

Breakfast Cereal

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Jacob was looking at the row of colorful boxes in the cereal aisle at the grocery store. It was really hard to choose. It was like a rainbow for breakfast.

There were cereals shaped like O's. There were cereals that were flakes, puffs, or crispies. Some cereals had fruit or nuts in them. Others had peanut butter, chocolate, or mini marshmallows. There was really quite a lot to choose from.

"Hurry up, Jacob. We need to finish the grocery shopping and then get home for dinner." Father said impatiently.

"I can't decide." Jacob replied.

"Then I'll get the frosty fruity O's." Father declared.

"We had those last time. They're boring."

Father frowned. "The blueberry special morning bran."

"Gross! That sounds like a grandma's diet."

Father's frown deepened. "Then you choose."

"I like this one best, but there is a cool toy in that one." Jacob couldn't choose.

"That one?" Father looked at the one with the cool toy. "That toy is neat, but the cereal tastes awful. That's why they have cool toys."

"I could eat it." Jacob insisted.

Father snorted. "You'd eat one bowl, hate it, and then try to throw it away or make me eat it for you."

Jacob couldn't believe how well his dad knew his tricks. "Maybe."

"It's not good. You don't like cereals that got soggy in two minutes."

"How about this peanut butter one then?" Jacob suggested.

"I like that one, too." Father nodded.

"Can I get a pack of gum or something at the checkout, since there is no toy in this?"

Father pondered for a moment. "I get to choose the gum. You take too long on that, too."

Jacob shook his head. "No, I don't. There aren't any toys in gum."

"Yeah, but I don't like gum that has flavor that disappears in two minutes."

"Me neither." Jacob agreed. It was funny how similar he was to his father sometimes.

They both laughed, because they were thinking the same thing.



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 - C. snack
 - D. gum
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 - A. tastes bad
 - B. gets soggy fast
 - C. tastes like peanut butter
 - D. doesn't have toys
3. What flavor of cereal do Jacob and his father decide to get?
 - A. marshmallow surprise
 - B. special morning blueberry bran
 - C. fruity O's
 - D. peanut butter
4. Jacob and his father don't like gum that does what?
 - A. is sticky
 - B. doesn't blow good bubbles
 - C. loses flavor fast
 - D. tastes like grapes
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