

A Big Surprise

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- 1 For my presents, I said I'd like
Computer games,
A mountain bike,
An electric train
Or a model plane
But most of all
I'd like a bike.
- 8 I opened my presents
And what did I find there?
A hand-knitted hat
And a squeaky bear,
More underpants from my aunts
And socks (grey, one pair).
- 14 I said "thank you" nicely,
I tried to smile
But what was I thinking
All the while?
I was thinking
I wanted computer games,
A mountain bike,
An electric train
Or a model plane
But most of all
I'd have liked
A bike.

26 “There’s just one last thing
to unwrap,” they said.
“It’s a big surprise
we’ve kept it in the shed.
It’s special, it comes with love
From the lot of us ...”

32 Now I’m the only kid in school
With my own hippopotamus.

Challenge 2

1 Which present did the narrator want most of all?

2 What does the word “*more*” tell us in verse 2? Tick **one**.

He wanted underpants.

His aunts have given him underpants before.

He had already opened underpants in a different present.

He did not like his aunt.

3 “*And socks (grey, one pair)*” (verse 2). Why didn’t the poet write “*And one pair of grey socks*”?

4 Write **two** pairs of rhyming words from the first two verses.

5 Which word in verse 3 tells you the narrator didn’t feel happy?

6 Why did the narrator say “*thank you*” even if he didn’t like the present?

7 “*It’s a big surprise/we’ve kept it in the shed*” (verse 4).

a) What did the narrator think when he heard that?

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Challenge 2

Write the question number and then answer the questions:

Answers:

