



The Twins' Surprise



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Teacher Talk

“Your birthday is an important day when your family and friends celebrate with you. They might come to a party or send you cards or presents. You probably have a cake and other lovely food because it is your own special day. But if you have a twin brother or sister, you have to share your birthday. Read how this set of twins share their day.”

Key Words

anywhere certain himself idea parents present problem won't

Teaching Plan

- Discuss prefix **un-** meaning not or opposite: **unwind undo**
- Notice silent letters: **wrap laugh wrote thought guess**
- Study **y to i** spelling rule: **worry/worried hurry/hurried**
- Compare hard and soft **c** sounds: **bicycle excited piece**
- Identify **soft g** sounds: **suggestion message arrange**
- Discuss synonyms: **excellent/great idea/plan**
- Locate homophones: **to/two/too there/their red/read**
- Review use of apostrophe to show possession: **twins' Dad's**
- Promote writing, drama and art as follow-up activities.
- Build vocabulary with **Word Power** activities (back cover).

Word Count = 720

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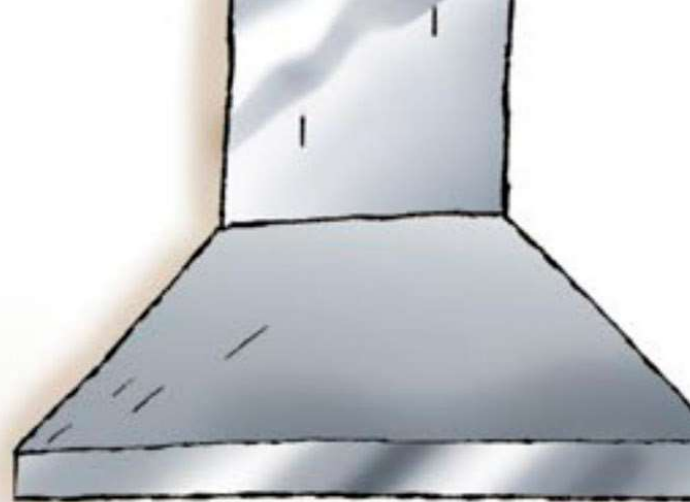


Once there were twin brothers who both loved surprises and fun. They lived in a family that enjoyed jokes and tricks and guessing games. When it was getting close to the date of the twins' birthday, their Dad said to his wife, "A bike would be a perfect present for the twins, wouldn't it?"

"No, of course not! One bicycle for two boys wouldn't be much use," said their mother, laughing at that suggestion.

"They would always have to take turns to ride – they wouldn't ever be able to bike anywhere together."

"I have an idea about that," said Dad. "You know how fair the twins are about sharing things. I'm certain that one bike won't be a problem at all. Wait and see – I promise I'll surprise you all!"







On the day before the twins' birthday, Dad went shopping alone while the boys were busy at school. He brought home a birthday card, one bicycle, and two cycle helmets, but he wouldn't let his wife see the present. "I have bought a shiny red bike and hidden it," he told her. "It will be a surprise for you as well as for the boys. You must wait until the right day. I know you'll be pleased!" She felt puzzled, because she still thought it would be difficult for the two brothers to happily share one bike.



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