

Reading: The Recipe Card

Read the passage, then circle the letter next to the correct answer for each question.

The Recipe Card

Nobody in the family could remember who had started the argument about the recipe, only that it had been going for eleven years.

Grandma Rose insisted the pie needed nutmeg. Her sister Ivy said nutmeg belonged nowhere near it and never had. Each of them claimed to be following their mother's original recipe, which had been written on a card, and which had been lost sometime around 1994.

So every November they made two pies. Everyone at the table was expected to try both and give an opinion. This was a trap. Everyone knew it was a trap. Everyone fell into it anyway.

Last year my cousin Dev found the card. It had been sitting inside a gardening book, holding somebody's place, for close to thirty years. He read it twice, put it in his pocket, and told everyone he hadn't found anything.

I think he was right to.

1. How long had the argument been going on?
☐ (A) Eleven years ☐ (B) Five years ☐ (C) Thirty years ☐ (D) Since November
2. Which ingredient were the two sisters arguing about?
☐ (A) Cinnamon ☐ (B) Sugar ☐ (C) Nutmeg ☐ (D) Ginger
3. Where was the recipe card eventually found?
☐ (A) Inside a gardening book ☐ (B) In a kitchen drawer
☐ (C) In Grandma Rose's purse ☐ (D) Under the table

4. Why does the narrator call trying both pies "a trap"?
- (A) The pies were too hot to eat
 - (B) Whatever you said, you were taking one sister's side
 - (C) There was never enough pie to go round
 - (D) Nobody was allowed to speak at the table
5. Why did Dev most likely say he hadn't found anything?
- (A) He could not read the handwriting
 - (B) He wanted to keep the recipe for himself
 - (C) He wanted the family tradition to carry on
 - (D) He thought the card belonged to someone else
6. The last line, "I think he was right to," shows that the narrator —
- (A) agrees with what Dev did (B) disagrees with what Dev did
 - (C) never found out what Dev did (D) plans to tell everyone the truth
7. The word "insisted" shows that Grandma Rose —
- (A) was unsure of herself (B) said it firmly and would not change her mind
 - (C) whispered it quietly (D) asked politely

Answer Key: 1) A · 2) C · 3) A · 4) B · 5) C · 6) A · 7) B