

Remember the story.



Surprise!

Today is my mum's birthday and we're having a surprise party for her. There are lots of sandwiches and a chocolate cake. All the family are here. Well, not everyone. Where's Mum? She works in the town centre, but she's usually home at five o'clock.



Now Uncle Paul and Grandma are standing on the balcony upstairs. They can see the street from there.



Dad's calling her and he's texting her, but she isn't answering. My cousins are talking about their party hats. 'My party hat's bigger than yours,' Mary says. 'Well, mine's nicer than yours,' Joe says.

'Oh dear, no-one's having fun,' I think. The music's playing, but people aren't dancing. It isn't a good party.



Then Dad's phone rings.

'Hello?' Dad says.

'Is that Mum?' I ask.

'Yes!' Dad answers.

'Put her on speaker phone! Let's all listen!'

Now we can hear Mum. 'Sorry I'm late, but my friends at work are giving me a surprise party.'

'But Mum,' I say, 'we're having a party for you here!'

'Really?'

'Yes, but it isn't a surprise now!'

'What can we do?' Joe and Mary ask.

'I know!' I say. 'Mum! Invite your friends home! We can all have one big party.'



Uncle Paul sees them first.

'There they are!' he calls.

We all go upstairs to the balcony.

'Look! Here they come! They're dancing in the street. And I think your mum's singing, Max!'

'Wow, now everyone's happy and we're all having fun! It isn't a surprise, but it's a great party.'

Answer the questions.

1 Whose birthday is it?

It's Max's mum's birthday.

2 What food is there at the party?

3 Why are Uncle Paul and Grandma on the balcony?

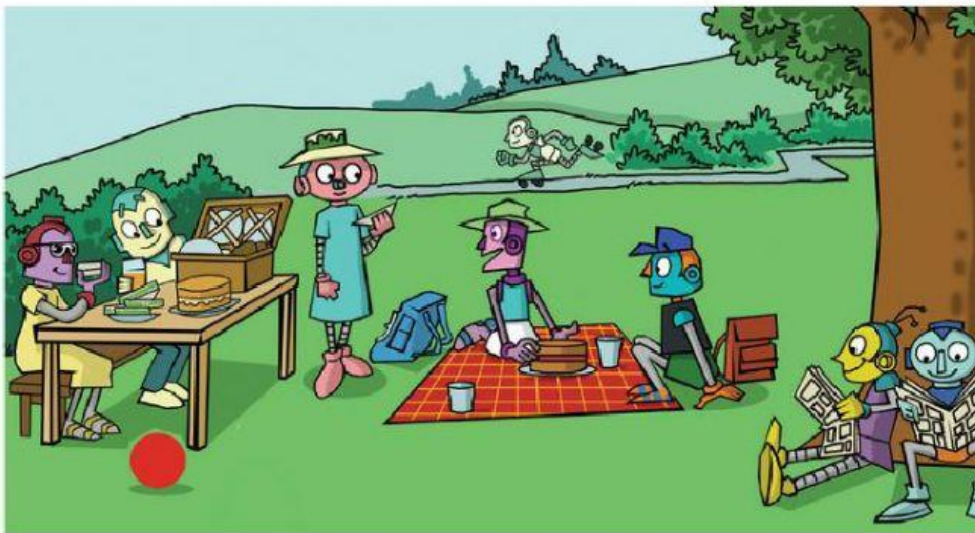
4 Why is Max's mum late?

5 What idea does Max have?

What do you do for your birthday? Do you have a big party? Tell your friend.

I like watching DVDs with my friends and then having a big party at home!

Look, read and write.



- 1 Mum is wearing a green hat.
- 2 Marta and Juan are reading _____.
- 3 Uncle Paul is drinking some _____.
- 4 What is Max's dad wearing?

- 5 Where is the football?

- 6 What is Max doing?

- 7 Now write two sentences about the picture.

