

# The Great Balloon Blowing Contest



Billy blew up the first balloon. Bigger and bigger it got. Then BANG it burst! The cat nearly jumped out of her skin. Maria's balloon was even bigger than Billy's! She was red in the face from blowing. Then BANG! Billy nearly jumped out of his skin. Rosie's balloon was enormous. And she kept on blowing. Rosie began to lift off the ground. Maria had to pull her down by her legs. 'Stop blowing Rosie,' said Billy. 'You win!' ■

## CHECK-UP

- 1 What happened when Billy's balloon burst?
- 2 Why was Maria's face so red?
- 3 Why did Rosie start lifting off the ground?
- 4 Who pulled her back down to earth?
- 5 Do you think Rosie stopped blowing? Explain.