



OUR FAMILY JOURNEY.... In Mad Libs

Chapter IV: Grandpa's Pushcart and Grandma's Muffins

Each day my grandfather _____ would leave home before dawn to sell
PROPER NOUN

_____ from his _____ pushcart. Each day, he would
PLURAL NOUN ADJECTIVE

come home tired and dejected, having sold very few of his _____ wares.
ADJECTIVE

While Grandpa was out _____ walking the _____ streets,
ADVERB ADJECTIVE

my grandmother would care for her _____
NUMBER ADJECTIVE

children and, in her spare time, bake her special _____ muffins.
ADJECTIVE

It was a treat for the children, who would run out _____ whenever
ADVERB

they smelled the _____ aroma of the baked goods.
ADJECTIVE

During the summer, when the temperature would rise to _____ degrees, the
NUMBER

scent of baking muffins would waft through the open windows and catch the attention of _____ neighbors who were passing by. Some would knock on Grandma's door and ask: "What is that _____ smell?" "It's a special recipe, handed down from my great-aunt _____, from her small village in _____," my grandmother would respond.

"I must have a taste," they would say. And, taking a _____ bite, they would exclaim with delight: "I must have more! Do you sell them?" _____, my grandmother would respond, "Well, you can have a half a dozen for _____ dollars.

Soon, lines were forming daily in front of our door. And while Grandpa barely came home with _____ pennies each day, Grandma was selling _____ of her muffins from a small table she set outside our building.

Each month, Grandpa's earnings were not enough to pay the _____ rent of _____ dollars or to pay for all the food necessary for the family's children, which now numbered _____. Not wanting to hurt Grandpa's _____

pride, Grandma would secretly pay the bills with her savings. Additionally, she had

enough money left over to hide in a _____ sack hidden under the

ADJECTIVE

_____.

NOUN

One day, the truth came out. Grandpa was at the bakery to buy *challot* for

Shabbat, when he saw _____ the _____, who lived in the

PROPER NOUN

OCCUPATION

apartment next door. "I must tell you," the neighbor said, "those baked treats that

your wife makes are _____ . She must sell at least _____ every day!

ADJECTIVE

NUMBER

"Your family must be _____ ing in gelt!"

VERB

Grandpa returned home _____ . " _____ , " he cried, "I just

ADVERB

AFFECTIONATE NAME

met our _____ neighbor at the bakery. He said you've been selling your

ADJECTIVE

_____ muffins to the neighbors. Why didn't you tell me?"

ADJECTIVE

With this, Grandma smiled, took Grandpa's _____ hand, and led him

ADJECTIVE

to the hidden sack with all the money. All Grandpa could do was _____ .

VERB