

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.

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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.

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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

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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-

_____.



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