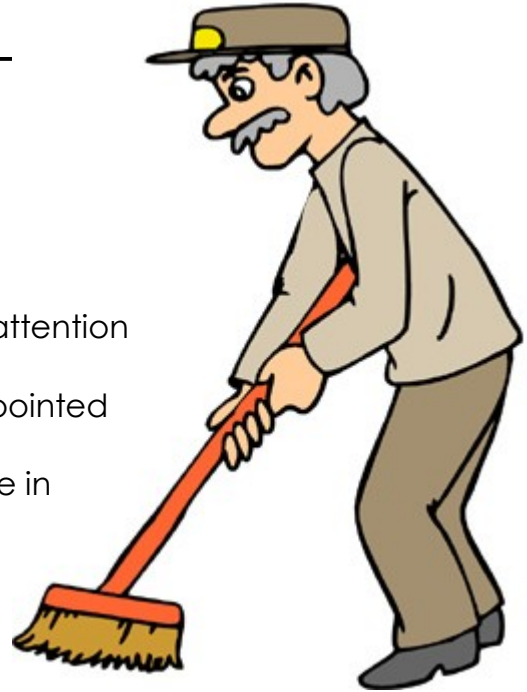


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Surprise Party

by Kelly Hashway

Emma hung the streamers, not really paying attention to where she was placing them. She was too disappointed to focus. After all, it was her birthday too and no one in her class had even said happy birthday. They were all busy planning the surprise party for Mr. Stinton, the custodian.



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Surprise! Emma had baked cookies for Mr. Stinton as a sign of encouragement when you didn't do as well as you'd wanted. Emma knew Mr. Stinton deserved a surprise party, but she wished just one person would have remembered it was her birthday too.

Emma glanced at the giant card the class had made. It was the length of the blackboard. Mr. Stinton wouldn't like it if they bought presents for him, so Emma had suggested the class make a card and bake goodies just like he did for them. She'd spent a lot of time planning the surprise party. She wanted Mr. Stinton to feel special.

"I'm going to call Mr. Stinton now," Mrs. Bowman said. "Emma will you turn off the lights please?"

Mrs. Bowman called Mr. Stinton saying the lights in the classroom had gone out. As soon as Mrs. Bowman hung up, Emma took one last look around the room and turned the lights off with a sigh.

Emma heard Mr. Stinton's boots thumping down the hallway. The doorknob turned and Emma flicked on the light. Everyone yelled, "Surprise!"



"This is the most beautiful card I've ever seen." He turned to Emma and handed her a card. "It makes my birthday card for you look kind of small." He gave Emma the balloons and the tray of cookies. "Happy birthday, Emma. I was so excited when I found out we have the same birthday."

"Happy birthday, Emma," her classmates said.

"I'm glad we share the same birthday, too," Emma said, smiling at Mr. Stinton.

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1. Why was Emma disappointed in the beginning of the story?

2.

A red-bordered rectangular banner. On the left is a cartoon superhero with a red suit and blue cape, flying and holding a gift. To the right, the word "PREVIEW" is written in large, bold, red letters with a black outline. Below it, the text "Please log in or register to download the printable version of this worksheet." is written in a smaller black font. A thin black oval line is drawn above the banner, and two larger black oval lines are drawn below it, one on the left and one on the right.

3. Approximately how large was Mr. Stinton's card?
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4. What is the author's purpose for writing this story?
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Surprise Party

Vocabulary

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f. person who takes care of a building

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Part 3: Use a vocabulary word from the list to complete each sentence.

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ANSWER KEY

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by Kelly Hashway



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2.

He high-fived them when

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He offers encouragement when they don't do well

He gives them cards and treats on their birthdays

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