

Finding information – 1

When you read text you can usually remember some of the information, but if you are asked about details you should read the text again to locate your information and check that it is correct. Remember, the answer you are looking for is there in the text, you just need to find it.

Read the recount.

My birthday

1. I'm so excited, it's only one day until my birthday!
2. Mum and I made my birthday invitations on the computer. We wanted to make them unique, so we used a photograph of an old fire engine to decorate them. I typed the party details and included each person's name. I took the invitations to school and delivered them to the children in my class two weeks ago. Everyone is coming to my party.
3. Mum has been busy baking cakes and special treats for my party. She is making me a birthday cake decorated as a fire engine. Mum lets me help in the kitchen, provided I wash my hands, wear an apron and listen carefully to her instructions—I love helping Mum cook!
4. I also helped Dad make party bags to give to my guests at the end of the party. It's a special 'thank you' gift for coming. We put lots of treats inside and tied a name tag on each one. I think we did a great job! I hope my friends like their thank you bags.
5. Mum and Dad also wrapped some special prizes for the winners of the party games. Mum said everyone will win a prize, so there were lots of prizes to wrap. They didn't let me help with the wrapping, so I would get a surprise too!
6. Dad carefully ironed my birthday costume—a firefighter's uniform! Mum hung it up on my doorknob ready for me to wear. I think I am going to be too excited to sleep tonight. I guess the sooner I fall asleep, the sooner I will wake up—then it WILL be my birthday! I can't wait until tomorrow.

