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Leah



Nick



Abby



Martin



Cal



Simon



Bram

2a

**American English**

candy  
color  
cookies  
cute  
fall  
grade  
gray  
mom

**British English**

sweets  
colour  
biscuits  
good-looking / pretty  
autumn  
year  
grey  
mum

2b 1 cookies 2 mom 3 candy 4 color 5 cute 6 gray 7 grade 8 fall

3a

- a Halloween
- b Homecoming and Spirit Week
- c Simon's Birthday
- d Thanksgiving
- e Christmas Eve
- f Christmas Day
- g New Year's Eve

3b 1 g 2 c 3 b 4 e 5 a 6 f 7 d

4	Cal	Martin	Bram
Reasons why this person could be Blue	Sometimes when Simon looks at him, he feels like they understand each other.	He knows about Blue.	Simon feels a bit uncomfortable and notices that this cute guy is staring at him.
	He's drawn a superhero. Blue loves superheroes.	He shares a name with the eighth American president.	
	Simon lifts his hand, and he takes it in his own. He smiles down at Simon, and Simon has to look away from him.		
Reasons why this person can't be Blue	He doesn't react to Simon talking about Oreos.	When the emails were sent, he was in rehearsal with Simon, with no time to write emails, and no internet.	

5 *Model answers:*

- a My mom and sister think that the men on the show are very cute.
- b "He really looks like he is gay."
- c Leah does nice things for people on their birthdays and makes them feel special.
- d All the other things seem less important.
- e I am very sad.
- f It's hard to truly know people.

6 *Reader's own answer.*

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