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6. Henry John Heinz's Birthday - October 11, 1844



Let's Make Ketchup

Mom walked into the kitchen and could not believe her eyes. Smashed tomatoes and tomato juice were splattered on nearly every surface. How did this happen? She couldn't be sure just yet, but she had a pretty good idea and called to her two young sons Jonas and Marco. No response. After a long silence, Mom saw two sets of worried eyes peeking around the doorway to the kitchen. The boys ran to their mother, grabbed her legs, and frantically began telling her how sorry they were for the mess. They talked so fast, she couldn't understand them. So, she told them to calm down and then asked Jonas to explain because he was the oldest.

Well, it all started with them reading a story about Henry Heinz and his ketchup making factory. Both boys love ketchup and thought it might be fun to make their own in Mom's blender. They'd seen her make smoothies and figured ketchup would be easy. They filled the blender with water and fresh, whole tomatoes from the refrigerator then set the lid on top. Unfortunately, they didn't snap the lid in place securely, and they had overfilled the blender. When Jonas hit the "on" button, a volcano of tomato slush exploded. Jonas scrambled to find the "off" button, but it was too late. The boys looked around to see the huge mess they had created and fled the kitchen.

Mom couldn't help it. After hearing the ridiculous tale and seeing her sons covered with tomato mush, she burst out laughing. Needless to say, her sons were quite surprised and relieved at her reaction. All three of them had a good laugh and then started the big clean up task together.

Directions: *Please choose the correct answer and write its alphabet letter on the space in front of the appropriate question.*

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| _____ 1. What type of mess did Mom find in the kitchen? | a. Henry Heinz |
| _____ 2.. Who was in the story the boys had been reading? | b. ketchup |
| _____ 3. What did Henry Heinz make in his factory? | c. tomato slush |
| _____ 4. Jonas and Marco were relieved to see Mom _____. | d. laugh |