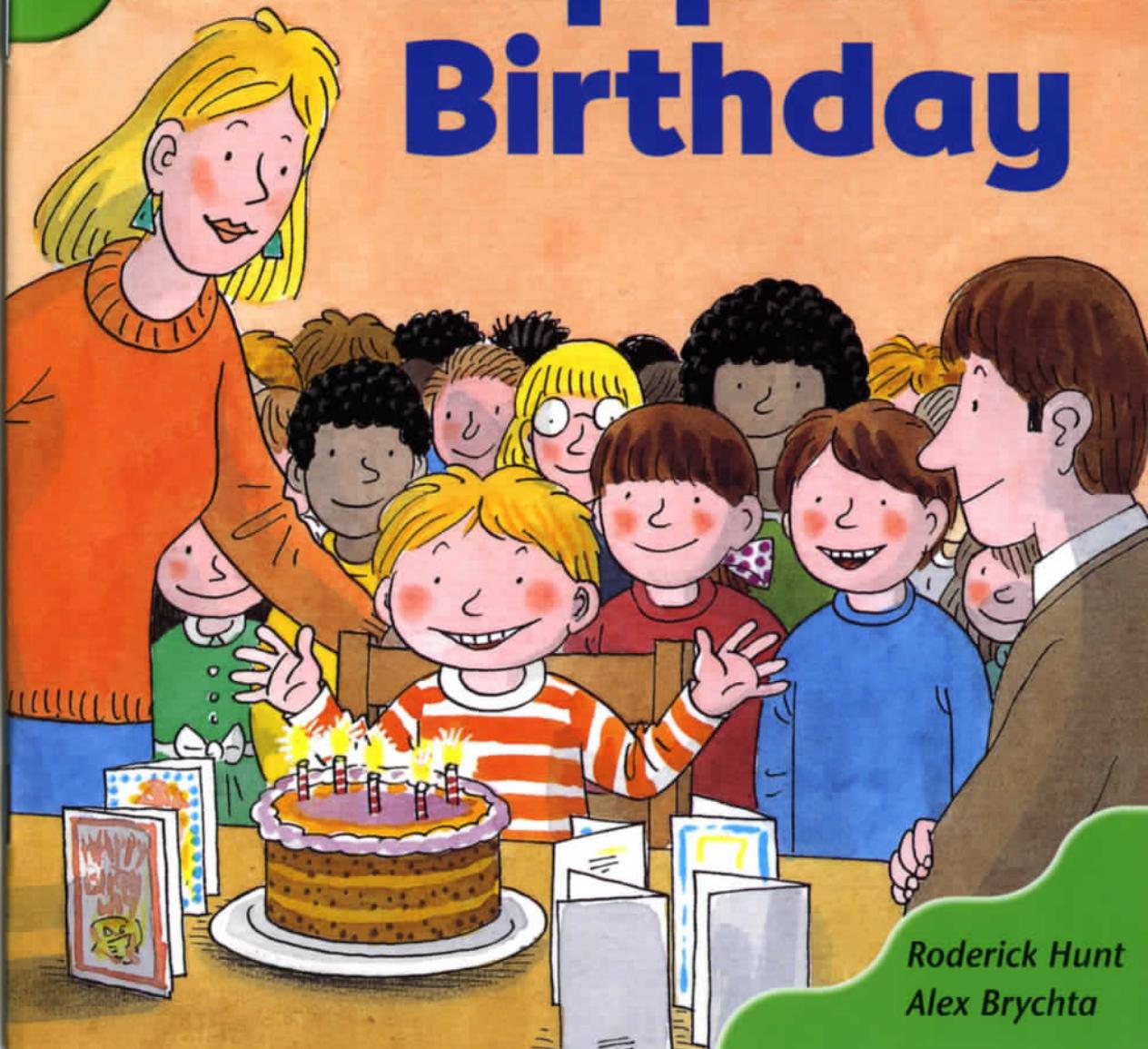




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# Kipper's Birthday



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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



= Word recognition



= 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.



