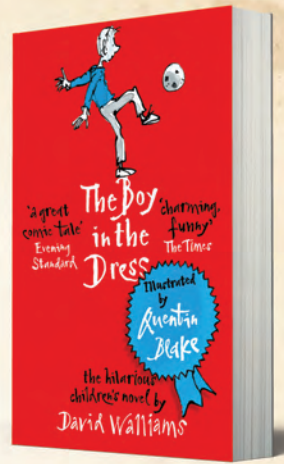


# David Walliams

## The Boy in the Dress

*A yellow dress with flowers on it*



*'As dusk fell, Dennis snuck out and retrieved the photo. It was charred and blackened around the edges and at first his heart sank, but when he turned it to the light he saw that the image was as bright and clear as ever. It showed a joyful scene: a younger John and Dennis with Mum at the beach, Mum wearing a lovely yellow dress with flowers on it. Dennis loved that dress; it was full of colour and life, and soft to the touch. When Mum put it on it meant that summer had arrived.*

*It had been warm outside after she had left, but it hadn't really been summer in their house again.*

*In the picture Dennis and his brother were in swimming trunks holding ice-cream cones, vanilla ice-cream smeared around their smiling mouths. Dennis kept the photo in his pocket and looked at it secretly every day.'*

**The photo Dennis carries around in his pocket provides him with a happy memory of his mum.**

**Can you draw a picture of his photograph?**



**Now describe a memory you have of your own family.  
Give it to a friend and see if they can draw your memory.**