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BEFORE READING Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: What do you think the family are doing?
- Talk about reasons for dressing up,
 e.g. parties, competitions or role play.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

 Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

a Mum an Dad

Some words may be more challenging.
 Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

was scarecrow pirate angel chicken everyone happy



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together. If your child needs support to read the words:

- Ask your child to point from left to right under each word whilst reading.
- Model how to sound out and blend new words if necessary.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Use the pictures to talk about the story and learn the meaning of new words.

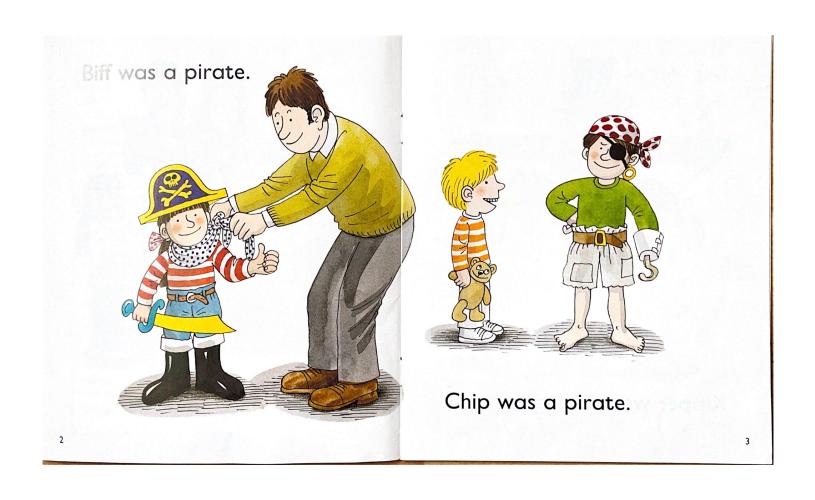


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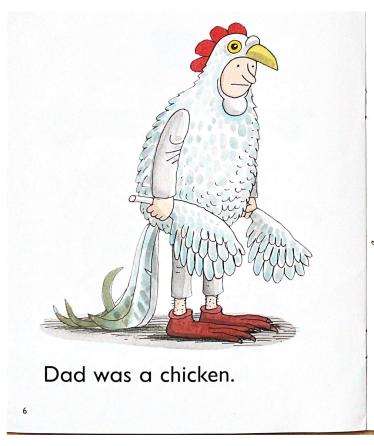


Mum was a scarecrow.

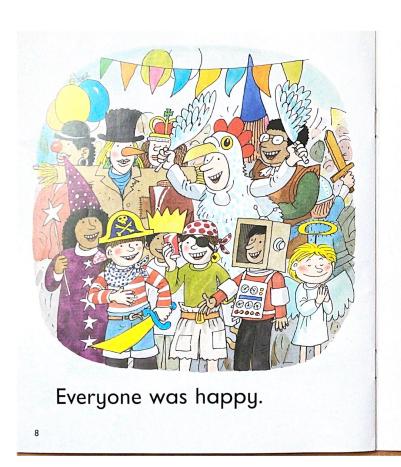
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AFTER READING

- Talk about what each of the family is dressed as.
- Ask: What do the others do when they see Dad?
 How do you think Dad feels when he is dressed as a chicken?
- Ask your child to explain why the family are wearing fancy dress costumes.

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