Who is she? What did she do? What happened?

Last week, Beth baked a cake for Lilly's birthday party. Lilly wanted a strawberry cake with pink frosting. Beth was happy to bake the cake.

First, Beth mixed the ingredients in a big bowl. Next, she poured the cake batter into four round baking pans. She put the pans in the oven. Finally, she baked the cakes for 20 minutes.

Then, Beth prepared the pink frosting. After the cakes cooled, Beth stacked them and covered them with frosting. Beth wrote Lilly's name on top with white frosting. She put seven candles in the cake.

On Sunday, Beth surprised Lilly with the strawberry cake. Lilly loved her cake! Lilly had many gifts for her birthday. But Lilly said her cake was the best gift of them all!
Simple Past Story 2 – Exercises

A. Answer the following questions. Use the Simple Past tense.

1. What kind of cake did Lilly want for her birthday? Who baked the cake?
   ______________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________

2. What did Beth do first? How long did she bake the cakes?
   ______________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________

3. What did Beth do on Sunday? How did Lilly feel about her cake?
   ______________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________

B. Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word or phrase) and tag questions.

Examples for the sentence “Amanda washed the dishes.”

   **Negative:** Amanda did not wash the dishes.
   **Yes/No Question:** Did Amanda wash the dishes?
   **WH-Question:** Who washed the dishes?
   **Tag Question:** Amanda washed the dishes, didn't she?
1. **Beth** mixed the ingredients in a big bowl.

   **Negative:** ______________________________________________________

   **Yes/No Question:** ________________________________________________

   **WH-Question:** ____________________________________________________

   **Tag Question:** ____________________________________________________

2. She put the pans in the oven.

   **Negative:** ______________________________________________________

   **Yes/No Question:** ________________________________________________

   **WH-Question:** ____________________________________________________

   **Tag Question:** ____________________________________________________

3. **Lilly** loved her cake!

   **Negative:** ______________________________________________________

   **Yes/No Question:** ________________________________________________

   **WH-Question:** ____________________________________________________

   **Tag Question:** ____________________________________________________
C. This is a copy of the original story. Fill in the blanks with the past tense form of each verb in parentheses.

Last week, Beth _________ (bake) a cake for Lilly's birthday party. Lilly _________ (want) a strawberry cake with pink frosting. Beth _________ (is) happy to bake the cake.

First, Beth _________ (mix) the ingredients in a big bowl. Next, she _________ (pour) the cake batter into four round baking pans. She _________ (put) the pans in the oven. Finally, she _________ (bake) the cakes for 20 minutes.

Then, Beth _________ (prepare) the pink frosting. After the cakes _________ (cool), Beth _________ (stack) them and _________ (cover) them with frosting. Beth _________ (write) Lilly's name on top with white frosting. She _________ (put) seven candles in the cake.

On Sunday, Beth _________ (surprise) Lilly with the strawberry cake. Lilly _________ (love) her cake! Lilly _________ (has) many gifts for her birthday. But Lilly _________ (say) her cake _________ (is) the best gift of them all!
Answer the following questions. Use the Simple Past tense.

1. What kind of cake did Lilly want for her birthday? Who baked the cake?

Lilly wanted a strawberry cake with pink frosting for her birthday. Beth baked the cake.

2. What did Beth do first? How long did she bake the cakes?

First, Beth mixed the ingredients in a big bowl. She baked the cakes for 20 minutes.

3. What did Beth do on Sunday? How did Lilly feel about her cake?

On Sunday, Beth surprised Lilly with the strawberry cake. Lilly loved her cake! She said it was the best gift of them all.

Rewrite the following sentences as negative sentences, yes/no questions, WH-questions (using the underlined word) and tag questions.

1. Beth mixed the ingredients in a big bowl.

Negative: Beth did not mix the ingredients in a big bowl.

Yes/No Question: Did Beth mix the ingredients in a big bowl?

WH-Question: Who mixed the ingredients in a big bowl?

Tag Question: Beth mixed the ingredients in a big bowl, didn't she?
2. She put the pans in the oven.

**Negative:** She didn’t put the pans in the oven.

**Yes/No Question:** Did she put the pans in the oven?

**WH-Question:** Where did she put the pans?

**Tag Question:** She put the pans in the oven, didn't she?

3. Lilly loved her cake!

**Negative:** Lilly did not love her cake!

**Yes/No Question:** Did Lilly love her cake?

**WH-Question:** Who loved her cake?

**Tag Question:** Lilly loved her cake, didn't she?
C. This is a copy of the original story. Fill in the blanks with the past tense form of each verb in parentheses.

Last week, Beth baked (bake) a cake for Lilly's birthday party. Lilly wanted (want) a strawberry cake with pink frosting. Beth was (is) happy to bake the cake.

First, Beth mixed (mix) the ingredients in a big bowl. Next, she poured (pour) the cake batter into four round baking pans. She put (put) the pans in the oven. Finally, she baked (bake) the cakes for 20 minutes.

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On Sunday, Beth surprised (surprise) Lilly with the strawberry cake. Lilly loved (love) her cake! Lilly had (has) many gifts for her birthday. But Lilly said (say) her cake was (is) the best gift of them all!

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