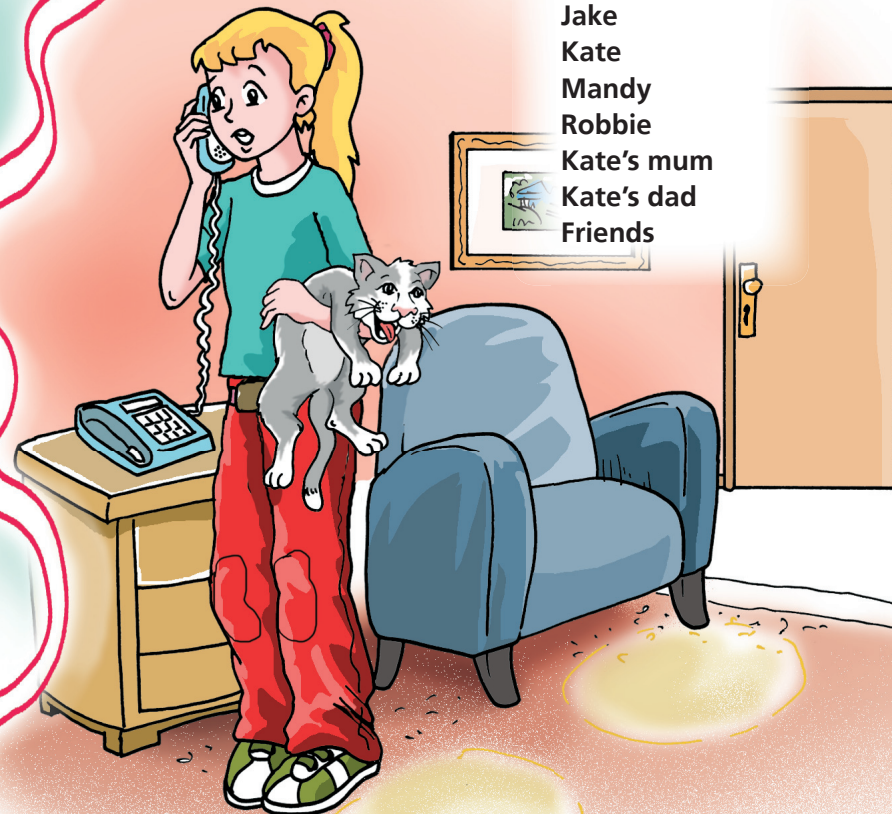


# Surprise!



## Characters

Jake  
Kate  
Mandy  
Robbie  
Kate's mum  
Kate's dad  
Friends



## Scene 1

### In Kate's living room

*It's 11.30 on Saturday morning and Kate is on the phone to Jake.*

**Kate:** Hi, Jake. This is Kate.

**Jake:** Hi, Kate. How are you?

**Kate:** I'm bored. How are you?

**Jake:** I'm fine! Mandy and I are ... erm ... we're finishing our homework now. Then we're ... then we're going skateboarding.

**Kate:** And what are you doing tonight?

**Jake:** We're going to the cinema with our parents.

**Kate:** Oh. Jake, I want to ask you something.

**Jake:** Sorry, Kate. Mum wants me. See you on Monday. Bye!

**Kate:** Bye.

*Kate feels very sad. Then Robbie comes into the living room.*

**Robbie:** Hello, Kate. I'm looking for my trainers.

**Kate:** Hi, Robbie.

**Robbie:** Are you OK?

**Kate:** No, Robbie. I want to ask you something.

**Robbie:** Yes?

**Kate:** What day is it today?

**Robbie:** It's Saturday 10th May.

**Kate:** So, you remember!

**Robbie:** Yes, I remember because I'm going to a friend's party today.

**Kate:** You're lucky.

**Robbie:** Yes. It's going to be great!

*He finds his trainers behind a chair and starts to walk out of the room.*

**Robbie:** See you, Kate.

*Somewhere in the house, Kate's dad is looking for Kate.*

**Dad:** Kate? Kate? Where are you?

**Kate:** I'm in the living room.

*Kate's dad comes into the room.*

**Dad:** What are you doing?

**Kate:** Nothing. Dad, do you know what day it is?

**Dad:** It's Saturday today. You always go to Grandma's on Saturdays.

**Kate:** Yes, but ...

**Dad:** Well, why don't you go and get ready now? I want you to go to Grandma's house at one o'clock. OK?

**Kate:** OK.

*Kate's dad leaves the room.*

**Kate:** But Dad ... *(to herself)* It's my birthday today. I'm so sad. No birthday cards, no presents, no friends.



## Scene 2

*After Kate leaves the house, her family and friends meet in the living room.*

- Jake:** OK, let's get ready for a big party! I've got the party hats.
- Mandy:** I've got lots of balloons.
- Dad:** I'll help you with those, Mandy.
- Robbie:** Here are Kate's favourite CDs.
- Mum:** We've also got a lot of her favourite food, and a big birthday cake with candles.
- Mandy:** This is so exciting! Kate will be very happy.

*They get everything ready for the party.*

*Later, at four o'clock, the living room is ready for the party. Everybody is waiting for Kate.*

**Mandy:** Ssh, everybody! She's coming!

*Kate comes through the front door of the house.*

**Kate:** Mum? Dad? I'm home.

*She comes into the living room.*

**All:** Surprise! Surprise! Happy birthday, Kate!

**Robbie:** It's a surprise party!

**Jake:** We played a trick on you!

**Mandy:** You were so sad this morning, Kate. We're sorry.

**Robbie:** But we didn't forget your birthday. We invited all your friends.

**Dad:** We wanted to give you a wonderful surprise.

**Kate:** It **is** a wonderful surprise, Dad!

**Mandy:** Kate, here is a present for you.

**Robbie:** And this is for you, too.

**Mum:** This is from Dad and me. And here is your birthday cake!

**Kate:** Thank you very much, everyone! You're all very kind. I will never forget this birthday.

**Jake:** Let's play some music! Come on everybody.

