

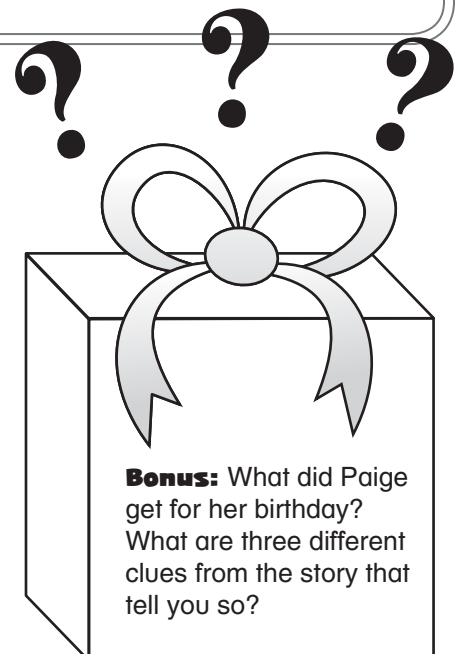
Birthday Surprise

Read.

- 1 Paige wanted only one thing for her birthday—a new kitten. She had been asking for one for months. Every time she brought it up, the answer was always the same: “Not now.”
- 2 Her birthday was getting closer. Paige once again shared her wish with her mom. “You know you will have to get your dad to agree to adopt another pet,” her mom told her.
- 3 “That will never happen,” Paige said. Her eyes filled with tears. She went to her room.
- 4 Finally, it was Paige’s birthday. She was hoping to wake up to find a furry bundle of joy next to her bed. Instead, she found a note to go downstairs.
- 5 Paige went to the kitchen. She only saw a small wrapped gift on the counter. Her heart sank. “There is no way a kitten could fit in a box that size,” Paige thought to herself.
- 6 Her family watched as she unwrapped the small gift. She was right. There was no kitten inside. Instead, she found a small slip of paper. It was a note. It said Paige had to go on a scavenger hunt to find her gift.
- 7 Paige went to work. Quickly, she found the first clue. It took her to the playroom. There, she found the next clue. The clues led Paige from room to room. The last clue sent her to her dad’s car in the garage.
- 8 Paige opened the car door. *Meow, meow.* “Could it be?” she asked herself. She found a crate on the back seat. In it was a small, black-and-white fur ball. Paige gave her dad the biggest hug ever. She finally had her very own pet to love!

On another sheet of paper, write an answer for each question and a question for each answer.

1. Based on the story, why do you think Paige couldn’t get a kitten? Which paragraphs support your answer?
2. How did Paige feel when she saw a small gift in the kitchen? What sentence from the story supports your answer?
3. a paper that sent her on a scavenger hunt
4. She started in the playroom and ended in the garage.
5. How does Paige feel when she finds her birthday present? What did she do to show she felt this way?



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Answer Key

Answers will vary.

1. Her dad didn't want to adopt another pet; the second and third paragraphs
2. disappointed; Her heart sank.
3. What did Paige find when she opened her gift?
4. Where did the scavenger hunt start and stop?
5. happy; Paige gave her dad the biggest hug ever.

Bonus: a kitten; Clues should include three of the following—The only gift she wants is a kitten. She hears *meow, meow* when she opens the car door. She finds a crate with a small, black-and-white fur ball in it. She finally has her own pet to love.