

# Party at the Park

## Pre-reading

### Questions:

- What kind of party might be held at a park? Why?

### Definitions:

- Spacious – having a lot of space
- Utensil – a kitchen tool that has a specific purpose



## Reading

17 June 14<sup>th</sup> is a special day. Both Ny and Juan were born on that day; mother and  
33 son share a birthday. This year their family has decided to host a big birthday party  
at the local park shelter.

38 All of their friends will be invited. The park shelter is spacious. It is perfect  
53 for large groups. Plus, it is a great place for all ages. There is lots of playground  
70 equipment. The park has two slides, a bridge and fire pole, a jungle gym, and lots of  
87 sand.

88 There are swings for both little ones and adults. The open grassy spaces are  
102 great for playing Frisbee, croquet or catch with a baseball or football. It is also a  
118 great place to relax, visit with friends, and enjoy the outdoors.

129 The park shelter has a number of grills near it. The hosts plan to do some  
145 grilling at the party. They will need to bring charcoal. The park does not provide it.  
161 They will also need to bring some long handled utensils.

171 The shelter will need to be **reserved**, and the sooner the better. If it is not  
187 reserved, some other group may be using it on the big day. A call to the city office  
205 can assure the party planners the use of the space.

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## Understanding

1. What does the word **reserve** mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Who are the hosts of the party? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Why is the party being held at the park? (List at least three reasons.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Can the park shelter be reserved? If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How do the hosts plan to prepare some of the meal at the park? What will they need to bring in order to do it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: What kinds of parties have you hosted? How did you plan for them?

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