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Punctuation Party Answer Key

Marked Punctuation with Reading Guide:

- **Exclamation mark (!):** Raise energy and excitement.
- **Quotation marks (" "):** Change tone for dialogue.
- **Comma (,):** Short pause for phrasing.
- **Period (.):** Full stop with natural ending.
- **Question mark (?):** Raise pitch to show questioning.

Comprehension Answers:

1. Lily's birthday.
2. "Happy Birthday!"
3. She was deciding which present to open first.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Purpose:** This activity strengthens **prosody and fluency** by teaching students to let punctuation guide their voice. Pauses, pitch, and tone changes support natural-sounding reading.
- **Implementation Tips:**
 - Model reading one sentence ignoring punctuation, then again respecting punctuation. Ask students which sounded better.
 - Have students physically mark the punctuation before reading aloud. This visual step helps reinforce phrasing.
 - Encourage dramatic expression for exclamation marks and clear questioning intonation for question marks.
- **Differentiation:**
 - For beginners, pre-highlight punctuation and have them echo-read with the teacher.
 - Advanced students can record themselves reading with and without punctuation awareness, then compare.
- **Extension Idea:** Let students write a short paragraph with at least 3 different punctuation marks, swap with a partner, and practice reading it aloud.