

The Origin of Birthday Celebrations

Hello!



Hello, amazing kids! It's Male, your traveller friend! Yesterday afternoon, I went to the library to find information about the origin of the birthday celebration! It's so interesting what I found!

For a long time, in the past, children's birthdays weren't celebrated and kids could go through a whole year without blowing out a candle, eating cake or getting a present!

The things we now relate to birthday parties, like cake, candles, balloons, piñatas and gifts, have changed over the years. Different cultures have added to the birthday party tradition to create the celebrations we all know and love today.



The Greeks, a very old civilization, were the first ones to celebrate a birthday every year, but, it wasn't their kids, husbands, wives and friends whose parties they went to, it was their gods. They created one tradition that has survived until day – birthday candles.

They were placed on a type of bread to celebrate the birthday of the goddess Artemis. As she was the goddess of the moon. The candles were used to represent the glow of the stars and their wishes.



Read the text and answer the questions:

- a. Who is your traveller friend?
- b. Where did she go yesterday?
- c. What did she find?
- d. How was the information she found? Boring? Sad? Interesting?

Write YES for the correct sentences or NO to the incorrect ones:

- a. In the past, children's birthdays were celebrated:
- b. The things we now relate to birthday parties, like cake, candles, balloons, piñatas and gifts, have changed over the years:
- c. The Greeks, an old civilization, celebrated their Gods:
- d. They created one tradition that has survived until day – birthday candles:
- e. Candles were placed on a gorgeous and colourful cake to celebrate the birthday of the goddess Artemis:
- f. The candles were used to represent the glow of the stars and their wishes: