

Read extract 1 and try activity 1 below.

Extract 1

Cake had just received an exciting invitation.

He'd never been to a party before, so he didn't know what to expect.

But he was sure about one thing - he wanted to look his best.

Fish didn't know what Cake should wear.

He had never been to a party either.

'Hmmm...' said Fish.

'Nope.'

'I don't think so.'

'What about a hat?' suggested Fish.

'Good thinking!' said Cake.

So off Cake went to buy a hat.

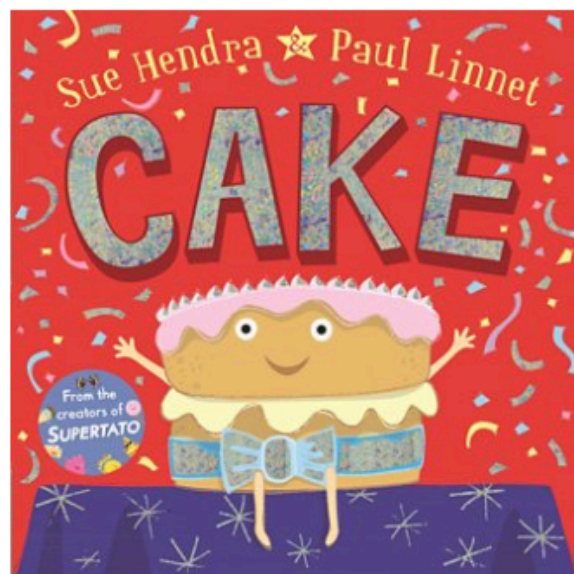
Cake tried on lots of hats in the shop, but none of them were quite right.

'Is it for a special occasion?' asked the shop assistant. 'A wedding perhaps?'

'No' said Cake. 'A party.'

'Oh' said the shop assistant. 'In that case I have just the thing.'

And he disappeared out the back.



Cake has been invited to a party. He's very excited! He's never been to a birthday party before and he doesn't know what to expect. But as the candles on his party hat begin to burn and the other guests start to sing, Cake starts to think that this is one party he'd rather not be at. Published by Macmillan Children's Books.

Activity 1

1. Read the statements in the table below.
2. Decide whether each statement is true or false.
3. If you think the statement is true, put a tick in the true column (or point to it).
4. If you think the statement is false, put a tick in the false column (or point to it).

Statement	True	False
Cake had been to lots of parties before		
Fish had never been to a party before		
Cake decided to buy a hat		

Now read extract 2 and try the activity below.

Extract 2

'Here you go sir' said the shop assistant. 'You'll be irresistible in this.'

'Well thank you very much' said Cake.

He couldn't wait to get home and show Fish his new hat.

'Are you ready?' Cake called from the bathroom. 'Ta-dah!'

'You've cracked it' shouted Fish.

Cake was soon on his way to the party, dressed in his new hat.

'Deedly-dee, deedly-dum, I'm off to a party to have some fun!'

Cake was a bit nervous when he arrived.

But when everyone saw him, they cheered! 'CAKE'S HERE! A party isn't a party without CAKE!' they said. And he went in.

Activity 2

1. Read the sentences below and answer the questions.

- **Cake was soon on his way to the party, dressed in his new hat.**

Which word describes Cake's hat?

- **Cake was a bit nervous when he arrived.**

Which word shows how Cake was feeling?

- **But when everyone saw him, they cheered.**

Which word shows what everybody did when they saw Cake?

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2. Now look at your answers to the questions above.

- Can you think of a word that means the same or similar to your answer?
- Can you think of a word that means the opposite of your answer?

Activity 3

1. Read the second extract again.

Whilst Cake is on his way to the party, he sings a song:

'Deedly-dee, deedly-dum, I'm off to a party to have some fun!'

The author has used some real words and some made up words.

The author has also made the song rhyme – *'dum'* and *'fun'*.

2. Write another verse for Cake to sing on his way to the party.

Top tip!

You can make your song rhyme if you want to, but it doesn't have to.

Remember to be as creative as you want!