

Stated or Hinted Answer Key

Sorted Answers:

- **Explicit Details (directly stated):**
 - A. There were balloons in the living room.
 - C. Her name was written in icing on the cake.
 - E. Her cheeks turned red.
- **Implied Details (figured out from clues):**
 - B. Maya was surprised by what she saw. (Her actions—eyes widening, covering mouth—show surprise.)
 - D. Maya felt happy about the event. (She laughed and smiled, which suggests happiness.)
 - F. Maya's friends planned a party for her. (The surprise and setup show they prepared it.)

Teacher Notes:

- This activity encourages students to distinguish between **what the text actually says** and **what the reader must infer**.
- For discussion: Ask students, *"What clues tell you Maya was happy even though the text never says the word 'happy'?"*
- Extension: Have students write one new **explicit** statement and one new **implied** statement based on the same passage.