

A Big Surprise by Michaela Morgan



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.

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).

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.



"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 ..."

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

Name:

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Read the text, then answer the questions.

1. In the first verse, why does the author put the most-wanted present at the end of the list?

2. How did the person in the poem feel when he opened his presents? Why do you think that?

3. Why did he try to smile when he opened the presents?

4. Tick the correct column to show whether the present was one the author would have liked or one he actually received.

	Would have liked	Received
Electric train		
Underpants		
Model plane		
Computer games		
Hand-knitted hat		

5. What did he think the surprise in the shed would be? Why do you think that?

6. Which present was the most surprising, and why?
