Baking Day at the School Fair (B1 · English B1)

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Our school holds a fair every spring, and this year I decided to participate in the baking competition. My friend Nadia joined me. We chose a lemon cake, because everyone in my family likes it. On Friday evening we met in my kitchen with our notebooks and a long shopping list.

Nadia read the recipe out loud. First we had to weigh the flour and the sugar. Then I had to pour the milk into the bowl very slowly. Nadia stirred while I worked. The mixture became smooth and pale yellow, almost the colour of butter. We added a spoon of white powder that helps the cake rise. The kitchen smelled wonderful.

While the cake was in the oven, we cleaned everything. Nadia washed the bowls and I dried them. I had to hang the towel on the hook near the window, but the hook was too high for me. Nadia is taller, so she did it easily. We had plenty of time before the cake was ready, so we made a card with the name of our team. Nadia's drawing was particularly good, and she coloured it with three pens.

Then something went wrong. The oven light went off, and the room became dark. My mother came in and turned on a big torch. "It is only the electricity," she said calmly. She asked me to hand her the phone so she could call the neighbour. Nadia went pale and sat down on a chair. She thought our cake was finished. But the oven was still warm, and after ten minutes the lights came back.

The cake was perfect. It smelled sweet, plus it had a lovely golden top. On Saturday we carried it to school in a box. We had to pass hundreds of people in the hall before we found our table. A powerful smell of coffee came from the next room. At two o'clock the judges tasted every cake. One of them had to pull our box a little closer to reach it. We did not win first prize, but we came third, and Nadia says we will try again next year.

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