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A Sweet Story

Directions: The following story has the names of 30 different kinds of candy and gum hidden in it. As you read the story, circle the names of the candy. How many can you find?

“Oh, Henry, you’re such a butterfingers!” Ruth cried.

“Quit being such a baby, Ruth,” Henry laughed. “I only dropped that whatchamacallit because it was red hot. It’s still good, n’ plenty of food is left.”

Henry’s snickers made Ruth mad, but she said, “Never mind. I’ll have a piece of fresh, juicy fruit instead. Will you be a lifesaver and bring me an almond, Joy? And would you bring me another cracker, Jack? If I’m going to have crackers, I’ll have to get peanut butter, cups, and milk.”

“I’ll bring some peppermint,” Pattie yelled from upstairs.

“Sorry I was such a slo-poke,” Pattie said when she finally came down. “There were mounds of bottle caps on the stairs and I tripped on them. I hurt my knee and I had to kiss it to make it better. I’m lucky it didn’t turn out to be a jaw breaker!”

Ruth put her arms around her friends, Joy (whose nickname is Ju Ju) and Pattie and said, “You two are my best friends, bar none. Together, we’re the three musketeers!”

The constant tic-tac of the clock reminded the girls they were running late, so they walked down fifth avenue to the planetarium. There they saw the Milky Way and a falling star burst from the sky.

Then they decided to go to the movies. “Let’s see Tootsie. Pop said I could see that one,” Ruth told her friends.

The theater was so quiet you could hear gumdrop. Just then the girls spotted their friend, Junior. “Mints anyone?” Junior asked. They accepted and all had their fill of sugar. Babies were crying, but at last the movie started.

Everyone enjoyed the movie. As they left the theater, Ruth shouted, “Look out Ju Ju, bees are chasing you!” They took off running, laughing all the way home. They agreed they couldn’t have had more fun if it was payday.