The Big Party



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Summary

Mini is a little troll with a very big job—planning a party for her boss, Mr. Huge.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading
- Discuss ideas with others

Comprehension
- Make predictions

Phonics
- -ly ending (exactly, loudly, really, suddenly)

Word Study
- Possessives (giant's, Huge's, star's)

Fluency
- Read dashes

Fiction Genre
- Fantasy

* Numerals, vocabulary words on pages 2 and 3, and words in photo captions, labels, diagrams, and charts are not included in the word count for this book.

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Mr. Huge

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Flicker



the bakers



guests

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A Big Party

Mini the Troll was not very big, but Mini had a big job. Mini took care of a giant's house. The giant was Mr. Huge. Mini cooked all of Mr. Huge's meals, too. One day, Mr. Huge called Mini.

"I want to have a big party. Today is Miss Star's birthday," said Mr. Huge loudly. The giant's voice sounded like large rocks crashing down a mountain.





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A Big Hurry

"Who will you invite, sir?" Mini asked.

"I will invite my friends," said Mr. Huge.



How many friends? Mini had to know. Mini had to cook for all the guests. But Mr. Huge did not have time to count all his friends. Mini had an idea.

"Everyone in the village is your friend, sir. About 200 people live in the village," Mini estimated.

"Then you must cook for 200 people. Tell everyone to come at seven o'clock. Mini, please get everything ready," said Mr. Huge.



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Everyone in the village was coming at seven o'clock! How would Mini get ready in time?

Mini was smart. She looked at the clock. The clock showed a little after one o'clock.

"I have about six hours to get ready," said Mini.



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Mini made a shopping list for the party. Mini would make delicious sandwiches and fruit salad for the party. She would buy tea, too. Mini did not have time to figure out how much each person would eat. She estimated.

