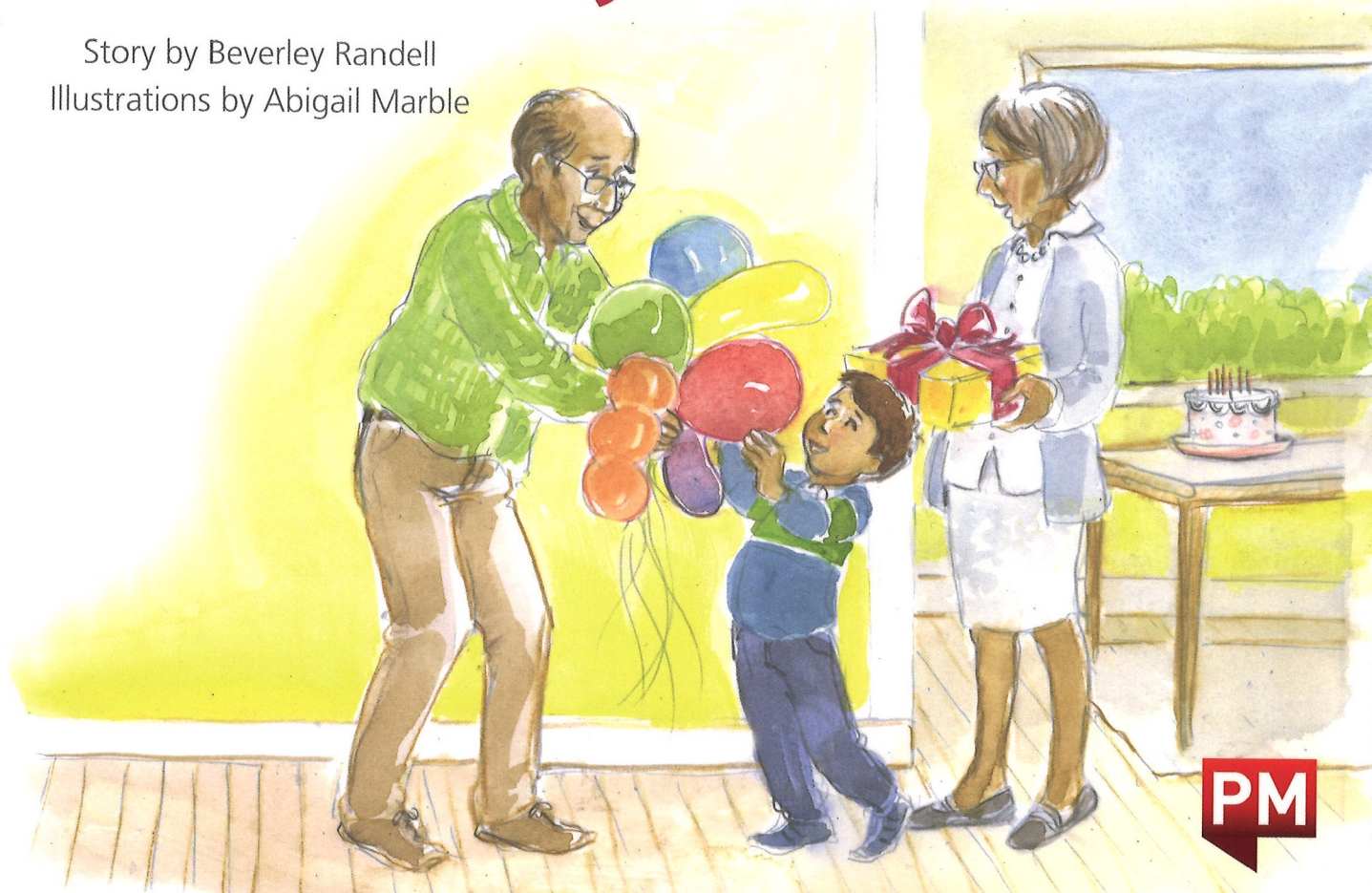
Birthday Balloons

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Level 10 **Running words** 182

Key High-frequency Words

but, laugh, make, now, Open, saw

Key Teaching Points

Discuss the title and the details in each illustration. Notice that the storyline has two strands: Tom's delight and Emma's distress.

Read Dad's praise of Tom aloud on page 14. Sing the text on page 16 together.

Key Questions

How many candles did Tom have on his cake? *(Literal)*

Why did Nana and Poppa give Tom three cars and three trucks? *(Inferential)*

Word Study

Use PM Alphabet Starters book *x* to explore words ending with *-x: six, box.*

Notice the final *a* sound on Nan*a*, Popp*a*, Emm*a*.

Discuss the spelling of the verb tenses *cry, crying, cried.*

Links with other PM Books

PM Guided Reading	Level 7	*The New Baby*
PM Guided Reading	Level 10	*Tim's Favourite Toy*

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"Happy birthday, Tom," said Poppa.
"You are six, now,
and here are six balloons for you."

"Thanks, Poppa," said Tom.
"I love balloons."





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Baby Emma woke up.

She cried and cried.

"Here is your present, Tom,"

said Nana.

"Go on, Tom," said Mum.

"Open the box."





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Tom opened the box.

He saw three little cars

and three little trucks.

"Oh, **thank** you," said Tom.

Emma went on crying.



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