

My birthday

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1 Nana, you'll never guess: I finally got it – my very own kitten. It was the best birthday ever, except that you weren't here.

When I went downstairs this morning, I couldn't wait to unwrap the heap of presents that I hoped would be on the table. I had also hoped for my favourite breakfast: pancakes and syrup.

2 However, Mum kept hurrying me, saying we had to get to the shops. The last thing I wanted to do on my birthday was be dragged round a supermarket.

I wanted to open my presents but she wouldn't let me. Dad said there would be plenty of time for that later.

3 I stomped up the stairs. That's when I came and had a chat with your photo. I know that, if you had been here, you would have let me open my presents while they went shopping.

4 Mum and Dad kept sniggering. They talked in loud voices about how long they were going to be and how much they had to buy.

I sank lower and lower in the back of the car and tears started pricking my eyes. I didn't even notice when we drove straight past the supermarket.

5 We pulled into their friend's house. Mum had to drag me out of the car.

Nana, guess what came to meet us when the door opened?

Five of the tiniest, prettiest kittens you have ever seen. I couldn't believe it! Mum and Dad were laughing out loud by now, and I know you would have been too!