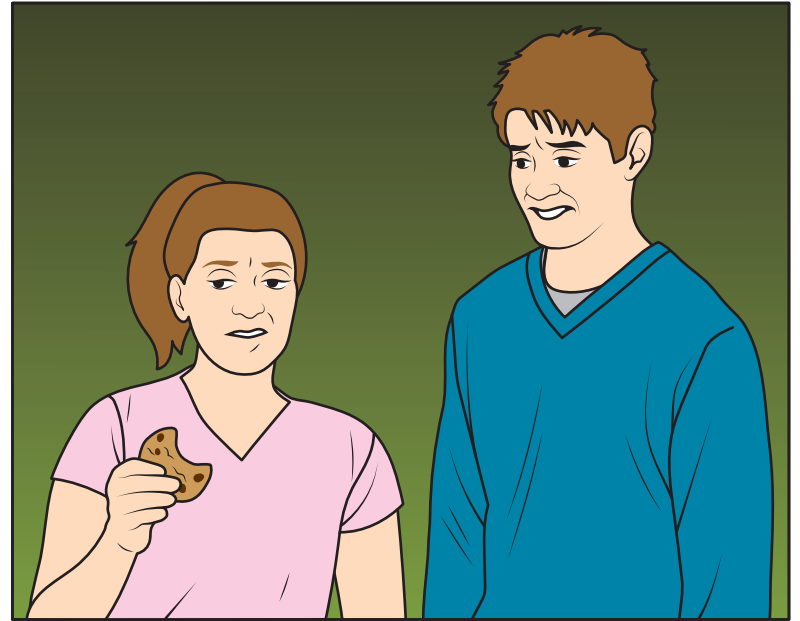


"Marcus, no!" Abby hollers, but it is too late. He stuffs a whole cookie into his mouth.

"Yuck," Marcus says as he spits the cookie into the trash, "what are these, diet cookies?"

*What does he mean, diet cookies?* Quickly, Abby grabs a cookie from the open bag and tastes it. Marcus is right. She forgot to add sugar to the batter, and the cookies taste awful.

Thankfully, Marcus hadn't discovered the apple pie. Abby grabs it on her way out the door to school.





At the community center after school, the students are at the bake sale tables. Abby gets a spot right next to Sophia. Abby's apple pie looks lonely sitting on the table by itself while Sophia's bags of churros make an appetizing presentation. Sophia's churros look delicious. *They will probably be the first thing to sell out*, Abby thinks, feeling embarrassed by her lonely apple pie.



"I'm glad the dozen churros I made look so much like the nine dozen I got from the Mexican bakery," Sophia whispers to Abby.

"You mean you didn't make all 120 churros?" Abby asks.

"Oh, no," Sophia says. "The Mexican bakery donated ten dozen, but our dog grabbed a bag off the table. That's why I was making a batch when you came over. I wanted to replace what my dog ate."

"So you didn't spend all that time making every one of these?" Abby asks.

"No way!" Sophia answers. "I wouldn't have wanted to spend all that time making 120 of these! Would you?"



Abby thinks that she may also have forgotten to add the sugar to the apple pie.

Abby believes that Sophia's contribution to the bake sale is much better than hers.

Abby realizes that Sophia is not competing with her for the best dessert at the bake sale.



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