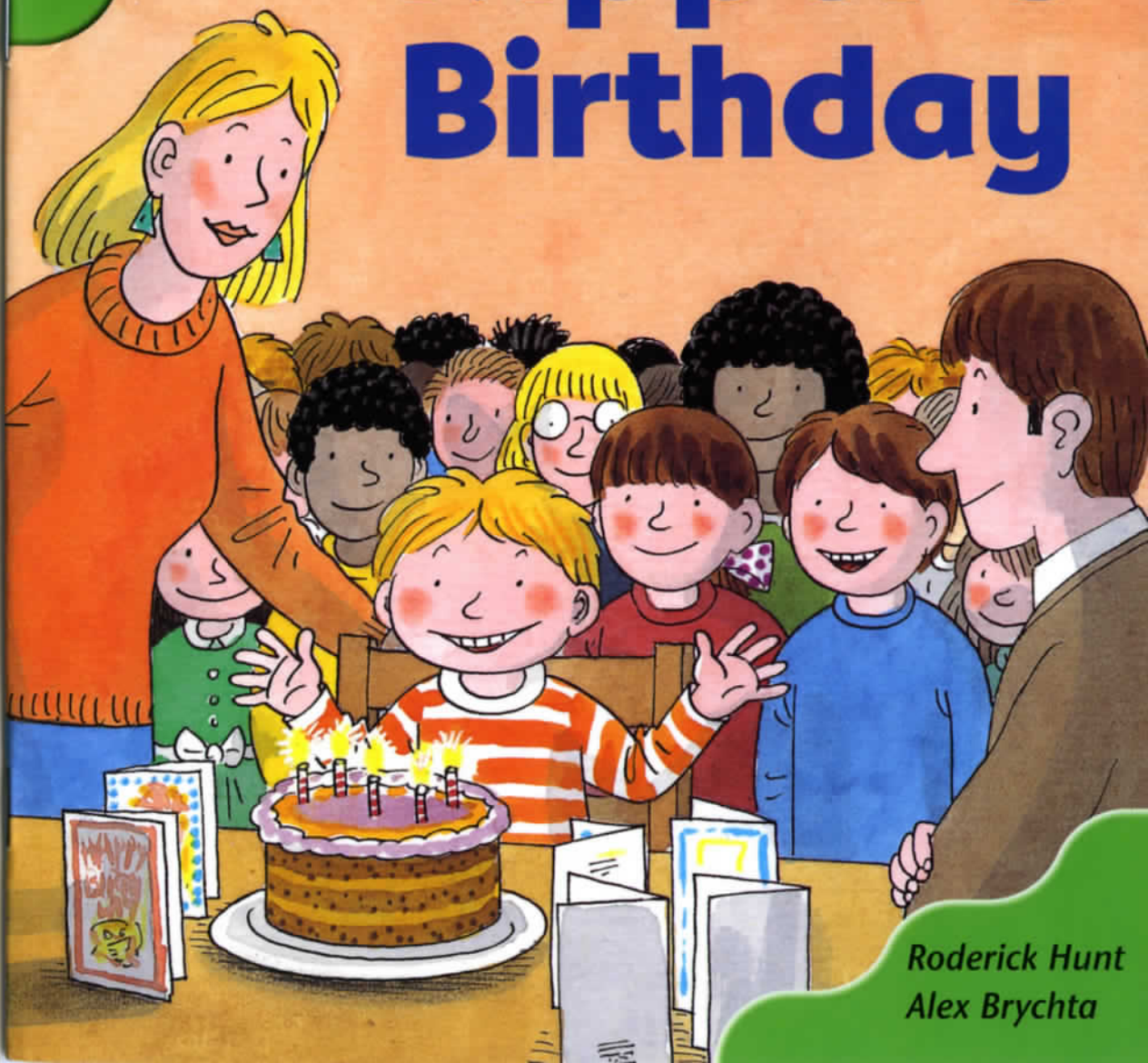




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# Kipper's Birthday



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### **What's this story about?**

Kipper has invited some friends to his birthday party. Before the party, Dad decides to do some washing but puts the wrong soap in the washing machine. Everyone has a good time, especially playing with all the bubbles!

### **Talk together**

Talk about games that are played at parties. Has the child ever had a birthday party?

