

AN AMAZING BIRTHDAY PRESENT

Carrie and her family were on their way to the big baseball game to celebrate Carrie's birthday. The traffic was heavy, so it took them an hour to get to the stadium. After her dad parked the car, the whole family went into the stadium. They showed their tickets at the gate and then found their seats. Carrie's mom and dad had gotten good seats, so they could see everything on the field. When they sat down, Carrie thought of something.

"I forgot to get a score card! Can I go get one now?"

"I'll go with you," said Carrie's mother.

Just as Carrie and her mother returned to their seats, the game started. The two teams played well. Both teams soon scored several home runs. Carrie watched everything and kept score on her card. At the end of the fourth inning, the score was tied. "This is a good game," Carrie said. "The score's even, and both teams are playing really well."

Carrie's dad said, "Games like this are exciting because you can't be sure who's going to win."

The seventh-inning stretch came. Carrie decided that it would be a good time to choose a souvenir. Carrie and her dad went to one of the T-shirt stands to pick out a shirt for Carrie. Her mom and Scott, Carrie's little brother, went to get snacks and drinks. Everyone got back to their seats in time for the rest of the game.

When the game started again, Carrie couldn't take her eyes off the action. She kept careful score for the rest of the game. Everyone cheered loudly when the home team scored the winning run. What a great game! As Carrie and her family left the stadium, Carrie saw some of the players. Dad saw them, too, and whispered something to Mom. Then, he asked Carrie to borrow her new T-shirt. Carrie wondered what was going on, but she gave him her shirt. Then, Dad took it over to the players. Suddenly, Carrie understood what Dad was doing. He was getting the players to sign her shirt! When Dad got back with the shirt, Carrie hugged him and said, "This is the most amazing present I ever had!"



DIRECTIONS

Read "An Amazing Birthday Present" and then answer the questions.

1. The title **shows** that the **story** takes place

4. Which sentence shows that Dad has a surprise for Carrie?