

A Big Surprise

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1 For my presents, I said I'd like
Computer games,
A mountain bike,
An electric train
Or a model plane
But most of all
I'd like a bike.

8 I opened my presents
And what did I find there?
A hand knitted hat
And a squeaky bear,
More underpants from my aunts
And socks (grey, one pair).

14 I said "thank you" nicely,
I tried to smile
But what was I thinking
All the while?
I was thinking
I wanted computer games,
A mountain bike,
An electric train
Or a model plane
But most of all
I'd have liked
A bike.

26 "There's just one last thing
to unwrap," they said.
"It's a big surprise
we've kept it in the shed.
It's special, it comes with love
From the lot of us ..."

32 Now I'm the only kid in school
With my own hippopotamus.

Unit 6: A Big Surprise

Practice text questions

Name:

Class:

Date:

1. Which present did the narrator want most of all?

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2. Which word or words tell(s) us that the aunts have given underwear as a gift before?

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3. 'And socks (grey, one pair)' (verse 2). Why didn't the poet write: 'And one pair of grey socks'?

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4. Why are the words "thank you" (verse 3) written in speech marks?

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5. (a) Which word tells you the narrator didn't feel happy?

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(b) Why wasn't the child happy?

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6. Do you think the narrator is a boy or a girl?

Boy Girl

Explain your answer.

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7. "It's a big surprise, We've kept it in the shed" (verse 4).

(b) What did the narrator think when they heard that?

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(c) Explain your answer.

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8. Do you think the narrator would be happy with the present from the shed?

Boy Girl

Explain your answer.

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9. Which word or words rhyme with the word 'hippopotamus' (verse 5)?

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AF 2

1 mark

AF 3

1 mark

AF 4

1 mark

AF 4

1 mark

AF 3

2 marks

AF 3

1 mark

AF 3

1 mark

AF 3

1 mark

AF 4

2 marks