



Week 2: Celebrations activity: Birthday Parties

A) Listen to the conversation about birthday parties between three friends. Then, select the correct option in the sentences below.

Audio:

Sentences

1. Charles thinks a surprise party is ...

- a. a chance to relax.
- b. too much of a shock.
- c. a different way to celebrate.

2. Marco and Dora agree that ...

- a. a 40th birthday is more special than other birthdays.
- b. ageing is a bad thing.
- c. both of the above are true.

3. Charles sees himself as someone who ...

- a. prefers to be in the background.
- b. likes to be the center of attention.
- c. organizes nice things for other people.

4. Describe Marco's feelings about his child's ninth birthday party.

- a. He's not looking forward to it.
- b. He's looking forward to it.
- c. It's a sensitive topic for him.

5. Why can't he organize a trip to the cinema for the ninth birthday party?

- a. Children prefer to go rock-climbing.
- b. Another child has had a cinema party recently.
- c. It's not a good idea to repeat parties from the year before.

6. Charles stopped celebrating birthdays because ...

- a. he thinks they're not suitable for adults.
- b. it became hard to find people to celebrate with.
- c. it's less fun when you can't play kids' games.

B) Complete the sentences by dragging the correct word into the blank spaces.

Words: feet retro attention-seeking hassle
 touchy shudder turn up key

Sentences

1. Charles complains that organizing his own party is a _____.
2. The idea of a surprise party makes Charles _____.
3. He doesn't like having to pretend to be delighted by a party when he thought he was going

home to put his _____ up.

4. Marco says the fear that no one is going to _____ is even worse when it's your child's birthday.

5. Dora is offended that Charles says she is _____.

6. Marco realizes that birthdays can be a _____ subject.

7. Charles likes drinks with friends or dinner – celebrations that are quite low-
_____.

