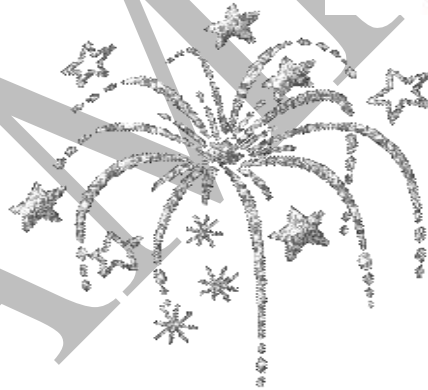


# Starr's Birthday



- Reading
- Higher Order Comprehension
- Writing
- Spelling & Spelling tricks!



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# Starr's Birthday!

## Pre-Reading Words:

birthday    blew    candles    wished    present  
collar    puppy    screamed    little    front

Starr was a little girl. She lived in a big, red house with her mum, dad and baby brother Dean.

Soon it would be Starr's birthday. She would be eight years old. Every birthday she would ask mum and dad for a puppy. And, every birthday mum and dad would say: NO!

On the day of her birthday, Starr blew out all the candles, closed her eyes and wished for a puppy. When she opened her eyes, in front of her was a little black puppy with a pink collar.

Starr was so happy that she screamed. She called the puppy Georgia. It was her best birthday present ever.



# Activities



1. What is this story about?
2. Who is the most important character?
3. Describe Starr's family.
4. How many candles would Starr have on her birthday cake?
5. Why do you think mum and dad didn't buy a dog for Starr on her other birthdays?
6. How did Starr feel when she saw the dog? How do you know?
7. What colour was the dog?
8. What kind of things do you have to do to look after a dog?
9. What are some rules Starr would have to follow if she wanted to keep the dog?
10. Have you ever wanted a birthday present and mum and dad said, "NO!" What was it? Why did they say NO?



# Closed Comprehension

Fill in the gaps with the words from the story.

Starr was a \_\_\_\_\_ girl. She wanted a \_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_. Mum and dad always said \_\_\_\_\_. After  
Starr blew out her \_\_\_\_\_ she closed her eyes and for a  
puppy. When she opened her eyes she saw \_\_\_\_\_ black puppy  
with a collar.

★ ★ ★ Did you know that every word has a vowel in it? ★ ★ ★

The vowels are: a, e, i, o, u.

These tricky words are missing vowels. Which words are they?

brthdy \_\_\_\_\_ prsnt \_\_\_\_\_

cndls \_\_\_\_\_ wshd \_\_\_\_\_

cllr \_\_\_\_\_ ppp \_\_\_\_\_

# Spelling Tricks

How many little words can you find in the words below?

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wished

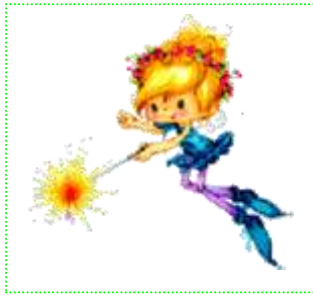
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## More Tricks



8 = even insects got hot today!



The word **front** has an 'o' that makes a 'u' sound, like the word **up**! When you spell **front** say:

front = fr - on - t



The word **family** has an 'i' that makes an 'e' sound, like the word **egg**! When you spell **family** say:

family = fam - i - ly

# Writing

Write about one of your best birthday parties.



When was it?



Who was there?



Where did you go?



What did you do?



What kind of cake did you have?



What were some of the gifts you received?



Why was it a special day?

Use the next page for your writing.