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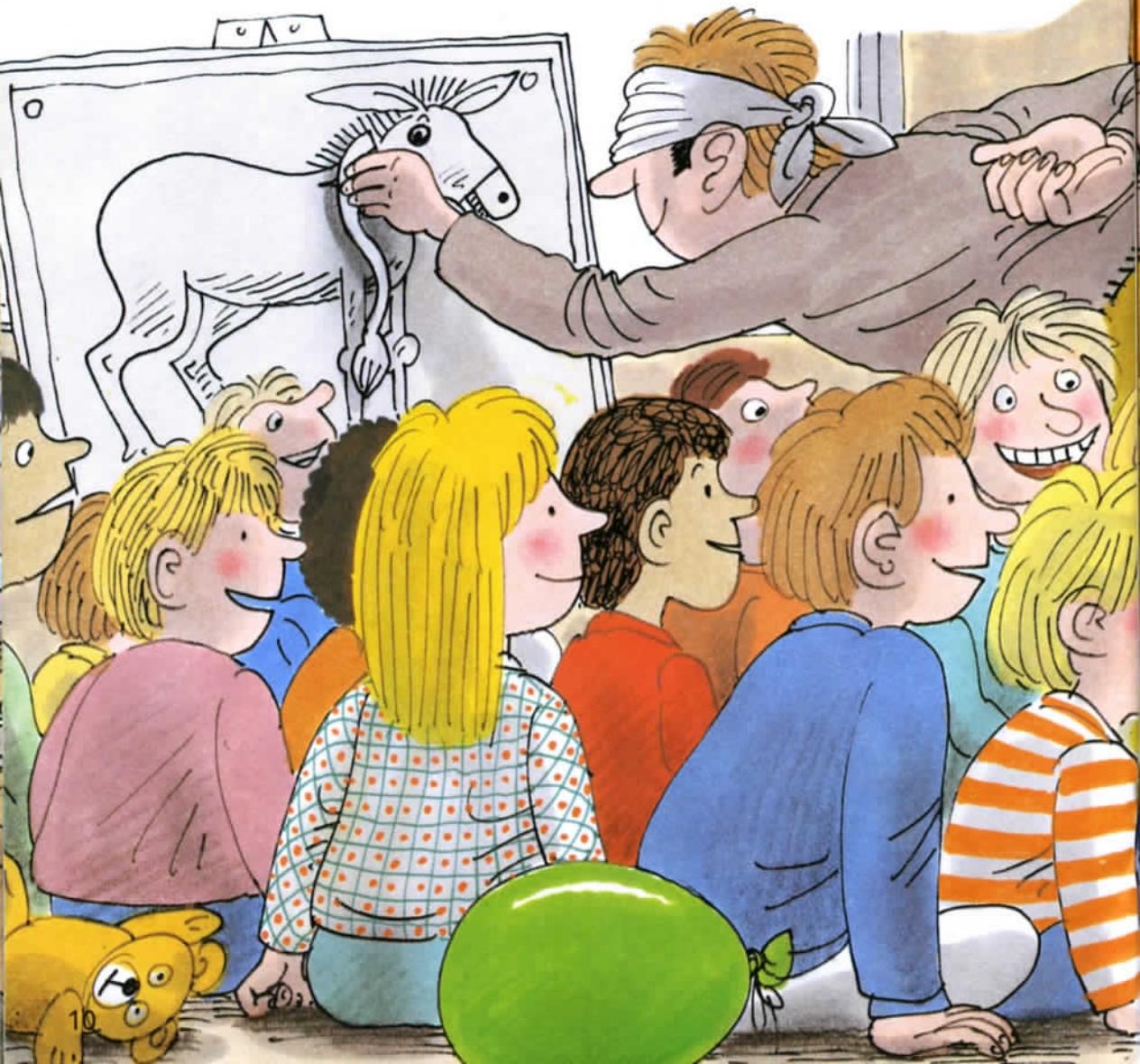
