

A Birthday Cake for Ben

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Level 3 **Running words** 59

Key High-frequency Words

a, at, comes, Here, in, is, looking, looks, on, the, too, up

Key Teaching Points

Talk about the pictures on the cover and pages 8 and 10.

Notice the card Ben is holding on pages 2 and 4. Ben's father is a sailor on a large ship.

Key Questions

What did Mum make for Ben? (*Literal*)

Why did Mum put five candles on Ben's cake? (*Inferential*)

Word Study

Use PM Alphabet Starters to reinforce the letter *b*.

Identify words beginning with *Bb* within the story – *Ben, bed, birthday, book*.

Reinforce cross-checking – picture (meaning) with the letter (visual) cues.

Links with other PM Books

PM Guided Reading Level 5 *Ben's Teddy Bear*

PM Guided Reading Level 5 *Ben's Treasure Hunt*



Ben is up on the bed.

Ben is looking

at a birthday card.

For Review Only



Ben is looking
at a dinosaur.





Ben is asleep.

Mum comes in.

Mum looks
at the dinosaur, too.

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