

# Reading Comprehension


## G3

### ELA

# Happy Birthday

## No-Prep Activity


### Google Forms Quiz

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3. What is the mood of the story?

- ☐ It begins sad, then happy.
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- ☐ She was always late.
- ☐ She was excited.
- ☐ She was sad because she had to go to school.
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the kitchen. Her mother had prepared lasagna and breadsticks, which was her favorite meal. Atop the counter sat a big chocolate cake that made Mary lick her lips in anticipation. The bubbly voices of her friends filled the room. Mary stood next to her mom and grabbed her hand. "Thank you so much!" Mary said, delightedly.



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