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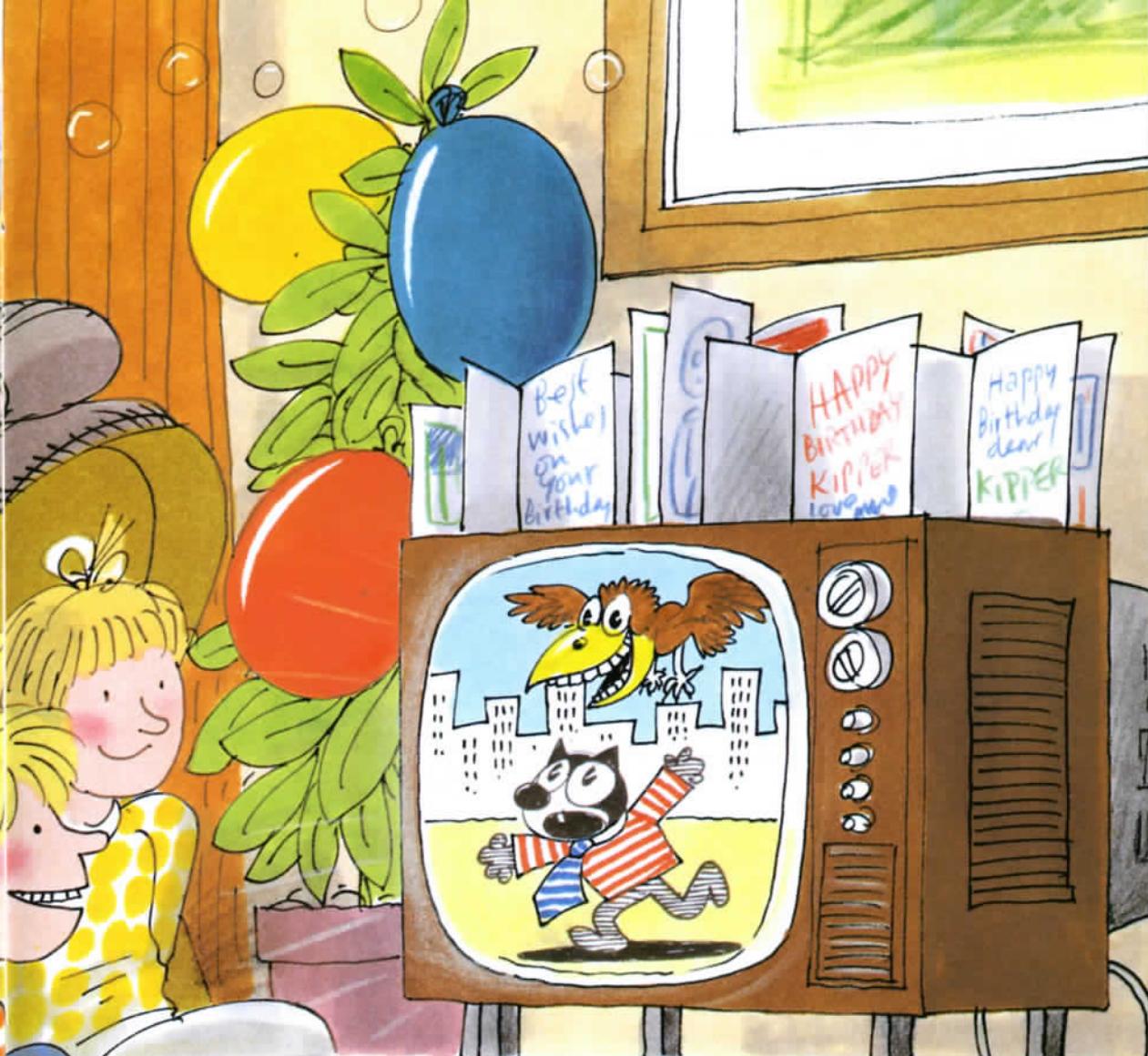
Everyone came to the party.



