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# **Philip on the ship**



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**Philip travels  
by ship with  
Grandma.  
On the deck  
he finds a puppy.**

**He searches for the owner,  
but it is not that easy.  
Philip cannot find his grandmother  
and soon he is lost himself.  
And the puppy runs away...**



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## Chapter 2

I breathe in and fill my lungs with air.  
I blow out the candles. Pooh!  
All candles go out at the same time.  
– Bravo, all shout  
and clap their hands.

Mum cuts a piece of cake.  
I receive the first slice.  
– Congratulations on your birthday, Philip, Dad  
says.  
– Well, Philip, what do you wish for?  
asks grandmother.  
– A horse? suggests cousin Tina.

Everybody laughs.  
My face turns red.  
– May I guess? asks Mum.  
A game. A computer game!  
– No, I tell her.  
I have enough games already.  
  
– Tell us, Philip, aunt Kate shouts.  
Or we'll never get any cake!  
– A puppy, I answer. I want a dog.  
  
– But Philip..., worries Mum.  
– You know that I am allergic,  
says Dad. We cannot have a dog.

– But I want to have a dog,  
I insist.

Dad shakes his head.

– It's not possible, Philip,  
you must understand that, he says.  
I don't feel good  
when I'm around dogs.

– Listen Philip, says Grandma.  
Would you be satisfied with a trip?  
– A trip, where? I ask.  
– You and I will travel by ship,  
says Grandma.

I can't believe my ears.

– What? By ship? I shout.  
– Exactly. We start the day  
after tomorrow, Grandma nods.

– Hurrah, I cry.  
Mum, Dad!  
I'm going on a ship journey!

I hug Grandma.

– You are the best Grandma  
in the world, I tell her.

Grandma laughs.

– Now I would like a cup of green tea.  
And a big slice of cake, she says.