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Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

It’s Apple Picking Time Again

It was the first sunny day of autumn in New York. Jason and his parents got into the car for the annual trip upstate. “This is my favorite time of the year,” said Jason.

“Mine too,” said his mother. “It was a good season for apples. We had plenty of rain and cool nights. We will be able to make delicious apple pies this year.”

They arrived at You Pick ’Em Orchard. Jason’s father grabbed a long pole with a small basket on the end. The basket looked a little bit like a hand. “I will bring the apple picker,” he said. “You know how much I like the apples from the top of the tree.”

Jason ran to the first tree he could find. He jumped up in the air and grabbed as many apples as he could off of the low branches, laughing the entire time. “Make sure you pick only the ripe ones,” said Jason’s mother. “We don’t want the pies to be sour.”

Before long, they had filled two bushel baskets! “That should be plenty,” said Jason’s father. They put the apples in the car and drove to the shop to pay. Then they began the drive home.

Jason’s parents heard a voice from the back seat. “I think I can smell an apple pie baking right now.”

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Answer the questions below.

1 What had made this a good year for apples?

- the autumn
- the weather
- the sunny day

2 Who said, “I think I can smell an apple pie baking right now”?

- Jason’s mother
- Jason’s father
- Jason

3 How often did Jason’s family go to You Pick ’Em Orchard?

- once
- every year
- each spring

4 Did Jason enjoy picking apples? Explain your answer.

5 What did Jason mean when he said he could almost smell the apple pie baking?

Common Core State Standards

Questions 1–3: Literature 1. Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. **Questions 4, 5: Literature 3.** Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.