



Meena is excited for her tea party at her nanu's house, but even though she's hungry, she's going to have to be patient. Today they're making a special Bengali tea called doodh cha, but it takes time. Finally—**DRRIING!!**—it's ready, and it's delicious. Like Nanu says, "It always tastes better when we make it together."

Discussion Questions

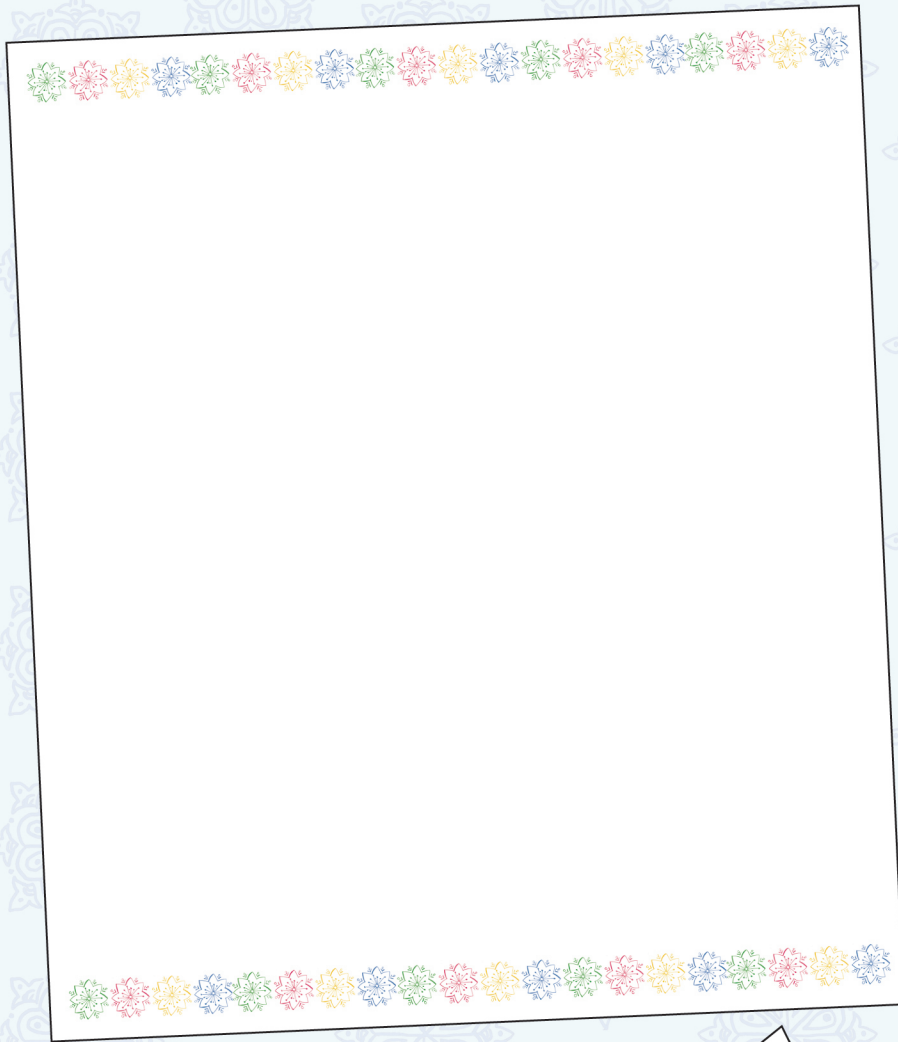
1. What is Meena looking forward to?
2. Why does Meena feel impatient?
3. What is on Meena's mind while she waits for the doodh cha?
4. When do you feel impatient?
5. Do you have a favorite warm drink—if so, what is it?
6. Do you have a favorite snack—if so, what is it?
7. Do you like trying new foods? What have you tried?
8. Does your family have any special food you like to make together?
9. If you could invite someone special to a tea party, who would it be?



About the Author

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Activities

1. Create a tea party invitation for someone special to you.
2. Design a teapot.
3. Decorate a cup and fill it with your favorite drink.
4. Draw your favorite snack.

