

# Ravenous

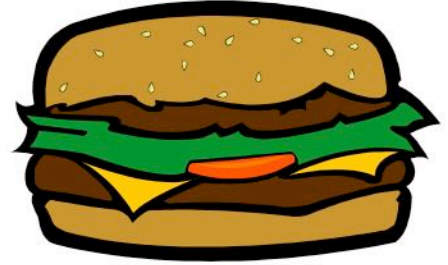
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Three hungry boys stood beside their mother and stared at the fast food menu.

"I'm so hungry, that I could eat a horse!" Rob said.

"I'm so hungry, that I could eat a whale!" Steve said.

"I'm so hungry, that I could eat the Empire State Building." Tim said.



The three brothers were whining about how hungry they were to their mother, who looked worriedly at her wallet. It was lunch time, and she was afraid that she wouldn't have enough money to feed her boys, who were always hungry. They were like wolves, she liked to say. They could eat her out of house and home. Even when they finally got full, it never lasted long.

"Boys, I only have twenty dollars. That's not much, so we'll get what we can, but it might not be much. It will have to last until we get home for dinner."

Rob groaned. "That's it?"

Tim sighed, but Steve had a plan. "Guys, let's look at the menu and figure out the cheapest things that give us the most food!"

"That's a great idea." Mom smiled. Her boys would find a way to fill their bellies as much as possible with the money they had.

"I can do without a drink. There's water in the car." Rob said.

Steve nodded. He liked that idea. Less drinks and more food. "I could wait, too."

"I'll get one and you guys can sip off it if you need to." Tim suggested.

"Onion rings and curly fries are more expensive than regular fries." Rob realized, reading the menu prices. "If we share a couple large fries, it's a better deal than each getting our own, too."

"The hamburgers are cheaper than cheeseburgers. Cheese tastes good, but it's an extra 30 cents on each!" Steve pointed out.

"But I love cheese." Tim whined.

"Check the dollar menu stuff. I think we can get four chicken sandwiches, four burgers, two large fries, and one drink with the money we have."

"I need my 2-for-1 apple pies!" Mom called out.

"I'm going to go dig in the car seats for change, in case tax pushes us over twenty dollars." Rob ran off before waiting for a reply.

Steve grinned. His plan was coming together. With the money Rob found in quarters, nickels, and dimes, plus his mom's twenty dollars, they ended up with two full trays of food. They attacked the trays like hungry wolves, and after five minutes there was nothing left but pile of wax paper wrappers and cardboard French fry containers.

"I'm full." Rob said.

"I'm stuffed." Steve replied.

"I'm about to burst!" Tim exclaimed, winning the competition.

Mom smiled at her boys. They'd stay full, at least until dinner time.



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  - D. They're tired.
  
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  - D. She doesn't have time to stop for lunch.
  
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  - C. Tim
  - D. Mom
  
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  - C. Don't get cheese on the burgers.
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