



TALKING ABOUT SPECIAL OCCASIONS



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Expemo code:
1CX4-65X8-SX4B



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Warm up

Look at the following pictures and say what is happening. Then discuss the given prompts.



picture A



picture B



picture C



picture D

1. The last time you celebrated a special day or event.
2. Why people enjoy celebrations.
3. How people like to celebrate special days and events.



2

Focus on vocabulary: special occasion

Look at the eight different special occasions below. What are they?



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

3

Talking point

In groups, take turns to pick up a card and answer the question. Give more information in your answers.

Do you like celebrating your birthday ? What do you usually do?	When was the last time you passed a test ? Did you celebrate?	Have you been to a wedding recently? How would you describe it?	Do you think it is important to celebrate relationship anniversaries ?
Do you celebrate Valentine's Day ?	Where did you celebrate last New Year's Eve ?	Which month is Mother's Day in your country? How do people celebrate?	What is an appropriate gift to give at a baby shower ?





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Language point: collocations

Part A: Match a verb to a word or phrase to complete the collocations. Which activities do you like doing?

Group 1:

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| 1. make | a. a cake |
| 2. give/send | b. up |
| 3. have | c. cards and presents |
| 4. go | d. out with friends |
| 5. dress | e. a party |

Group 2:

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| 1. watch | a. a song |
| 2. cook | b. family |
| 3. sing | c. a meal |
| 4. hang | d. decorations |
| 5. see | e. fireworks |

Part B: Fill in the gaps with a verb from the previous part. You may need to change the form for some of the answers. One collocation is not needed.

1. I don't like _____ fireworks. They are too noisy, and they scare my pets.
2. On New Year's Eve, I like to _____ up in sparkly clothes.
3. I always _____ a cake for my daughter's birthday. She loves chocolate.
4. It is Andy's birthday on Friday. Don't forget to _____ a card.
5. I like to _____ out with friends on my birthday.
6. My husband _____ a special meal on Valentine's Day.
7. I _____ my family on special occasions. I want to be with them to celebrate all the good times.
8. I am planning my baby shower at the moment. I am going to _____ cute decorations all around the room.
9. I don't like it when people _____ the birthday song to me as I am shy and get really embarrassed.



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Game: what is the activity?

Look at distributed cards with phrases and using actions only, illustrate them to your partner.

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Listening comprehension: Celebrating special occasions

Part A: Listen to an interview about celebrating special occasions. Which four special occasions do they talk about?

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

Part B: Fill in the gaps. Listen again to check your answers. Now, ask and answer the same questions with your partner.

- Presenter:** Welcome everyone, today we are talking to Jill about celebrating special occasions. Let's get started. Do you enjoy celebrating your birthday?
- Jill:** Yes, but I don't do anything too crazy. I like to dress up and go out with my friends. My friend Sally always makes me a delicious chocolate cake.
- Presenter:** Do you enjoy _____¹ fireworks?
- Jill:** No, not really. They are too loud.
- Presenter:** Do you like _____²?
- Jill:** I love it! I am a romantic person. I give my husband a card and a present and I cook a delicious meal.
- Presenter:** Do you _____³ singing songs?
- Jill:** Yes, I do. I have a terrible voice, but I sing anyway. My friend had a karaoke party for her birthday, and it was so much fun.
- Presenter:** Do you usually celebrate when you _____⁴ an exam?
- Jill:** Of course!
- Presenter:** Do you _____⁵ decorations when you have a party?
- Jill:** Yes, I hang decorations and balloons.
- Presenter:** Do you _____⁶ weddings?
- Jill:** Yes, I love them. Everyone dresses up and has a wonderful time.



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Talking point: find someone who...?

Talk to your classmates and find someone who matches the statements below. You cannot use the same person twice.

Find someone who...?

	name	why?
1) doesn't like celebrating their birthday.		
2) enjoys watching fireworks.		
3) likes Valentine's Day.		
4) likes singing songs.		
5) celebrates when they pass an exam.		
6) hangs decorations when they have a party.		
7) enjoys weddings?		
8) doesn't enjoy going out on New Year's Eve.		