





# READ IT

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## Robert McCloskey

### Word Bank

- 1. **Caldecott Medal:** a medal presented annually to the illustrator of the most distinguished American picture book for children published in the United States in the preceding year.
- 2. **distinguished:** famous; well-known.
- 3. **inspiration:** an idea that is inspired; sudden brilliant idea.
- 4. **scholarship:** money or other aid given to help a student continue his studies.
- 5. **passionate:** having or showing strong feelings.

1. Read the following selection from the article.  
*Before his death, he won the Caldecott Medal for distinguished children's literature two times.*

Which word is **not** an antonym for *distinguished*?

- A. common
- B. insignificant
- C. famed
- D. ordinary

2. McCloskey played the harmonica, drums and violin.

- A. True
- B. False

If the answer is false, make it true.

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3. What inspired McCloskey to write and illustrate the book *Make Way For Ducklings*?

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4. Where was McCloskey born?

- A. Deer Isle, Maine
- B. Centerburg, Ohio
- C. Boston, Massachusetts
- D. Hamilton, Ohio

5. A verb is a word that tells what is or what is done. Which words from the selection below are verbs?

*I built trains and cranes with remote controls, my family's Christmas trees revolved, lights flashed and buzzers buzzed, fuses blew and sparks flew.*

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6. While he was living in Boston, McCloskey painted outdoor **murals** with artist Francis Scott Bradford.

In the sentence above, what does the word **murals** mean?

- A. a large picture painted or affixed directly on a wall
- B. a wallpaper pattern representing a landscape
- C. a greatly enlarged photograph

# Read All About It

written by Susan Fineman

## Bakery in central Thailand has something fishy in its ice cream

SINGBURI, Thailand (AP) — Specialty ice creams can be concocted from soy milk, olive oil and even cheese. But for the truly bizarre, come to central Thailand where a bakery is putting snakehead fish in its frozen desserts.

Kasara Bakery's ice cream contains 40 percent fish meat, but you wouldn't know it from the smell, taste or texture. The bits of fish could easily be mistaken for coconut flakes.

The bakery in Singburi province, where snakeheads are a culinary pride, is about to open a third outlet and expand its line of snakehead confections with fish cookies and Chinese pastries filled with deep-fried snakehead bones.

The shop's first snakehead product was a sweet-smelling dessert cake baked in a fish-shaped mold. The key was blending four herbs for a secret syrup that eradicates the fishiness.

The cakes have been a hit since their debut at the annual Singburi Snakehead Festival seven years ago. Now the bakery, 80 miles north of Bangkok, sells some 4,000 cakes during weekends for \$3.50 each.

Kasara Thepprasit, the bakery's 39-year-old entrepreneur, said she declined an Australian company's \$695,000 offer for her recipe.

"We want Thailand to have a good product that other countries don't have," Kasara said. "We didn't do this just for the money. We wanted to do this to promote Thailand and its food."

The idea to bake cakes out of fish was spawned by her husband, Supot Prasongsuksan, who wanted something special for members of Thailand's much-revered royal family when they visit the province. The bluebloods generally stop to chat with residents and are showered with gifts of the best local produce.

"Every time the royal family comes here, we give them snakehead fish cake, and they always stop to talk to me," Kasara said. "They tell me that it's good to see Thais being so inventive and creating such strange foods with just local ingredients."

### Fish Is Bakery's Secret Ingredient

Use facts from the story to complete the following statements:

- Kasara Thepprasit owns a -
  - a) travel business.
  - b) bakery in central Thailand.
  - c) Bangkok fish market.
- The 39-year-old entrepreneur (businessperson) prepares -
  - a) cakes made with snakeheads.
  - b) odd-tasting foods.
  - c) cheese-flavored frozen desserts.
- Kasara's specialty ice creams are made with -
  - a) 40 kinds of meat.
  - b) pieces of fish.
  - c) soy milk and olive oil.
- Four herbs are added to the bizarre foods in order to -
  - a) bring out their coconut flavor.
  - b) add a meaty taste to the concoctions.
  - c) get rid of the fishy smell.
- An Australian company offered to -
  - a) give Kasara's husband a job.
  - b) buy the secret dessert recipe.
  - c) pay \$695,000 for 4,000 cakes.
- Supot Prasongsuksan came up with the idea of adding fish to bakery items because he -
  - a) knew it was a good way to earn money.
  - b) liked to show off.
  - c) thought it would impress the bluebloods.

- The original snakehead product was -
  - a) baked in a fish-shaped mold.
  - b) intended as a gift to Thailand's royal family.
  - c) both a) and b) are correct.
- Thais were first able to purchase cakes baked out of fish -
  - a) at an annual Singburi Snakehead Festival.
  - b) only on weekends.
  - c) seventy years ago.
- The royal family thinks that baking with snakeheads -
  - a) keeps the tourists out of the province.
  - b) will increase the price of cakes to \$3.50 each.
  - c) is an interesting way to use local ingredients.
- The popular Singburi bakery will soon be selling -
  - a) cookies for fish.
  - b) Chinese confections made with bones.
  - c) deep-fried snake.

### GRAND OPENING

Imagine that Kasara Thepprasit hired you to design a full-page newspaper ad for the grand opening of her third outlet. Create a colorful, easy-to-read announcement. Let readers know about the newest offerings: fish cookies and bone-filled Chinese pastries. Include an opening-day special.

# QUIZ

Use your newspaper to answer the following questions

# QUIZ

1. On which page of today's newspaper will you find the headline, "Depression-era dinnerware keeps maker afloat?"

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2. What is the name of the Depression-era dinnerware?

- A. Laughlin China Dinnerware
- B. Fiesta Dinnerware
- C. Libbey Dinnerware
- D. Newell Dinnerware

3. The covered onion soup bowl in turquoise, was produced for only one year before being discontinued in 1937. How much is one of those bowls worth today?

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4. On which page of today's edition of the *Mount Vernon News* is the "From Our Files" column located?

- A. page 1B
- B. page 7A
- C. page 5A
- D. page 4A

5. Fifty years ago, in 1969, moldmakers were on strike at Lamb Glass.

- A. True
- B. False

If the statement is false, make it true.

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6. According to the AccuWeather map on page 2A of today's newspaper, which Ohio city is predicted to have a high temperature of 77 degrees on Tuesday?

- A. Toledo
- B. Athens
- C. Cleveland
- D. Mansfield

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