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Comprehension

1. What sort of things did Sam want for his birthday?

2. Which of those items do you think are easy to buy as presents and which are harder?

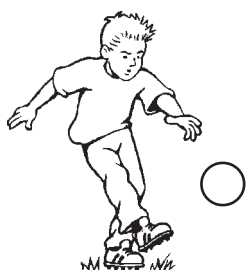
3. Why do you think Gran said she'd 'just get him a football', rather than the football team he wanted?

4. Make a list of things that were planned for Sam's party. Do you notice anything special about them? Can you add three more ideas of your own?

5. Look for the part where Sam is writing in school (page 7). Why is his teacher disappointed in his work?

6. Find Sam's letter to Santa (page 10). What is hard about his wishes?

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Comprehension (continued)

7. When the guests arrive at Sam's house on Christmas day, what do they find funny?

Are they being unkind to Sam when they laugh? Give a reason for your answer.

Do you think Sam would care about them laughing?

8. Go to page 14, and look at the part where Mum and Dad go to school to look at Sam's work. Make a list of the things that Sam shows them. Add at least three more things to the list that Sam might have made or done in class. What is the link between all the items on your list?
9. What two things worry Sam's teacher, that she has told his mum and dad about? Do they make a big fuss about what the teacher said? How can you tell?