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**MARTHA and the MISSING MUFFINS**

In the kitchen Martha is telling her story to Detective Muffin:

“After I remove my muffins from the oven, I put them in a basket and covered them with a napkin to keep them hot. I hurried next-door to invite my friend Susan over for tea and hot muffins. Upon my return, I heard a noise in the kitchen. However, by the time I ran into the kitchen the noise is gone and so were my beautiful muffins, all of them.”

“Do not despair Martha, Detective Muffin always sniffs out his prey.”

Deceive Muffin insists that Martha reconstructs the events that proceeded the crime, in an attempt to find the missing muffins or the thief who stole them. He is certain that the muffin muncher will return to the scene of the crime.

“Martha, you must bake another batch of muffins exactly the way you made the other. I will hide in the kitchen and see what happens.”

Martha sets the oven at ° F. She prepares the muffin tins with so that the muffin tin is easier to clean. If Martha does not have liners available, she greases the of the muffin tin only so that the batter can to the sides of the pan. She assemblies all the ingredients needed for plain muffins: , , ,

 , , , and . Next Martha and the flour, adds the other ingredients to combines them in a large bowl. She proceeds to make a in the dry ingredients. In a separate medium bowl, Martha combines all the ingredients. She then pours the ingredients into the ingredients

 . Now she mixes lightly with a until the dry

ingredients are . The batter should look . (overmixing would overwork the gluten in the flour and cause the muffins to have and

 .) Martha uses a large and rubber to place

the batter into the baking liners. She fills them 2/3rds full. Martha then proceeds to clean off any extra batter and fill any muffin cups with so the pan is not scorched. She puts the muffin in the oven and bakes them for minutes. During the baking time, Martha cleans up her kitchen, sets the table, and makes tea. When the timer buzzes, Martha takes her mitts and removes the tin of muffins from the oven.

She immediately removes the brown muffins with the slightly tops from the tin and places them in a basket which she covers with a napkin to keep the muffins piping hot. To do exactly as she did before, Martha goes next-door to get Susan. Now detective muffin must go to work he peeks from behind the partly open room closet door. No sooner is Martha out of the kitchen on a trio of squirrels comes bouncing through the partly open kitchen window. Each little creature takes a muffin and

screws off with it only to return for another and another until all the muffins are gone. Martha returns find the muffins are all gone again.

“Oh no, where are the muffins?”

Detective Muffin emerges from the broom closet.

“Martha, the case is solved. You’re such a good muffin maker that your friendly neighbourhood squirrels decided to store them for the winter.”

They both had a good laugh.

**WORD BANK** *(some words might not be used)*

400

200

20-25 empty sifts

ALL AT ONCE

baking powder baking soda bottom

bumpy

climb combined dry

dry

egg oven flour fork golden liners

lumpy measures milk

milk

mixing muffin oil

oil

peaks

rounded

salt tunnels spatula spoon sugar water well

wet wet

wooden spoon