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**EJ12: Girl Hero, Choc Shock**  
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**Synopsis**

In *Choc Shock*, EJ12 is sent to Madame Ombre's Junior Choc Chef's cooking competition with the aim of stopping SHADOW from sending out a new code machine. Madame Ombre, the world's best chocolate chef, has been stealing gold flakes from the Institute of Cookery and EJ must get them back. Back home, Emma Jacks wants to make cupcakes to raise money to save the local animal shelter.

- **Pet Survey**

Emma loves animals (see page 8) and wants to save the local animal shelter. Survey your discussion group to find out about pets they might own. Discuss how to turn these results into a simple graph showing "Our Pets."

- **How to Take Care of a Pet**

Have each person in your discussion group describe how to take care of their favorite pet, including "what you need" and "what to do." Have each person write out their pet care procedures and collect them into a "Pet Care Handbook."

- **Knock Knock**

The story contains several knock knock jokes. Share your favorite knock knock jokes and as a group, make some up. Create a knock knock joke book.

- **Baking Time**

Bring in your favorite cupcake recipe to swap with others in your discussion group. Decide on a charity and have each person bake and bring in their cupcakes and sell them to raise money. Create a group cupcake recipe book.

- **Amazing Anagrams**

Some of the codes in *Choc Shock* are anagrams. What are anagrams? Write your own for others in the discussion group to solve.

- **Enigma Machine**

The Enigma Machine mentioned in the story was a code making and breaking machine from World War II. Research the machine on the Internet and discuss how the machine works and what it was used for. How many combinations of letters were there?