



The birthday party

Spell

Ben and Tess are in the garden. Sam and Pam can see lots of balloons and presents. Sam and Pam think that Ben and Tess look funny! Tess is wearing a pretty fairy dress and Ben has a superhero costume on!



In the garden there are men, women, babies and lots of happy children. The space spies hide in the bushes. Pam can see three princesses in pink dresses.

“One, two, three,” counts Pam.

Sam can spy two fairies, “One, two.” and three superheroes, “One, two, three.”

“Wow! There are lots of big boxes.”

“Birthday presents!” whispers Pam to Sam.

It was time for the yummy tea party! The children ate sandwiches, cherry tomatoes, crisps, strawberries and cherries.

Sam counts the candles on the birthday cake. There are seven.

“Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday dear Tess, Happy birthday to you!”

“Let’s have a game of hide and seek,” says Ben.

“Then we’ll choose the best costume.” The children go to hide and Ben counts to ten. “...eight, nine, ten”. Can you spot the princesses, the fairies and the superheroes?

Tess finds Sam and Pam!

“Who are these children?” asks Mum.

“Oh oh!” say Sam and Pam!

“Your costumes are fantastic!” says Ben.

“What are you?”

“I’m a space spy.”

“I’m a space spy too,” says Pam.

“Wow, space spies!” say all the children.

“The space spies win first prize for their costumes!” says Mum.



Sam and Pam play party games with the children until it's time to go back to the spaceship.

"I love birthday parties!"

"Me too! Let's go and load the new spelling rule onto the super spy spelling book!"

"So, plurals. I think I've got it! It means more than one!" says Sam.

"So for plurals you can add an 's' to nouns. One present, five presents."

"But if a noun ends in a consonant and a 'y', you change the 'y' to an 'i' and add 'es'. One fairy, two fairies!"

"One cherry, two cherries."

"One space spy."

"Two space spies!"

"Hee hee!! Two space spies, that's us!"

"Goodbye super spellers! Did you spot any other spelling rules for plurals?"

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