### **Read the story**

**W** = Word recognition    **C** = Language comprehension

- C** Look at the picture on the cover of the book. Ask, "What do you think the story might be about? Whose birthday is it?"
- W** Read the story together.
- W** Page 1, find 'birthday' written inside Kipper's card.
- W** Page 2, read the sentence, and then ask the child to find 'party' written on some of the invitations.
- C** Pages 4 and 5, ask, "What is Biff doing? What has Mum done?"
- C** Page 7, ask, "What is Dad doing?" Point out the words on the bottom of the washing powder box: 'NOT FOR USE IN WASHING MACHINES'. Ask, "What do you think is going to happen?"
- C** Pages 10 and 11, ask, "Did the children want to play the game with Dad? Why not?"
- C** Pages 14 and 15, ask, "Did the children enjoy the party? Why are bubbles fun to play with?"



It was Kipper's birthday.



Kipper wanted a party.





Everyone wanted to come.



Biff put up balloons.





Mum made a cake.



Dad took a sandwich.







“Stop it,” said Mum.

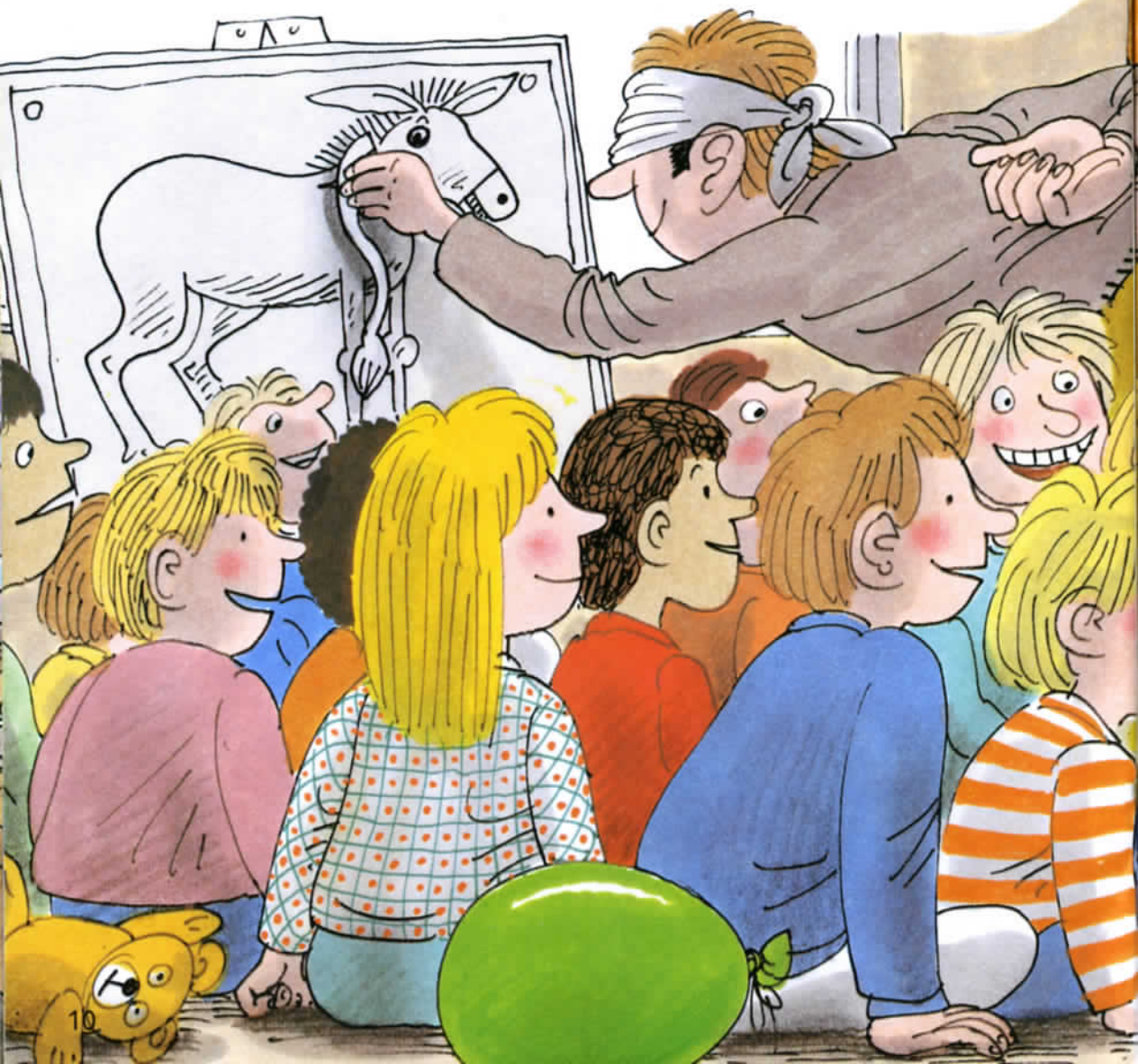
Everyone came to the party.



