

Enchanted Enhancements (cont.)

Now it is your turn to enhance the sentences in the following story. Fill in the blanks with descriptive words or phrases. You may use demonstrative adjectives (such as this, that, these, and those), common adjectives (such as birthday, large, frozen, lovely, three), and proper adjectives (such as British, German, and Jurassic). You may also wish to use descriptive phrases (such as weather-beaten or pocket-sized). Have fun with this activity, but remember to try for interesting images with descriptive language rather than choosing words or phrases that will make the sentences sound silly.

It was my birthday so I ran home from school. When I got to my house it looked like no one was home. "Hello?" I shouted. "Where is my family? Your son and brother is
home now?" No one answered. I went to our kitchen to see if there was a note. No note. Not
even a note. I went into the room and turned on the television. There was a
show on. I turned the television off. I went back into the kitchen to get something to eat. "I
want something that's to eat," I said to myself. I saw yogurt but it was pine apple flavored. "I
don't want yogurt. I want yogurt," I said, grabbing a yogurt. I sat down to
eat the yogurt. Then I looked for something else. I found candy. I was just about to
eat it when the telephone rang. "Hello?" It was my mom. She told me she would be
home soon, but needed me to go into the basement to get a chicken from the
freezer. "Okay," I said. Then I ate some candy.
The telephone rang again. "Honey," my mom said, "please get the chicken from the basement
now!"
"Okay!" I said again. As I walked toward the basement stairs I started wondering how she
knew I hadn't gone down to the basement yet. I opened the door. I slowly crept down the
steps into the basement. I was getting the creeps. How did she know? Why was it so
dark? The stairs made creaking noises. Finally, I got to the bottom and waved my hand around
to try to find the light switch. I felt some cobwebs and shrieked just a little. Just then,
thelights came on and I heard voices screaming, "Happy Birthday!" I nearly ran all
the way back up the steps. My heart was pounding so hard I thought it would break right
through my chest! I saw the basement was full of people. They were holding
balloons and gifts. Everyone I knew was there—my mom, my Aunt
Amelia, my sister Lindsay, all our neighbors and all of my friends.
So is where everyone was, and was how my mom knew I hadn't come
downstairs yet. The chicken, I just remembered! I went to the freezer and opened the
door to grab a chicken. Everyone stared at me. Then they all started to laugh. "No, honey,"
my mom said, "we don't need a chicken after all. Tonight we're having pizza and
birthday cake with candles!" We went upstairs and had a party!