May I Borrow Your Ice Cream?

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Paco had an ice cream cone.

He lent it to Bob.

Bob licked a lot of ice cream.
Paco and Bob liked to share with each other. But sometimes, Bob got a little carried away. Let’s find out what happened on their way home from school one day.

Paco had a dollar bill. He spent it on an ice cream cone. He sat on a log to lick it.
Bob LOVED ice cream. He thought of a trade he could make so Paco would share his ice cream.

Bob sat on the log.
"Will you let me lick your ice cream?" he asked.
"I’ll lend you my fast bike!"
“O.K.,” said Paco.
He lent his ice cream to Bob.
Bob licked it a lot.
He licked it until he was full.
Paco saw his ice cream disappear right before his eyes!

Paco was upset.
“Stop!” said Paco.
“Do not lick it so long!
Let me get it back!”
Paco put his hand on the ice cream.
Grabbing the ice cream cone was NOT a good idea.

Paco had bad luck.
The ice cream fell.
It landed on Paco’s lap.
It spilled on Paco’s leg.
It melted on Paco’s pants.
Paco was mad!

“You let my ice cream fall!” he said.

“It got on my lap and my leg!
I spent my last dollar bill!”
Bob felt bad that he had upset Paco. Then he had an idea.

Bob said, “We are in luck! We have ice cream at my house.”

Bob led Paco to his house.
The boys went into Bob’s kitchen. His mom was there. Do you think Bob’s idea worked?

“Mom, can you get us ice cream?” asked Bob. Mom put ice cream in cones. She gave them to Paco and Bob. “Let me have a lick,” Bob said.

Paco stopped and looked at Bob. “I was only teasing, Paco!” said Bob. “Now we both have ice cream. Yum!!”
1. Did Bob like ice cream?

2. Did Bob lend his ice cream to Paco?

3. Did Bob lick the ice cream?

4. Did Paco go to Bob’s house?
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