

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sandy's Birthday Party 444 |



Today is Sandy's birthday! He is turning thirteen years old, and he is very excited.

Two short stories and comprehension questions.

His mom baked a big strawberry cake. There are thirteen candles on the cake. Sandy looks at the candles and smiles. "I will make a big wish this year!" he says.

His friends Ethan, Oliver, and Sophie come to his house. They bring presents with colorful wrapping paper. "Happy birthday, Sandy!" they say.

Outside, there are balloons on the table. They are red, yellow, blue, and green. Sandy and his friends play games in the yard. First, they play hide and seek. Then, they jump in the swimming pool. They splash and laugh, racing from one side to the other.

After swimming, they eat cake and ice cream. Sandy's mom also gives them fruit juice and lemonade. "If you eat some fruit first, you can have candy!" she says. Everyone grabs strawberries and grapes to get their candy reward.

Sandy opens his presents. His parents give him a new skateboard! "Wow! This is amazing!" he says. His grandpa gives him money, and his grandma gives him a blue jacket. He tries on the jacket and it fits perfectly!

Then, Sandy's dad brings out a big bowl of popcorn, and they all sit in the living room to watch a movie. They choose a funny comedy and laugh together. Sandy's little brother joins them, pretending to act out scenes from the movie.

After the movie, Sandy's mom gives everyone a small gift bag. Inside, there are stickers, candy, and little toys. "This is a surprise for all my guests!" she says.

At the end of the party, Sandy says, "Thank you, everyone! This was the best birthday ever!"

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Answer the questions in full sentences.

- 1. How old is Sandy on his birthday?
- 2. What did Sandy's mom bake for the party?
- 3. What games did Sandy and his friends play in the yard?
- 4. What gift did Sandy's parents give him?
- 5. What did Sandy's grandma give him as a present?
- 6. Why did Sandy's mom tell the children to eat fruit before eating candy?
- 7. What did Sandy and his friends do after opening presents?
- 8. What surprise did Sandy's mom give to all the guests?
- 9. What did Sandy's little brother do during the movie?
- 10. What did Sandy say at the end of the party?

Happy Birthday, Megan! 4

Today is my birthday! I am so excited because I am having a birthday party!

I am only twelve years old, and Mom invited some of my friends to my birthday party. She baked a chocolate cake and put twelve candles on it. Each candle is a different color. Mom is very good at baking cakes.

We are going to play games in the yard, and we are also going to swim. We have a swimming pool, and since all my friends can swim, we'll be safe. Mom let me take swimming lessons when I was only four years old, so I feel confident in the water.

I can't wait to see what presents my friends will give me! Mom and Dad bought me a new bicycle —a red one! And it is very fast! I can't wait to take a ride in the neighborhood. My friend and I are going to cycle to school on our bikes. We need to be very careful of the cars, but we will use the special lanes for bicycles. I studied hard and did well on my exam. My parents are happy with my results, and they promised me a bicycle if I did well.

I bought some balloons that look very beautiful outside by the table. They are green, yellow, pink, blue, purple, and green. There is a small surprise in each balloon, which I think my friends will like. On the table are some fruit juice and lemonade. Mom also bought lots of fruit and some candy. She says if we eat at least two fruits each, then we can eat some candy as well. I love marshmallows, so she bought pink and white ones!

Grandpa and Grandma are also here. They gave me money, which I will save because I want to go to university after school, and I need to start saving for that.

Thank you, Grandpa, thank you Grandma, and most of all, thank you Mom and Dad for my birthday party!

Comprehension Questions

- 1. How old is Megan on her birthday?
- 2. What kind of cake did Megan's mom bake?
- 3. How many candles are on Megan's birthday cake, and what is special about them?
- 4. What activities are Megan and her friends planning to do at the party?
- 5. Why does Megan feel confident swimming in the pool?
- 6. What gift did Megan's parents give her, and why did they give it to her?
- 7. What does Megan plan to do with her new bicycle?
- 8. What is special about the balloons Megan bought for the party?
- 9. What does Megan's mom say the children must do before eating candy?
- 10. What gift did Megan's grandparents give her, and why does she want to save it?

Teacher's Key

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- 1. Sandy is thirteen years old on his birthday.
- 2. Sandy's mom baked a big strawberry cake for the party.
- 3. Sandy and his friends played hide and seek and then jumped in the swimming pool.
- 4. Sandy's parents gave him a new skateboard as a gift.
- 5. Sandy's grandma gave him a blue jacket as a present.
- 6. Sandy's mom told the children to eat fruit before eating candy so they could have a healthy snack first.
- 7. After opening presents, Sandy and his friends watched a funny comedy movie together.
- 8. Sandy's mom gave all the guests a small gift bag with stickers, candy, and little toys as a surprise.
- 9. During the movie, Sandy's little brother pretends to act out scenes from the movie.
- 10. At the end of the party, Sandy said, "Thank you, everyone! This was the best birthday ever!"

Happy Birthday, Megan!

- 1. Megan is twelve years old on her birthday.
- 2. Megan's mom baked a chocolate cake.
- 3. There are twelve candles on Megan's birthday cake, and each candle is a different color.
- 4. Megan and her friends are planning to play games in the yard and swim in the pool.
- 5. Megan feels confident swimming because her mom let her take swimming lessons when she was four years old.
- 6. Megan's parents gave her a new red bicycle because she did well on her exam.
- 7. Megan plans to ride her bicycle in the neighborhood and cycle to school with her friend.
- 8. The balloons Megan bought are green, yellow, pink, blue, purple, and green, and there is a small surprise inside each balloon.
- 9. Megan's mom says the children must eat at least two fruits each before eating candy.
- 10. Megan's grandparents gave her money, which she wants to save because she plans to go to university after school.