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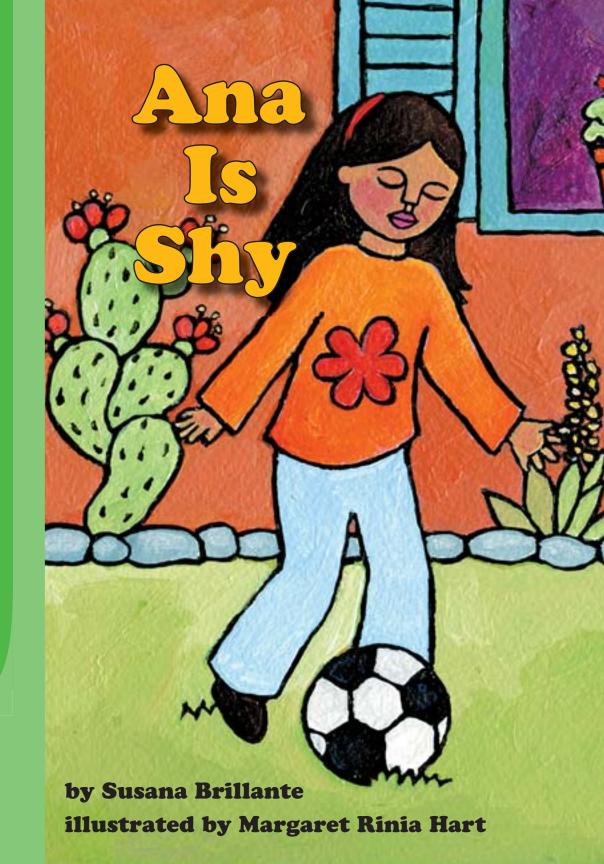
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## Ana Is Shy



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a picture of their family. But Ana wants to be alone. She is too shy for pictures.



"We need help cooking dinner for tonight," Mama says. "Papa should rest on his birthday. Oh, where are my daughters when I need them?"



Ana is the youngest child in her family. She thinks she's too small to help. She tries to stay out of the way.



"Where are all the tortillas?" Mama asks. "We had so many!"

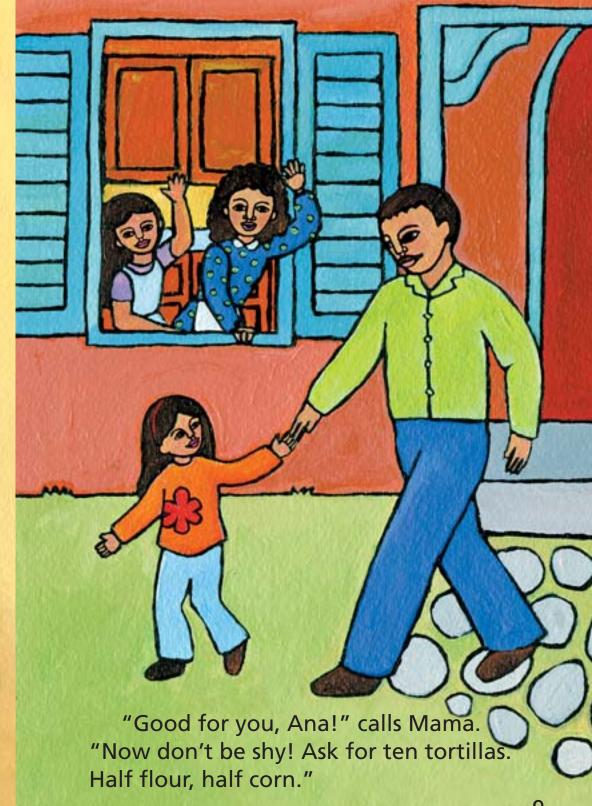
"I think we ate them last night," says Clara. "I'll call Papa. He can go to town to buy more." "We need more tortillas," says Clara.

"But Mama and I are busy."

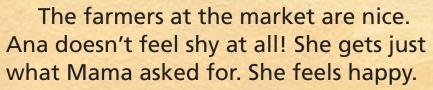
"It's all right. I can get them," Papa says.



"You don't have to go alone, Papa," says Ana. "It's your birthday. I want to help. I'll go with you!"









Papa's birthday dinner was tasty. Everyone helped make it. Even shy Ana helped!

## **Mexican American Food**



Long ago, the Spanish brought beef, chicken, cheese, and olives to the Americas. In Mexico they found people growing corn, tomatoes, beans, and chilies. These foods were combined to make wonderful new recipes!

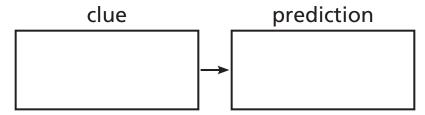
Every region developed its own recipes. The Mexican people living in the southwest of the United States made a dish called *nachos*. Crisp tortilla chips are covered with cheese, tomatoes, and other delicious toppings. Nachos are now popular all over the country.



## Think and Share (Read Together



- 1. What happens first, next, and last in the story?
- 2. Do you think Ana will continue to be shy? Why or why not? Use a chart like the one below to record your answer.



- **3.** Ana is the youngest daughter. What does Ana think about herself because of this?
- **4.** Why didn't Ana feel shy at the market?