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Once upon a time, there was a very crazy family called the Letzter's. Every year, they gathered together at _____
_____house or another. The house, regardless of whose it was, was always _____and
_____and _____in the most wonderful way. Of course, preparation went on for days
before the party. The host of the party scrubbed and _____and _____and
_____every inch of the house because, after all, Christmas was coming and so were
_____guests. Everyone else was busy preparing hors d'oeuvres, desserts, casseroles, and all kinds of
_____of the meal. Aunt Betty usually made cream _____ but she reminded us that she might
not have time. We all knew in our hearts and our stomachs that she would make the time because she knew we
loved those little pillows of chocolatey _____. Aunt Donna was responsible for Gabrielle's favorite,
deviled _____ although Abby has pretty much taken over the peeling, _____and
_____of those _____treats. Jess was the appetizer queen; Judy baked and baked; and
Uncle John always added brownies or chocolate chip cookies. Yum!

At the appropriate time, the clan gathered. It was noisy and _____and usually Mallory entertained us
with a song and we laughed at Avery's antics. The TV was also on in the background and Gary and John
watched _____of some sort. Jessica and Adam would bring the newest addition to the madness in the
person of Baby John (who is the cutest boy baby by far) and Baby John would coo and _____and make
everyone laugh because we couldn't decide who would hold him next.

Appetizers were followed by dinner -- Noun Noun potatoes, veggies, rolls and everything else. We all groaned because we had eaten too many appetizers and we still ate dinner. Each year we swore never to make so many appetizers, and each year, we did. After dinner, the kids would open their gifts. Gabrielle would play Santa and her sisters would help, but Gabs was the oldest and growing into a beautiful young Noun . We'd laugh and laugh -- with Aunt Betty's belly Noun usually starting the riot. Adam and Jess would join in and then Shannon would join in and, before long, we'd all be wiping away Noun of joy. Yep, it is a crazy time. We'd all hug and wish each other Merry Christmas and in our hearts, we considered ourselves the luckiest family because we had each other and because we would continue to grow and grow -- not only in numbers but in love.