A Father's Day Surprise

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Warm-up

- What does your dad (or another family member) like doing?
- What is a good surprise for a family member?

Reading

In Türkiye, Father's Day is on the third Sunday of June. Many countries, like the USA and the UK, celebrate it on the same day. Here is Can's story about last year's Father's Day.

“My dad loves football and fishing, so my sister Deniz and I planned a surprise. On Saturday evening, we made a card together. I drew a big fish on it, and Deniz wrote a short poem.

On Sunday morning, we woke up before Dad and prepared breakfast. We made menemen with Mum's help. When Dad came into the kitchen, we shouted, ‘Happy Father's Day!’ He laughed and said it was the best menemen in the world.

After breakfast, we went to the lake together. Dad taught us how to fish. We didn't catch anything, but we had a great time. In the evening, we watched a football match and ate popcorn.

The best present for Dad wasn't the card. It was our day together.”

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
surprise	sürpriz	*We planned a surprise party for Grandma.*
plan	planlamak	*They planned a trip to the sea.*
poem	şiir	*She wrote a poem for her teacher.*

prepare	hazırlamak	*Mum prepared a big dinner.*
shout	bağırmak	*The fans shouted when the team scored.*
lake	göl	*There are ducks on the lake.*
catch (caught)	yakalamak	*My uncle caught a big fish.*

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
Past Simple (düzenli)	We planned a surprise. / He laughed.
Past Simple (düzensiz)	make → made, draw → drew, write → wrote, teach → taught
Olumsuz	We didn't catch anything. / The best present wasn't the card.
Kutlama	Happy Father's Day! / You are the best dad in the world!

Discussion

1. What would be a perfect day for someone in your family?
2. Is a homemade present better than a shop present? Why?
3. What did you do last Father's Day?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. When is Father's Day in Türkiye?

a) The second Sunday of May
b) The first Sunday of June
c) The third Sunday of June
d) The last Sunday of July

2. What did Deniz write on the card?

a) A poem
b) A letter
c) A song
d) A recipe

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

3. Dad _____ (teach) us how to fish.

4. We _____ (not / catch) anything.

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

5. Can and Deniz caught a big fish at the lake. ( )

Match the items. *(Eşleştirin.)*

6. Match the verbs with their past forms.

1. make ( )
2. draw ( )
3. teach ( )
4. catch ( )
5. wake up ( )

a) woke up
b) drew
c) made
d) caught
e) taught

Write your answers. *(Cevaplarınızı yazın.)*

7. Write about a special day with your family (4–5 sentences). Use the Past Simple.