

# **Birthdays and Celebrations**

1. How do people usually celebrate birthdays in your home country?
2. What was your most memorable birthday and why? How old were you at the time?
3. Do you like to celebrate your birthday? Do you prefer big birthday parties or small gatherings? Why?
4. Have you ever had a surprise birthday party? How did it go? Do you like surprises?
5. What kind of birthday gifts do you like to give or receive?
6. What would your dream birthday celebration look like?
7. At what age do people usually stop celebrating birthdays, if ever, in your culture?
8. What are some common birthday foods or desserts in your country? Are there any special drinks?
9. Do you prefer to celebrate with a party at home or in a restaurant with friends and family?
10. Do you know any birthday songs in English or your native language?
11. Do you have any birthday traditions? Which are the important milestone birthdays in your culture?
12. Do you think birthdays are more fun as a child or as an adult?
13. Have you ever forgotten someone's birthday? What happened?
14. Do you think social media has changed the way we celebrate birthdays?
15. What is a celebration in your country that is similar to a birthday? How is it similar?
16. Do you celebrate wedding anniversaries? Do people hold retirement parties?
17. What's the most unique celebration you've ever attended?
18. Do you enjoy planning parties for others? Why or why not?
19. How do you feel about organizing surprise parties/events—are they fun or stressful? Is it right to hold surprise parties for people if they don't usually enjoy them?
20. Is there anything that we don't usually celebrate that you think we should?
21. What types of clothing do you wear at celebrations? How are they different from everyday clothes?
22. Discuss what you would wear at the following events: a birthday party; a wedding; a graduation
23. What types of food do you hope to find and enjoy at celebrations?
24. Who should be responsible for cleaning up after a celebration?
25. How important are celebrations in today's environmentally conscious world?