

A Surprise from Dad

Hello, everyone. My number is _____. Today I'm going to read you a story. It's called "A Surprise from Dad."

One chilly evening, Emma sat by the window, looking out at the snow. She was nine years old and loved winter, but tonight she felt lonely. Her dad was away on a trip, and her mom was busy working.

Emma sighed and looked at her dog, Max. "It's just you and me, buddy," she said. Max wagged his tail and licked her hand.

She decided to write a letter to her dad. She grabbed her pen and wrote, "Dear Dad, I miss you. I hope you're warm and safe. Max and I are fine, but we can't wait to see you. Love, Emma." She folded the letter, put it in an envelope, and left it on the table.

The next morning, Emma woke up to the smell of pancakes. She ran to the kitchen and stopped in surprise.

Her dad was there, flipping pancakes, and wearing his favorite apron.

“Dad!” she yelled, running to hug him. Max barked and jumped around them.

“I got home late last night,” her dad said, smiling. “I wanted to surprise you.”

Emma’s eyes filled with happy tears. “This is the best morning ever,” she said.

Her dad held up a pancake shaped like a heart. “It’s going to be even better with breakfast,” he said. They all laughed, feeling warm and loved despite the cold outside.

Thank you for listening. Have a nice day.

