

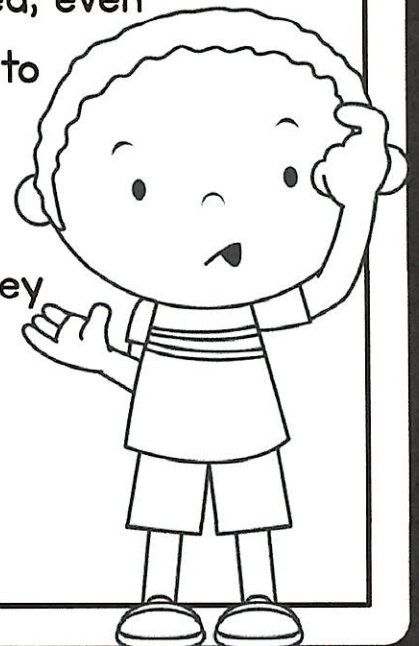
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Collin's Birthday

Yay! Collin thought, as he sat up in bed. *It's my birthday today!* Collin knew it was going to be an amazing day. He got dressed in his favorite shirt and his brand-new basketball shoes. He was eager to get to school and have fun with his friends.

He could barely contain his excitement as he chattered to his dad on the way to school. Dad had given Collin permission to invite his friends over and he was already planning all of the fun activities that they would do.

However, when Collin approached his best friends, Dustin and Ayden, they didn't seem to remember that it was his birthday. Dustin and Ayden nervously hushed their conversation. *Hmm... That's strange.* Collin noted. He was still excited to invite them over to his house, so he immediately asked, even though they were running late to class. "Want to come over after school today? We could play my new video game or shoot baskets!" The boys both stammered some excuse for why they couldn't come, avoided eye contact with Collin, and rushed into their homeroom classes. This wasn't turning out to be such a great birthday after all.



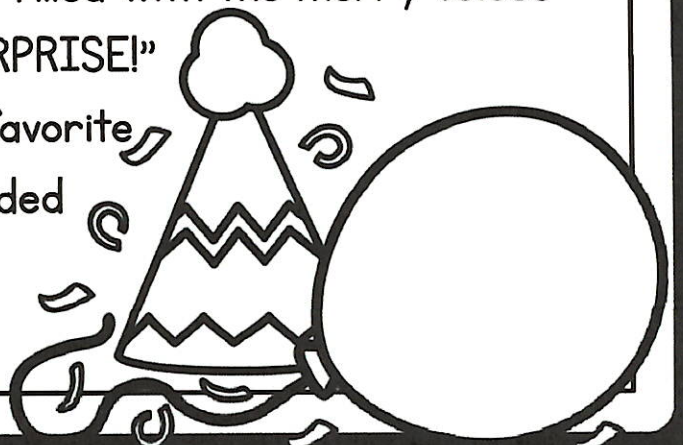
Later, Collin thought he caught a glimpse of Ayden secretly handing something to their friends at lunch table 8, their usual lunch table. Collin felt upset and even a bit embarrassed. How could his friends have forgotten all about his birthday? Why were they acting so unusual today?

The rest of Collin's day was disappointing. He went to math and gym class, paying no attention at all. He was just "going through the motions." Even art, his favorite class, didn't leave him feeling any better.

The final bell rang and Collin rushed out the door, slamming into his seat in the back of Dad's car. "How was your day?" Dad asked. "It was terrible," Collin replied. "Not a single person remembered that it was my birthday."

They drove home and Collin stared out the window, wishing he could go back to this morning when he first woke up. He was thinking about how he wanted to start this day over, as they pulled into the driveway.

Slinging his backpack over one shoulder, Collin trudged up the stairs to his front door. He turned the knob and walked in. As he switched on the light, the room filled with the merry voices of Collin's family and friends. "SURPRISE!" they shouted. Surrounded by his favorite people, Collin realized that this ended up being the best day ever!



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Collin's Birthday Questions

1. What was Collin looking forward to at the end of his day?

Underline the details from the text that support your inference in blue

2. Describe what made Collin wish that he could start his day over.

3. *Underline the details from the text that support your inference in red*

Record the evidence and your schema that helped you draw the previous inference.

4. Collin's friends were planning a surprise party for him. Explain how the text gave clues about this, using evidence from the text and your schema. *Underline the details from the text that support your inference in green*
