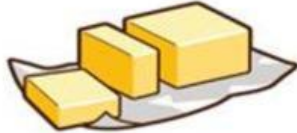


LET'S READ ABOUT DIFFERENT BIRTHDAY TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

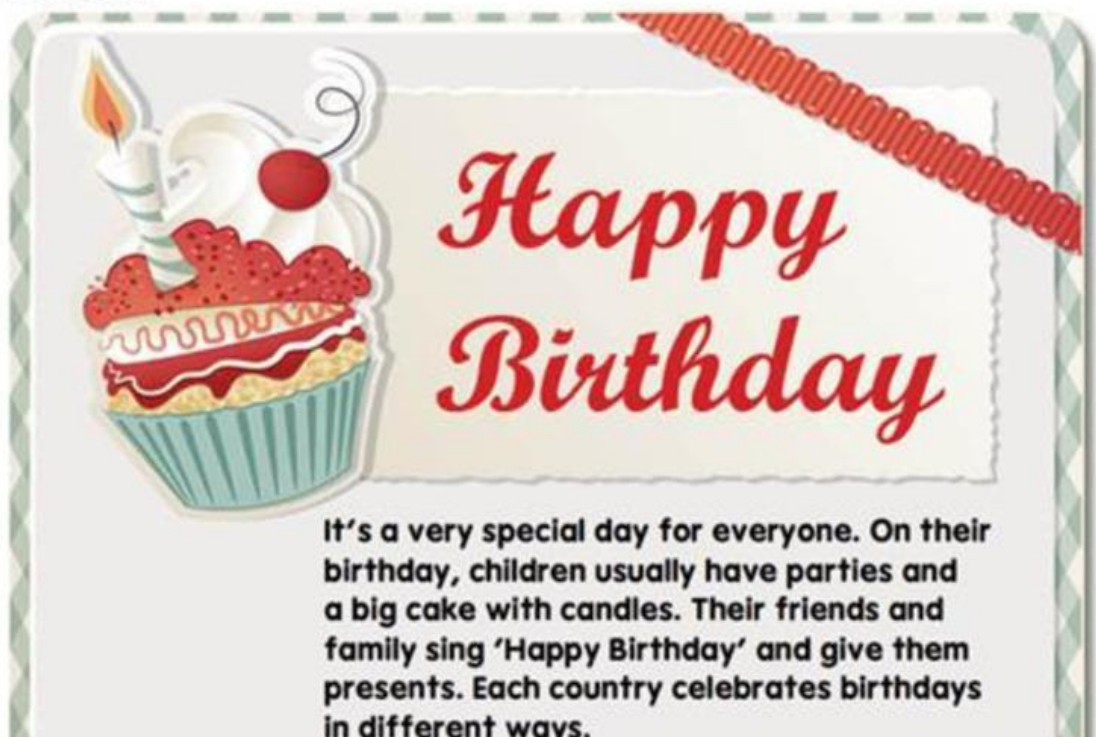
I. Vocabulary Preview

Match the words with their meanings.

1. flag ☐2. butter ☐3. sweets ☐4. hat ☐5. good luck ☐

- a) Small candies
- b) A piece of cloth with colors or symbols of a country
- c) A dairy product used in cooking
- d) Something nice you wish for someone
- e) Something you wear on your head

II. Reading Text

Listen and read.


Happy Birthday

It's a very special day for everyone. On their birthday, children usually have parties and a big cake with candles. Their friends and family sing 'Happy Birthday' and give them presents. Each country celebrates birthdays in different ways.



In Denmark they put a flag outside the child's bedroom window. Parents also put presents around the child's bed at night and the child sees them in the morning.



In Canada friends and family put butter on the child's nose for good luck.



In the Netherlands children give sweets to their classmates. The teacher also makes a birthday hat for the birthday child.



In Argentina girls have a big birthday party on their 15th birthday. At the party, the birthday girl dances with her father and friends.

III. Reading Comprehension

A. Read again and write the names of the country under the pictures.



B. Literal questions (Choose the correct answer)

1. When do children in Denmark see their presents?
 - a) At night
 - b) In the morning
 - c) In the afternoon

2. **Why do people put butter on the child's nose in Canada?**
 - a) To play a joke
 - b) For decoration
 - c) For good luck
3. **What do children in the Netherlands give to classmates?**
 - a) Hats
 - b) Sweets
 - c) Presents
4. **At what age do girls in Argentina have a big party?**
 - a) 12
 - b) 15
 - c) 18

C. Inferential questions (Choose the correct answer)

5. **Why do you think Denmark uses a flag on birthdays?**
 - a) To show a holiday
 - b) To show national pride
 - c) To decorate windows
6. **What can we infer about birthdays in Canada?**
 - a) They are very serious
 - b) They include games with luck and fun
 - d) They don't have cakes
7. **What does the teacher's role in the Netherlands suggest?**
 - a) Teachers are part of the celebration
 - b) Teachers don't care
 - c) Teachers give gifts
8. **What can we infer about Argentine culture from the quinceañera?**
 - a) It is only for rich families
 - b) It celebrates becoming an adult
 - c) It doesn't include family

IV. Post-Reading Activity

Write 4 sentences about the activities you do on your birthday.

- **What do you usually do on your birthday?**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____