

## Birthday TREATS

Celebrating birthdays is an important tradition all over the world. In many countries, people enjoy blowing out the candles while they are making wishes. But every culture has different traditions to celebrate their birthdays. Here are some around the world.

**Australia-** In Australia, children eat Fairy Bread on their birthdays. This is a popular snack. There is butter and small sugar sprinkles on the slices of white bread.

**England-** Children like drinking squash at birthday parties. It's a type of fruit juice. Some families enjoy putting objects into the birthday cake. If the birthday person finds a gold coin, it symbolizes wealth in the coming year.

**Mexico-** Mexican kids have great fun at birthday parties. They fill a pinata with candies. Kids close their eyes and try to hit it with a stick until it opens and the candies spill everywhere.

**China-** They usually celebrate their birthdays with their families. The birthday boy or girl eats a bowl of long noodles. They do not bite the noodles slowly, but slurp as soon as possible. Slurping noodles symbolizes a long life.

**Canada-** The birthday child greases their nose with butter for good luck. They believe that the greasy nose will protect the birthday child from bad luck.

**Jamaica-** Family members or friends throw flour at the birthday person to express their good wishes. Sometimes they wet the skin first, just to make sure the flour sticks and becomes more difficult to remove!

### A. Read the text and write true (T) or false (F).

1. \_\_\_\_ Fairy Bread is a slice of sweet bread.
2. \_\_\_\_ In England, if your piece of cake has a coin in it, then you'll be rich.
3. \_\_\_\_ A piñata is a kind of candy.
4. \_\_\_\_ Slurping means eating or drinking with a loud noise.
5. \_\_\_\_ In Canada, on birthdays they believe putting butter on the nose brings bad luck.
6. \_\_\_\_ They throw flour at the birthday person as they get angry with him or her.