

Read the story and respond to the questions on the next page.

Sugar and Spice

Once a week, Michelle and Ryan stopped by the pet shop on their way home from school. They stopped for two reasons—Sugar and Spice. Sugar and Spice were two kittens that shared a cage. They played so nicely together. Michelle and Ryan both had been begging their parents for a kitten. Since they are neighbors, they thought it would be perfect if Michelle got Sugar and Ryan got Spice.

Things got busy at school and home, so Michelle and Ryan didn't have time to stop by the pet shop. How they missed seeing Sugar and Spice! A few weeks later, Michelle and her mom passed by the pet shop. To Michelle's surprise, she didn't see Spice in the front window. She only saw Sugar. A terrible thought crossed her mind. Maybe someone bought Spice and the two best friends would never be together again. She went home practically in tears, but her mom assured her everything would be okay.

That weekend was Ryan's birthday party. Michelle was really looking forward to going because Ryan's parties were always fun. At the party they played games, sang, and ate cake and ice cream. Then came the best part—the presents! Ryan got lots of neat toys, including a few that Michelle was planning to put on her own birthday list. Just when Ryan thought he was done opening all the presents, his dad brought out a small box with holes in it and a bow on top. Ryan carefully opened the box and found Spice inside!

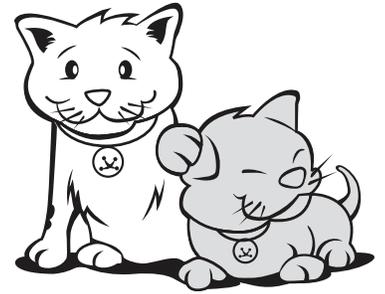
Ryan had mixed feelings. He was excited to have a new kitten, but he was also sad that Spice was not with his best friend Sugar anymore. Ryan's parents sensed his sad feeling and motioned for Michelle's mom. She stepped forward with a small box with holes in it and a bow on top. The box looked just like the one that Ryan got. Michelle's mom asked Michelle if she wanted an early birthday present. But before Michelle could answer, Ryan had the box open and Sugar was peeking out! Sugar and Spice immediately started playing together and Ryan looked at Michelle and said, "This is the best birthday ever!"



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Think about the story *Sugar and Spice* from the previous page. Write your personal responses to the questions below. Use complete sentences.



1. Do you think Sugar and Spice will continue to be best friends? Why or why not?

2. What was your favorite part in the story? Describe it.

3. Explain how you think they felt when they saw Sugar and Spice together again.

4. Describe how you think Ryan's feelings changed after Michelle opened her early birthday present.

5. Who do you think is happier, Ryan and Michelle or Sugar and Spice? Why?

6. How would you feel if you received a gift like Sugar or Spice?

7. If you could get a special pet of your own, what kind of animal would you like and why?
