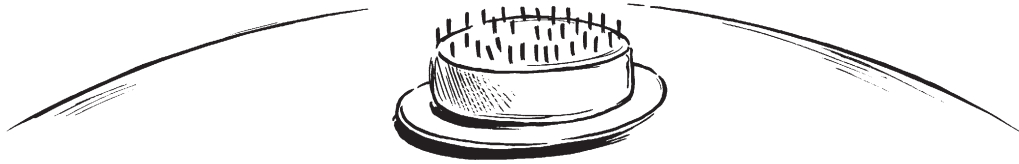


The Surprise Dinner

Name: _____



1. There are many interesting words you can use instead of **said**. Search the story *The Surprise Dinner* to find some of these different words the author has used. Write them in the spaces below.

"It's going to be the best birthday dinner Mum has ever had,"
_____ Dad.

"Mum will be able to smell the cake, too," he _____.

"Nanna and Poppa are here!" _____ Jenna.

"Happy birthday!" they all _____.

"Chicken and chips!" _____ the twins.

They all laughed when Dad _____ what had happened.

"I love chicken and chips," _____ Mum.

2. Write two more sentences with the word **said** in each one.

Now, write the same sentences and replace **said** with a more interesting word.

3. Turn the page over and write a story about a surprise party. Use the dictionary or thesaurus to find interesting words to write in your story.