

## Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises:  
matching, sentence  
completion, gap-fill,  
identifying

Speaking Activities:  
asking and answering  
questions, controlled and  
freer practice (pair work)

## Focus

Birthdays

## Aim

To learn and practice  
birthday vocabulary.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the  
two-page worksheet for  
each student.

## Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

## Time

25 minutes

## Introduction

This birthdays worksheet helps students learn and practice common birthday-related vocabulary.

## Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

First, students discuss two questions about birthdays.

Students then match birthday vocabulary from a box with pictures.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. party      2. card      3. cake      4. present

Next, students match verbs with nouns to create common birthday phrases.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. d    2. a    3. h    4. f    5. b    6. e    7. c    8. g

After that, students complete sentences about birthdays with their own ideas and then compare their answers with a partner.

Exercise D - Possible answers

1. a restaurant
2. pizza
3. my friends and family
4. dancing and playing games
5. a box of chocolates

Students then use birthday vocabulary from a box to complete a text about someone's birthday.

Exercise E - Answer key

1. birthday    2. party    3. invited    4. friends    5. danced  
6. cake        7. sang     8. presents    9. cards     10. celebrate

Following that, students identify the odd word out in each set and write why the word doesn't belong.

Exercise F - Answer key

1. jump (not something you do with a birthday cake)
2. hospital (not a place you usually have a birthday party)
3. bread (not a birthday food)
4. talk (not something you do with a birthday present)
5. work (not something you do at a birthday party)

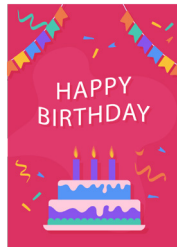
Lastly, students ask and answer birthday conversation questions in pairs.

**A. In pairs, ask and answer the questions about your birthday.**

1. When is your birthday?
2. How did you celebrate your last birthday?

**B. Match each birthday word from the box with a picture.**

cake	party	present	card
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1. .... 2. .... 3. .... 4. ....

**C. Match the verbs with the nouns to make common birthday phrases.**

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| 1. eat .....       | a. a birthday party   |
| 2. have .....      | b. your birthday      |
| 3. open .....      | c. a birthday card    |
| 4. sing .....      | d. birthday cake      |
| 5. celebrate ..... | e. your friends       |
| 6. invite .....    | f. Happy Birthday     |
| 7. send .....      | g. a birthday wish    |
| 8. make .....      | h. a birthday present |



**D. Complete the sentences about birthdays with your own ideas and then compare your answers with a partner.**

1. I think ..... is a good place to have a birthday party.
2. I think the best food for a birthday party is .....
3. I would invite ..... to my birthday party.
4. Two good activities to do at a birthday party are .....
5. I think ..... is a good birthday present for a friend.

**E. Use the words from the box to complete the text about Helen's birthday.**

presents	danced	celebrate	birthday	sang
cards	friends	cake	invited	party

Helen celebrated her 30th (1) ..... last week. She had a big (2) ..... at her house. She (3) ..... all of her (4) ..... and family. Many people came to Helen's party. They played games, listened to music, and (5) ..... The day before the party, Helen made a beautiful birthday (6) ..... Before eating the cake, everyone (7) ..... Happy Birthday to Helen. After that, her friends and family gave her the (8) ..... they bought for her. Helen loves reading, so she got a lot of books. Some people couldn't come to Helen's party. So, they sent her birthday (9) ..... Helen had a great time at her party. She is excited to (10) ..... her birthday again next year.

**F. Circle the odd word out. Then, write why the word is different.**

1. make, eat, jump, cut .....
2. restaurant, hospital, house, park .....
3. bread, cake, ice cream, candy .....
4. give, get, open, talk .....
5. work, sing, dance, play .....

**G. Now, ask and answer the birthday conversation questions with a partner.**

1. Do you enjoy celebrating your birthday? Why or why not?
2. How would you like to celebrate your next birthday?
3. What is your favourite type of birthday cake? Why?
4. Where is the best place to have a birthday party? Why?
5. What was the last birthday gift you gave to someone?
6. Are you good at remembering people's birthdays? Whose birthdays do you know?
7. How do you feel about surprise birthday parties? Would you like to have one?
8. What birthday traditions does your family have?

