



My new cycle

It was my birthday last week. I turned 7 years old. For my birthday, my parents bought me a new cycle. It's a sunny yellow and shiny black. It's the best cycle in the world and looks exactly like the one I once saw in a shop.

I'm already quite good at riding a bike, but this one is a bit higher. When I put my foot down to stop, I have to stretch a bit. By my next birthday, I should reach the ground comfortably.

Yesterday, I rode it to the shop. My mother had asked me to buy some things from our local grocery store. I set off on my bike, but forgot to take a bag. That was okay though, because my cycle also has a basket in the front!

I rode it around our apartment compound all day today. It's super smooth to ride. The bell makes such a lovely sound. I also got a matching helmet, which my mother told me I must wear all the time. It makes my hair a bit sweaty, but I know it keeps my head safe.

This weekend, my father has promised me that we will go riding on the road together. I've never done this before and am very excited. Actually, I'm a bit nervous too.

This has been the most fun birthday gift ever!



Questions

1. Who is narrating this story?

2. What did she get for her birthday gift?

3. What does the child like about her new cycle?

4. What do you think will happen by her next birthday that will make it easier for her to reach the ground?

5. What will she be doing with her father next weekend?

6. Why is she nervous about what she's doing next weekend?



Answers:

- 1) A child is narrating the story.
- 2) She got a cycle for his birthday gift.
- 3) She likes the colour of the cycle, how smooth it is, the sound the bell makes and the basket in the front.
- 4) She will have grown by her next birthday; so it will be easier for her to reach the ground.
- 5) She will be riding on the road with her father next weekend.
- 6) She is excited but also nervous about what she is doing next weekend because it is her first time riding on the road. It might be the fast, motor vehicles on the road that make her nervous.

Answer key:

Please remember that you need to reward your child's ability to reason and use language creatively. The above are only examples of answers. If your child has constructed an answer that is different to this but that is grammatical and sound in its reasoning, mark it as correct.

