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Level 3: Reading Comprehension

Surprise Party

Sam, Molly, and Mom decide to throw a surprise birthday party for Dad. They are getting ready for it while he is at work.

They invite Uncle Mel, Aunt Carrie, Aunt Joanna, and their cousins, Noah and Kayla. Sam calls them all on the phone and says, "Please arrive by 4:30. Dad will be home at 5 o'clock."

Mom puts a chocolate cake in the oven, then makes snacks for everyone to eat. Sam is making his Dad a birthday card. Molly runs to the store to buy balloons and birthday candles.

"We'd better make sure the house is clean before everyone comes," says Mom. Molly vacuums the living room. Sam dusts all of the furniture. Mom sweeps the kitchen, then takes her cake out of the oven.

After the cake has cooled down, Molly puts frosting on it and decorates it. Sam blows up balloons, puts streamers on the ceiling, and hangs a sign on the wall that says, "Happy Birthday".

All of the guests arrive on time for the surprise party. Molly and Sam play video games with their cousins until Dad gets home.

When Dad pulls in the driveway, everyone hides in the living room. When Dad walks in the house everyone jumps up and yells, "Surprise!"

"Wow!," says Dad. "This is a real surprise! My birthday is still two months away!" Dad was surprised, but so was everyone else in the family.

Even though the party was two months early, everyone had a spectacular time.

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Answer the questions in complete sentences.

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2. Who put up the decorations?

3. What kind of cake did mom make?

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6. How many guests came to the party?

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Answer Key

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Dad is at work.

2. Who put up the decorations?

Sam puts up the decorations.

3. What kind of cake did mom make?

Mom made a chocolate cake.

4. How many guests came to the party?

Five guests came to the party.

5. Why did Molly go to the store?

Molly went to the store to buy balloons and candles.

6. What do Molly and Sam do while they are waiting for Dad to come home?

Molly and Sam play video games with their cousins.

6. What mistake did the family make?

The family was celebrating too early. Dad's birthday was two months away.