

# The Wish

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Ann was sitting in the park. A squirrel came along holding a gold ring. When he got to Ann, he dropped the ring.

"What's that for?" Ann asked.

The squirrel said, "That ring is special. Put it on, turn it, and make a wish. You'll get your wish. But think hard because you only get one wish!"

Ann put on the gold ring and turned it. What did she want? A horse? Lots of money? A castle? She just didn't know.

Just then the ring fell off.

"Oh, nuts!" said Ann, and the ground was covered with nuts.

"Thank you," said the squirrel. Then he ate the nuts.



## COMPREHENSION

**A** Read each question. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 What is this story trying to make you do?  
**a** Laugh  
**b** Think
- 2 What did Ann have to think hard about?  
**a** Where the squirrel got the ring  
**b** What one thing she wanted most
- 3 How did Ann feel when the ring fell off?  
**a** Mad at the squirrel  
**b** Mad at herself
- 4 Who got something he or she wanted?  
**a** The squirrel  
**b** Ann
- 5 If Ann had said, "Oh, rats!" how would the story have ended?  
**a** The squirrel would have eaten up all the nuts anyway.  
**b** Ann and the squirrel would have run as fast as they could.

## LEARN ABOUT WORDS

**Words with *a\_e* sound as in cake.**

**B**

Look at the words in the box. Decide which word has the split digraph 'a\_e' sound as in *cake*. Then write the word below.

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| 1. | lake / look  |
|    | take / took  |
| 2. | make / might |
| 3. | fight / fake |
| 4. | boot / bake  |

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## LEARN ABOUT WORDS (continued)

**C** Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence? Write the word.

- 6 Ann will \_\_\_\_\_ a cake in the oven.
- 7 The squirrel lived near a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Ann got to \_\_\_\_\_ only one wish.
- 9 Was the special ring real or \_\_\_\_\_?
- 10 "Don't \_\_\_\_\_ my nuts away," said the squirrel.

## THINK ABOUT IT

**D** Read the sentences. Which answer tells what the word *it* means? Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 Ann liked the slide in the park because it was big.  
*It* means  
**a** the park.                      **b** the slide.
- 2 The squirrel told Ann to put the ring on, turn it, and make a wish. *It* means  
**a** a wish.                      **b** the ring.
- 3 Ann wanted a horse so she could ride it in the park. *It* means  
**a** the park.                      **b** a horse.
- 4 The ring fell off, and it landed on the ground.  
*It* means  
**a** the ring.                      **b** the ground.
- 5 The squirrel held a nut in his paw and ate it.  
*It* means  
**a** his paw.                      **b** a nut.