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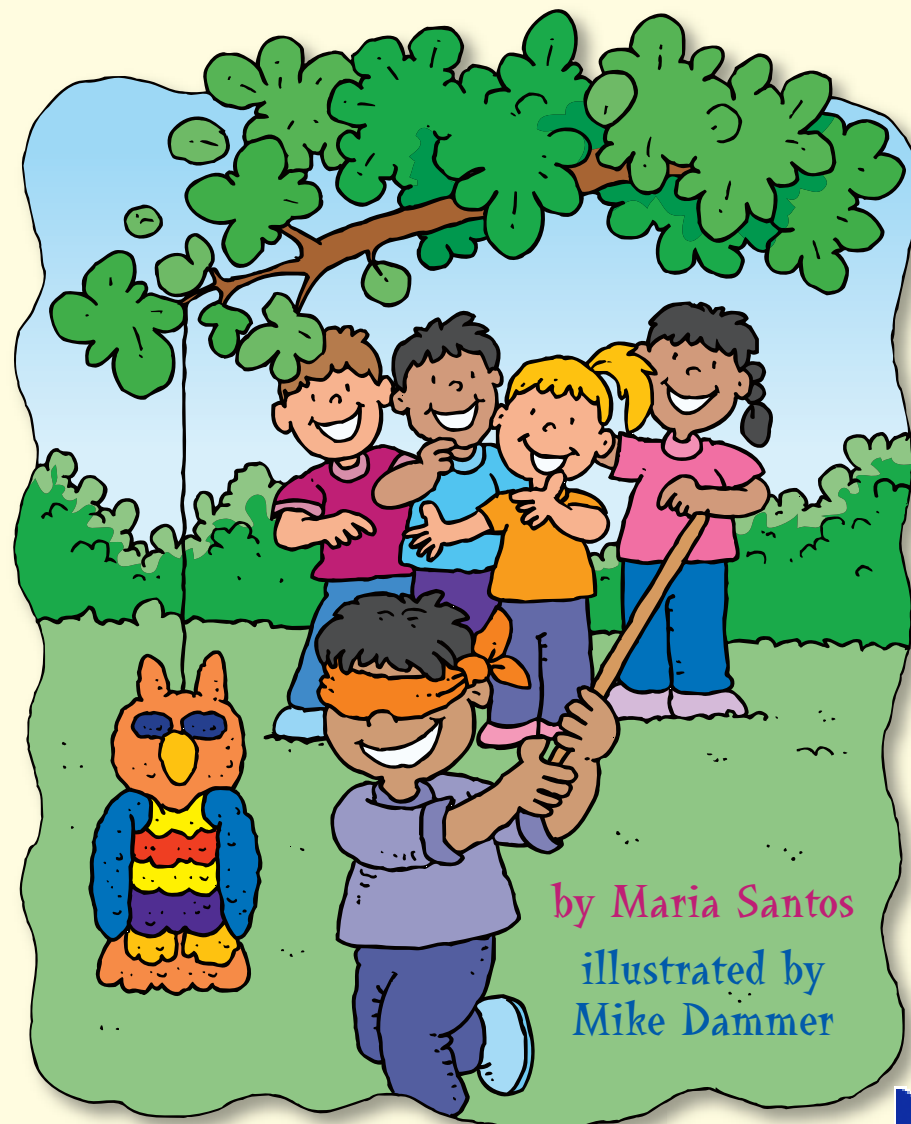
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Vocabulary

about

enjoy

gives

surprise

surprised

worry

would

Word count: 87

Note: The total word count includes words in the running text and headings only. Numerals and words in chapter titles, captions, labels, diagrams, charts, graphs, sidebars, and extra features are not included.



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Today is Pedro's birthday.
 "I can't wait," Pedro says. "Will everything be OK?"
 "Don't worry," says Mom.

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Suddenly everyone yells, "Surprise!" Pedro laughs, and his mom gives him a large box. He is surprised by all the toys inside.



The children play a piñata game. Pedro hits it, and it breaks. Treats rain down for everyone to enjoy.





It is about time to eat. Grandma's tacos are the best.



A band plays, and everyone dances.
"I knew this would be a good day,"
Pedro says. "Thanks, Mom."





Piñatas from Mexico

Read Together



Piñatas can come in many shapes, sizes, and colors. They are filled with candy and other treats. Piñatas have been around in Mexico for a long time. In the United States, breaking a piñata has become a tradition at many birthday parties.



Think and Share

Read Together

1. Do you think Pedro had fun at his party? How does the story let you know how he feels?
2. As you read the part of the book about the piñata, did you know what it was? If not, what did you do to figure out what it was?
3. Make a chart like the one below. Look back in the story and find words that have the long *a* sound spelled *ay* or *ai* and words that show possession. Write the words in the right place on the chart.

| ay | ai | 's |
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4. Look back at page 5. What kinds of treats might be in Pedro's piñata?

