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Patty Makes Ice Cream

Patty is only three years old, and her favorite dessert is ice cream. For Christmas, her daddy bought her mommy an ice cream maker, so their family can have homemade ice cream any time they want. Whenever mommy makes ice cream, Patty climbs up onto a step stool in the kitchen to watch. Sometimes, she gets to help measure and put ingredients in the machine.

Yesterday, it was very hot outside, and Patty wanted mommy to make ice cream, but mommy had some work she needed to do first. Patty was disappointed and went to her room to play. While in her room, Patty got an idea. She would surprise Mommy and make the ice cream herself. The problem was that the machine was too heavy for her to lift from the cabinet, and she was too young to read the directions. Undaunted, Patty decided to create her own ice cream recipe. She got out a bowl, put in some of Mommy's coffee cream, and added ice cubes. Then she found some whole strawberries in the refrigerator and plopped in a few of those. Last, she poured in a whole bunch of sugar. She stirred it and stuck the concoction in the freezer.

Later that evening, Patty was excited to share her ice cream creation with her family after dinner. When she took it from the freezer, however, it was all frozen together and hard as a rock. Patty was embarrassed and began to cry. Her mommy scooped her up in a big hug and told her not to feel sad. They would use the ice cream machine tonight and have fresh ice cream ready for tomorrow…maybe even for breakfast…but just this once because it was a special occasion.

Directions: Please choose the correct answer and write its alphabet letter on the space in front of the appropriate question.

_____ 1. What is Patty's favorite dessert?   a. ice cream maker

_____ 2. What did Patty's daddy buy her mommy for Christmas? b. recipe

_____ 3. One hot day, Patty created her own ice cream _____. c. embarrassed

_____ 4. How did Patty feel when her ice cream attempt failed?   d. ice cream

To make Patty feel better, Mommy said she could have
_____ 5. ice cream for _____ just this once.   e. breakfast