

READING AND VOCABULARY – UNIT 7

Circle the correct answers.

1. Our neighbor **has a good time** / **puts up decorations** for nearly every holiday. People from all over town drive by his house to see them.
2. My favorite part of celebrating is when people **give a present** / **set off fireworks**. They look so pretty in the night sky.
3. My grandfather won't go with us anymore to **prepare special foods** / **watch the parade**. He said he doesn't like crowds.
4. Tino comes to every party. He really likes to **have a good time** / **hold a contest**.
5. Bridget likes to **dress up** / **play music** at parties, but she'll let you suggest songs.
6. I love costume parties! Especially when they **hold a contest** / **prepare special food**. I usually have creative ideas and win.
7. My boyfriend doesn't like going to weddings because he doesn't like to **dress up** / **watch a parade**.
8. My family always **plays music** / **prepares special food** for our celebrations. We've been making the same delicious dishes for years!
9. My brother likes to **give presents** / **hold contests**. He makes all his gifts by hand.

Read the text and then answer the questions below.

HOW TO PLAN A PARTY

Everybody loves going to parties! But some people don't enjoy hosting them because it can be very stressful. Are you planning to have a party? Read these how-to tips to make party planning easy!

- 1 Choose the time, date, and place.** Give your guests advanced notice. Teens have busy lives, and you want to make sure the most people possible can come. Decide how many people you are going to invite before you pick the place. Will they all fit at your house? Do you need to have the party at a bigger place, like a park or a restaurant?
- 2 Pick a theme.** Is it a party for a birthday, holiday, or other special occasion? Are you having a "just because" party? Consider having a theme party. For example, ask guests to dress up as their favorite cartoon characters or super heroes. Maybe the theme is related to the time of year, like "Winter Wonderland," "Think Spring," or "Summer Blast."
- 3 Plan your party.** Decide what food you want to make and if you are going to put up decorations. Are you going to hold a contest or have games? Will you play music at the party or have a band? If you have a theme party, you can plan your party around the theme. For example, for a "Winter Wonderland" party, you might put up decorations of snowflakes and snowmen. You might serve cold foods, like ice cream. Don't forget to plan a budget. Figure out how much everything is going to cost. Are you going to buy food, make food, or ask your friends to bring something to share?
- 4 Invite your friends.** Send out invitations. You can send emails, texts, or make an invitation to post online. Be sure to let your friends know whether or not they can invite guests. You don't want to invite 20 people and have 40 show up!

With a little planning, your party is sure to be successful, and you'll enjoy the party as much as your friends do!



Reading: A how-to article about planning a party

1. Look at the pictures and the title. What do you think you will learn from this article?

2. Read and listen to the article. Number the steps in order.

- ___ Plan the menu and activities for your party.
- ___ Decide what kind of party you are going to have.
- ___ Tell your friends about the party.
- ___ Decide when and where you are going to have the party.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Some people pay party planners to plan parties for them. Party planners are popular for big events like weddings, special birthday parties, and graduations.

3. Read the article again. Then read the sentences. Which steps from Exercise 2 are the people following? Write 1, 2, 3, or 4.

1. Carrie is going to have her guests play card games. ___
2. Leo decided to have his party at a skate park. ___
3. Tom is having his guests dress up in sports uniforms. ___
4. Luke is having his party on April 16. ___
5. Jing posted an invitation on her Web page. ___
6. Sylvia is going to have her brother's band play music at the party. ___
7. Patricia is having a "Back to School" party. ___