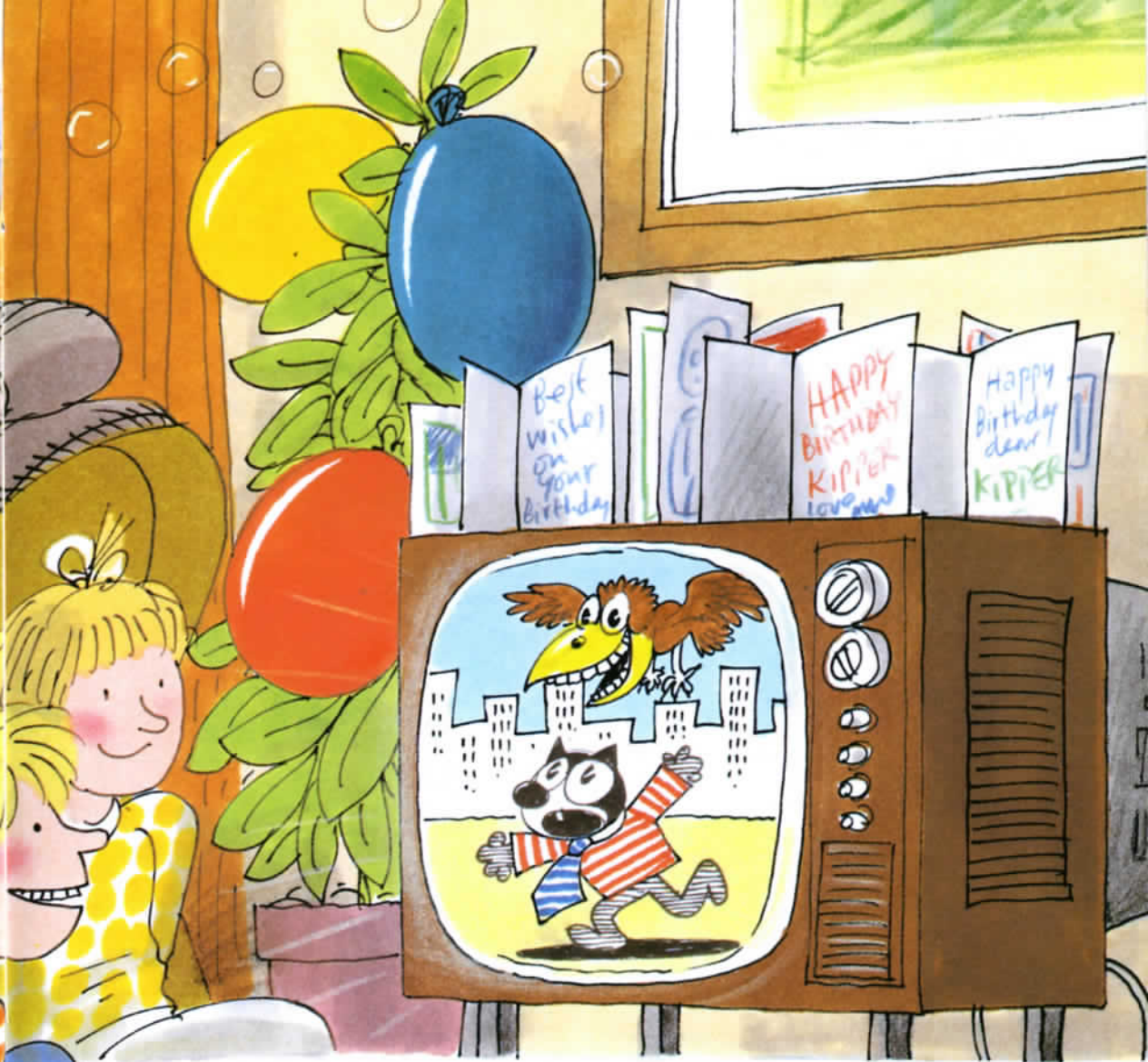




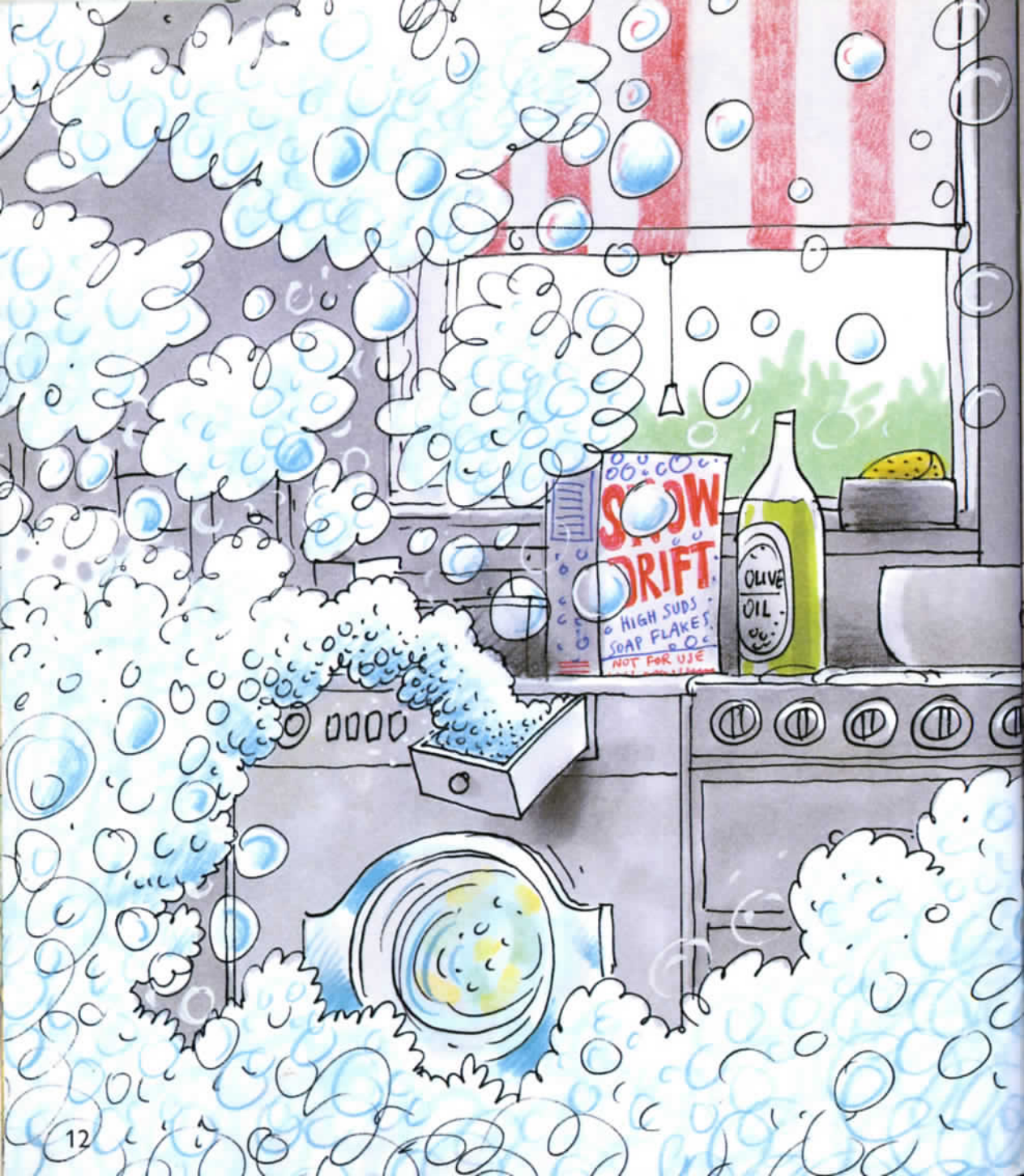
Dad wanted to play a game.







But Kipper put the television on.







“Oh no!” said Mum, “What a mess!”

The children played with  
the bubbles.









“What a good party!”  
everyone said.



## ***Play a game***

### ***'w' words***

*To help the child to recognise words starting with 'w'.*

- Choose any word beginning with 'w' from the story ('was', 'wanted', 'what', 'with'). Ask the child to find and read the word.
- The child then looks for another word that starts with 'w' and asks you to find it.
- Have two or three turns each.

## ***Other ideas***

*You can use these ideas straight away, or on another day.*

- Find 'come' on page 3 and 'came' on page 8. Ask the child to say which letter is different.
- Find all the birthday cards and invitations in the pictures. Try reading all the words that are clear enough to read.

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Kipper has a birthday party.

This story practises these words:

a come dad it mum no on play  
said the to up was



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