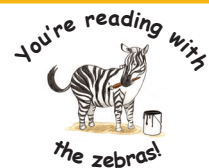
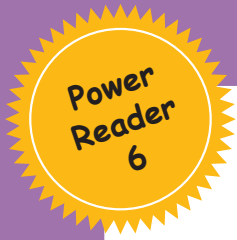


# A Cake for Kate



Reading Words with Long "a"



*Dedicated to children everywhere...*

**To all whom you meet, be truthful and kind.  
Make the right choices, and good things you'll find!  
Love others and smile - let your best actions lead.  
Have fun, and have faith, and learn how to read!**

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# A Cake for Kate



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**Today is Kate's birthday. Kate and Jane wait and wait for the mail. The mailman is late.**



**The mailbox is at the gate. The gate is on the lane. Kate will wait there for the mail.**



**Jane will get a rain cape for  
Kate. Kate will not get too wet.**



**Jane waves to Kate.**



**A wet cat is on the gate.  
Kate will pet the cat. The cat  
wags its tail.**



**Where is the mail? Kate waits  
and waits. It rains and rains  
on Kate.**



**Now, Kate is wet. Kate  
hates to get wet! Yuk!**



**Will the rain pass?  
Where is the sun?**



**Here is the mailman! His name is Dave. Dave has a big mailbag. Dave has a rain cape, too.**



**Dave puts the mail in the mailbox. Dave tips his hat to Kate. Kate will get the mail. There is a lot of mail for Kate.**



**Kate takes the mail to Jane.  
Surprise! Jane has made a cake  
for Kate!  
“Happy birthday Kate!”**



**Kate and Jane will cut the cake.  
Yum! Yum!**



# Conversation Station

A Place to Talk and Smile

## Comprehension (discussion with reader)

1. Who is having a birthday?
2. Why did Kate wait by the gate?
3. What kind of animal did Kate see on the gate?
4. How does Kate get wet?
5. Who is Dave?
6. What did Jane make to surprise Kate?
7. Without looking at the book, can you re-tell the story in your own words? Perhaps you and a friend can pretend that you are Kate and Jane and can act out the story!



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## Conversation Time

1. How old do you think Kate is? (10 candles on the cake)
2. What kind of presents do you think Kate received?
3. What do you do on your birthday?
4. Have you ever gotten a birthday card delivered by the mailman? Do you think that Kate was excited to receive her birthday cards?
5. Do you know where people can send your mail? Do you know your address? (listen to the "Where Do You Live" song.)



## Sequencing

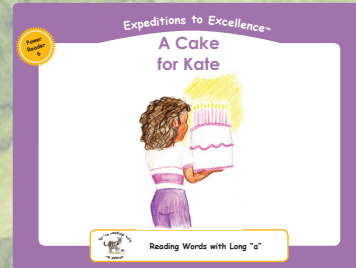
Draw a line to the numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story. Can you remember? (If you prefer, you can point to them.)

# Expeditions to Excellence™ Reading Award

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Reader's Name

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Date

I have also read this book to  
these people too! They have  
signed their names here:



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