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## Punctuation Party

**Directions:** Read the paragraph below silently to notice the punctuation marks. **Circle or highlight** each punctuation mark (periods, commas, exclamation marks, and question marks). Practice reading the paragraph aloud, adjusting your **tone, pauses, and expression** according to the punctuation. Re-read the paragraph two or three times, aiming for smoothness and expression. Answer the comprehension questions after practicing.

It was Lily's birthday, and she could hardly wait to open her presents! Her friends shouted, "Happy Birthday!" as she walked into the room. On the table, balloons floated, cake slices waited, and colorful cards sparkled in the light. "Which one should I open first?" she asked with excitement. Everyone laughed and pointed to the biggest box of all.

### Follow-Up Questions

1. What special event was being celebrated?

2. What did Lily's friends shout when she entered the room?

3. What was Lily deciding at the end of the paragraph?