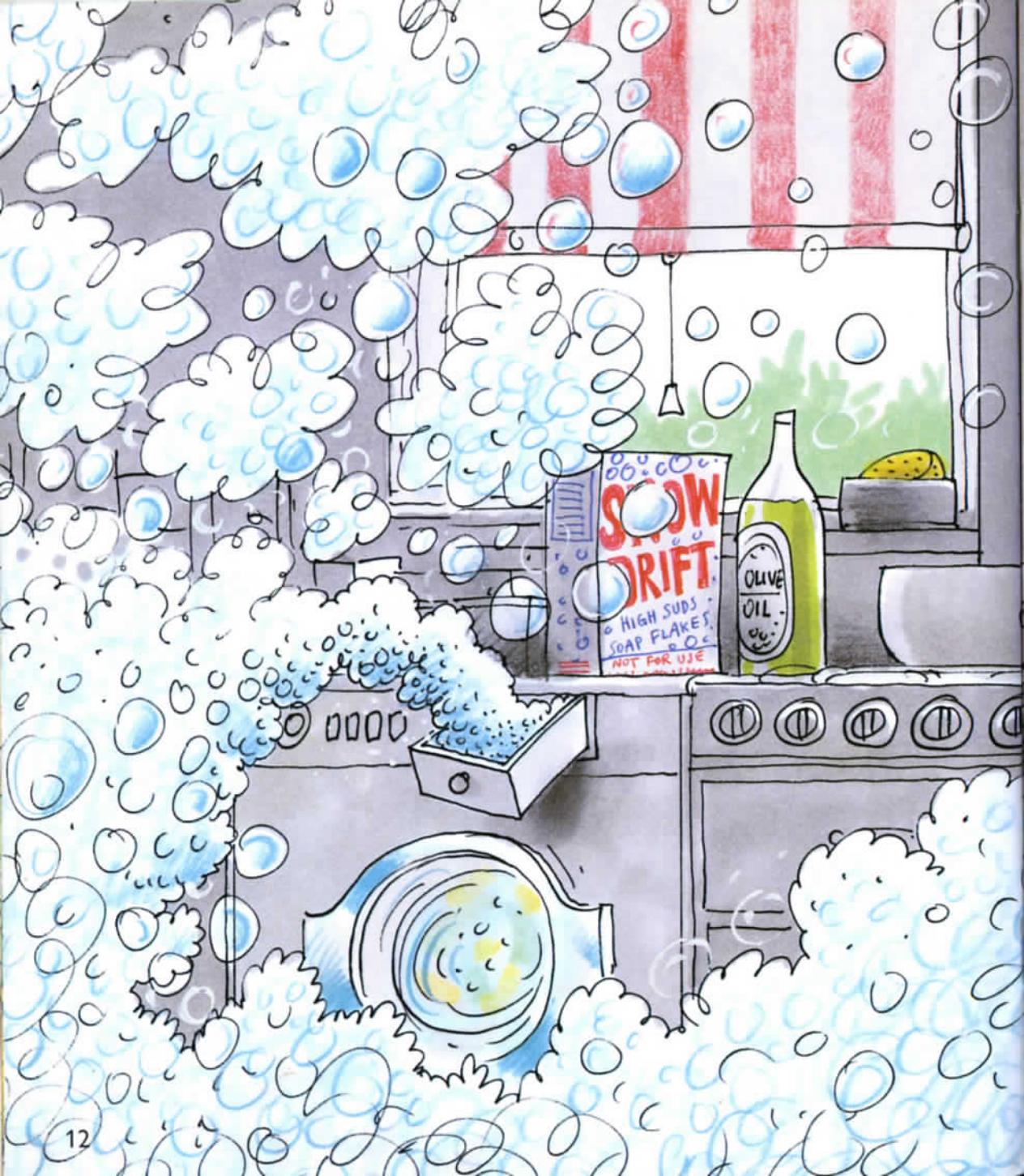


Dad wanted to play a game.





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.



Stage 2  
More Stories A

# Kipper's Birthday

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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