

The Missing Candles!!
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It was a glorious day in the middle of summer and Joe and his friends had just finished school. On Saturday it would be his birthday and they were planning an exciting party. Joe was seventeen and liked a lot of sport. Joe liked boxing, jogging, singing and dancing, but Joe liked football more than anything in the world. He had been training with his dad since he was three.

The next day, Sita, Ashley and Nicky bought Joe's birthday present. It was a pair of Michael Johnson dancing shoes. Joe was also in town and almost caught them buying his present, but luckily they saw him first and ran down an alley way out of sight. After that, they all ran back to Joe's house because they had to decorate it ready for his surprise party. They had some balloons that were red and sparkly and they also had a massive banner that said "Happy Birthday Joe!!" Just as they were putting food and lots of fizzy drinks out on the table they saw Joe coming home with lots of bags. Nicky met him at the front door and told him to get some smart clothes on because something special was going to happen.

Meanwhile, some of their friends sneaked in the back door and hid behind the sofa. Joe had finished dressing and Ashley heard him coming down the stairs. Nicky said, "Everyone get ready." As Joe opened the door everybody shouted, "Surprise!" They all leapt out from behind the sofa, put the music on and started to party.

While everyone was having fun Sita and Ashley got the cake and realised that they didn't have any candles. Their friends were wondering where they had got to, so they went to the kitchen and heard about the problem. They kindly offered to help and started thinking about where they could get some from. After a few minutes Nicky remembered that she had some candles from her aunties' Baby Shower last Monday. She took eighteen candles out of her handbag and placed them on the creamy chocolate cake with raspberry topping. As soon as the candles were lit Joe opened his present, the Michael Johnson dancing shoes. Ashley turned the music up and Joe started dancing. Everybody joined in and somebody said, "This is the best and coolest party I have ever been to!" Joe danced and danced in his new shoes and felt so grateful that he called his friends to join him and together they danced until they dropped!

