

Something New for Gina

Read to see what Gina learns at the picnic.

¹ Tonight was the Nolan Street picnic. We have one every year. Everyone takes one dish of food. Then, you go along the table and you wonder what to try because some of it looks sort of unusual.

² "Gina, don't you want some of this salad? It has raisins in it." Mom never gives up.



³ "Um, no, thanks, Mom. I took some apple slices for my salad." I took other safe things, such as potato salad and baked beans. Then, my dad came up all of a sudden.

⁴ "Gina, try this pizza. It is great!" he said. Before I could say anything, he popped a piece into my mouth.

⁵ "Hey, Dad! This isn't pizza."

⁶ "Ah, but it is. It's fruit pizza," he said, grinning.

⁷ I asked for another piece. Then, I asked Mrs. Taylor for the recipe.



1. Explain how the Nolan Street picnic works.

2. Who do you think made the fruit pizza?

3. Which of these sentences best tells how Gina feels about food?

_____ If it's food, I'll try it.

_____ I like to try new foods.

_____ I'll try something only if I know what it is.

_____ I like trying foods that have fruit in them.

4. Did Gina like the fruit pizza? How could you tell?

5. In paragraph 3, Gina says she took "safe things." What do you think she means by "safe"?

6. Who does Gina go to the picnic with?

7. Do you enjoy trying new foods? Explain.
