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Questions



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Answers



1. What did April wear on her head?

April wore a swimming cap with swirling pipe cleaners in bright colours stuck on it.



2. Why is the story called **The Secret Surprise**?

Pupils' own responses, such as: The story is called The Secret Surprise because the mums knew that the girls were wearing the same outfit and had planned it as a surprise.



3. Do you think April will be happy to go to the party at the end of the story? Why?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that April will be happy to go now because her best friend is dressed the same and so will not be worried about people laughing at her.



4. Find and copy a verb that tells us what Suki did when she saw April's outfit.

Accept either: giggled; spun.

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