Pit-Pat

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It is Pam’s birthday.
Pam gets a pan.
Pam puts milk in the pan.
Nan’s little sister, Pam, is three years old today. Matt and Tim come to her birthday party. Matt gives her a present. What is it?

Pam gets a pan.
A cat picture is in the pan.

Point to Nan.
Point to Nan’s little sister Pam.
Why are they having a party? [It is Pam’s birthday.]
What does the picture in the pan show? [The picture shows a cat.]
Pam doesn’t know why Matt has given her a pad with a picture of a cat in it. She doesn’t even have a cat! She opens Tim’s present next.

What does Pam get? [Pam gets a pad.]  
Point to the pad. What picture is on the pad? [A picture of a cat is on the pad.]  
This could be a place for a cat to sleep.
Pam doesn’t know why Tim has given her a sleeping pad for a cat. She opens Nan’s present next. Is it for a cat too?

What does Pam get?  [Pam gets a sack with milk in it.]
Point to the sack.

Make a Prediction: What will Pam get for her birthday?
(T-P-S) Have the students support their predictions.
Pam gets a cat!
The cat is Pit-Pat.
Pam pats it.

What does Mom give Pam for her birthday?  [Mom gives Pit-Pat to Pam.]
Pam is so happy with her surprise present. “I know what the pan and the pad and the milk are for!” she says.

Pam puts milk in the pan. Pit-Pat sips the milk. Pit-Pat naps on the pad.

Point to the pan. Pit-Pat “sips” the milk. When you “sip,” you drink a little at a time. What is Pit-Pat doing now? [Pit-Pat is sleeping.] A “nap” means sleeping for a little while or a short time.
After Pit-Pat wakes up from her nap, she is hungry. She sees Pam’s birthday cake. What does she do next?

Pit-Pat likes the cake.
No, Pit-Pat, no!
Pit-Pat tips it!
Pam gets the cake.

Point to the cake.
What does Pit-Pat do? [Pit-Pat tips the cake.]
Luckily, Pam catches the cake before it falls! Is Pam mad at Pit-Pat?

Pam pats Pit-Pat.
Pam is not mad at Pit-Pat.

Pam thanks her family and friends for a wonderful birthday surprise.

Would you like to get a cat for your birthday? (T-P-S)
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Use T-P-S to discuss these questions.

1. What does Pam get for her birthday?
   
   [Pam gets a cat Pit-Pat.]

2. Tell how Pam uses the presents.
   
   [Pam puts milk in the pan. Pit-Pat drinks the milk and sleeps on the new pad.]

3. What does Pit-Pat do when she sees the cake?
   
   [Pit-Pat tips the cake.]
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