

“Paul Cooks”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

Paul loves to read cookbooks.

His wife gets him one on his birthday.

Paul tells her he will try to make a new recipe for three days in a row.



On Monday, Paul makes blueberry pancakes for breakfast. He gets the blueberries from the farmer's market.

On Tuesday, Paul makes beef soup for dinner. He puts in cubes of beef, carrots and onions.

The recipe calls for cream, but Paul does not like cream. He uses water instead.

On Wednesday, Paul makes a tomato salad with cucumbers and onions.

He picks the cucumbers and tomatoes from his garden.

He likes this dish best. It was also the easiest for him to make.

Questions:

1) What does Paul love to read?

A. _____

2) Who gives Paul a cookbook?

A. _____

3) What does Paul say he will do?

- A. become a chef
- B. grow his own food
- C. cook every recipe in a week
- D. try a new recipe for three days in a row

4) On what day does Paul make pancakes?

A. _____

Questions (continued):

5) What does Paul get from the farmer's market?

A. _____

6) Where does Paul get cucumbers and tomatoes?

- A. from his wife
- B. from the store
- C. from his garden
- D. from the farmer's market

7) Which dish does Paul like best?

- A. the blue one
- B. beef soup
- C. tomato salad
- D. blueberry pancakes

8) Why doesn't Paul use cream?

- A. He doesn't like it.
- B. There was none at the store.
- C. There was none in the garden.
- D. There was none at the farmer's market.

9) What does Paul use instead of cream?

A. _____

10) Which dish was the easiest for Paul to make?

A. _____

Do you like to cook? What is your favorite dish?
