

Race for the Pie!

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A long time ago in the town of Chesterville, a tradition was started. You see, the town was famous for its cherries. People would come from miles around for a taste of their sweetness.

Chesterville also hosted their county's fair. It was around this same time, that their trees were ripe with cherries, so of course, this was the time when most people bought their cherries.

The cherry farmers were happy to have such a popular item to sell, but were having a hard time being able to pick them fast enough for all of the people who wanted them.

One day, Farmer Chuck came up with an idea. He called all of the townspeople together for a meeting. He talked with them about having a cherry challenge day. This would be a competition that would be held to see who could pick 1,000 cherries the fastest. Each competitor would be assigned a counter to be sure that the cherry picker counted the cherries correctly. When 1,000 cherries had been picked, the cherry picker would have to race to the town square and ring the bell. The winner's cherries would be given to Mrs. Chumley who would make the prize, one of her famous cherry pies, whose recipe just happened to call for 1,000 cherries!

This competition would help the farmers be able to have the help they needed to pick all the cherries, and would also start a fun tradition.

It was decided that this was a good idea, so a day was chosen, and it was announced to the people of the town.

The day finally arrived. Chett had been counting down the day for weeks! He could already taste the cherry pie. He was assigned a counter and the two of them talked about the best way to count the cherries. Every time Chett picked ten cherries from the tree, his hands would be too full to hold them all, so he would hand them to the counter, who would put them into his bucket. When the bucket was filled with 100 cherries, the bucket would be too full and would need to be dumped into a bushel that would be able to hold 1,000 cherries before it was too full. This would continue until ten buckets had been filled and dumped into the bushel.

As the two of them waited by the assigned tree for the signal, Chett's counter suddenly had to leave. Our class is going to have to be his counters. Let's help Chett win that cherry pie!