

Shiny New Balloons

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Olivia was a little girl. She loved balloons. She liked helium balloons best. They floated up. They touched the ceiling.

She would pull the ribbon. The balloon would come down. Then it would float back up.

Every Saturday, her father would buy her a balloon. On Saturday, the balloon was very full. It floated high.

On Sunday, the balloon floated. It still floated high. It was not as full though.

On Monday, the balloon was not full. The balloon was not floating well. It started to sink.

On Tuesday, the balloon did not float. It sat on the floor. It was not full.

On Wednesday, they threw the balloon away. It made Olivia sad.

Father loved to get her balloons. Her father did not like to see her sad. He had a plan.

The next Saturday, father did not buy a balloon. He bought an air tank. It was a big green tank. The side of the tank said *Helium*.

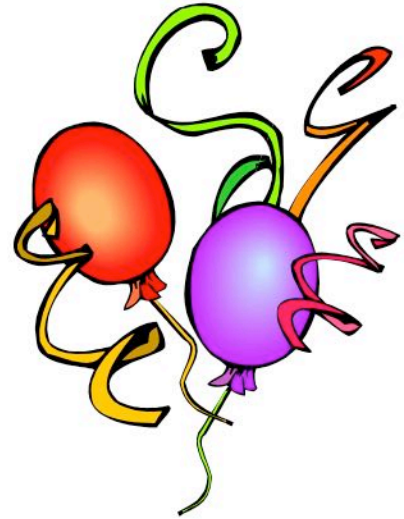
Olivia watched her father fill a balloon. The balloon was very full. It floated. It was very nice. She was happy.

“When the balloon is not full, I will fill it again.” Father told her.

“I can keep my balloon forever?” She asked him.

“Not forever, but for a long time.”

“I think I will be happy for a long time.” Olivia smiled.



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