

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AND TRADITIONS

a Look at the pictures and try to guess how Chinese long noodles are connected to birthday celebrations and traditions. Oglej si sliko in poskusi uganiti, kako so dolgi kitajski rezanci povezani s tradicijo in praznovanjem rojstnih dni.



b Listen and complete the text. Choose from the words in the box. There are three words too many. Poslušaj in dopolni besedilo. Uporabi besede iz okvirčka. Tri besede so odveč.

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Birthday celebrations are very different. In many parts of the world people have a birthday party (sometimes a theme party with a clown or a magician) and a birthday cake. On top of it there are as many as the birthday person's age. They light the candles and the birthday person makes a wish. If they blow out all the candles in one breath, the wish will come true. Often, everyone sings the Happy Birthday

In Nepal and India, on a child's first birthday, they shave the child's head. They that by doing so they clean the child's soul of all evil. In Ghana, on their birthday, children wake up to a special called 'oto' which is made from mashed sweet potato and eggs fried in palm oil. In China, they very long noodles. The noodles can be plain, in soup or served with

meat or vegetables. The longer the noodles, the longer the life.

All birthdays are important, but some are more important than others. For example, in, a child becomes an adult at the age of 18, but this is not so everywhere. In most countries children become adults between 18 and 21. This gives them certain rights and also responsibilities. They can leave, join the army, vote, get a driving licence and buy lottery tickets. The Royal Family in Britain sends birthday to every person who celebrates their 100th and 105th birthday. But not everyone knows their In many cultures, if a person's real birthday is not known (for example, if they are an orphan), their birthday becomes January 1.