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15. January 19 – National Popcorn Day



Popcorn, Popcorn Everywhere

Elizabeth was hungry after school one day. She asked her mother if she could make herself a snack. Her mother said okay, and Elizabeth went to the kitchen to look for something to eat. In the pantry, she spotted a container of popcorn kernels.

She'd seen her mother cook popcorn in a big pan on the stove before and decided to try this herself. She put the oil in the pan, added the popcorn kernels, some salt, and turned on the burner.



She went quickly to her room to put away her school things but got distracted and forgot all about the popcorn. Suddenly, Elizabeth heard her mother's alarmed voice calling to her from the kitchen. Elizabeth ran to her mother, where she discovered she had forgotten to put a lid on the pan, and popping corn was flying everywhere.

Did you know that a popping kernel can fly as far as three feet? Elizabeth learned this little fact the messy way.

Answer the questions.

1. When Elizabeth was hungry after school one day, what did she ask her mother?

2. Where did Elizabeth go to look for something to eat?

3. What did Elizabeth find in the pantry?

4. When Elizabeth put the popcorn in the pan, what did she forget to do?

5. According to the story, how far can a popping kernel fly?
