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Cake


Presents





Happy Birthday!


 Everyone has a birthday.

 A birthday is a good time to do something special.

 Some people **spend** the day with family and friends.

 Some people have a birthday party. They eat cake and open presents.

 Some people use a camera to take pictures.

 They want to **remember** their special day.

 What do you do on your birthday?



Long noodles

🔊 **Birthday Food**

🔊 People around the world eat special birthday foods.

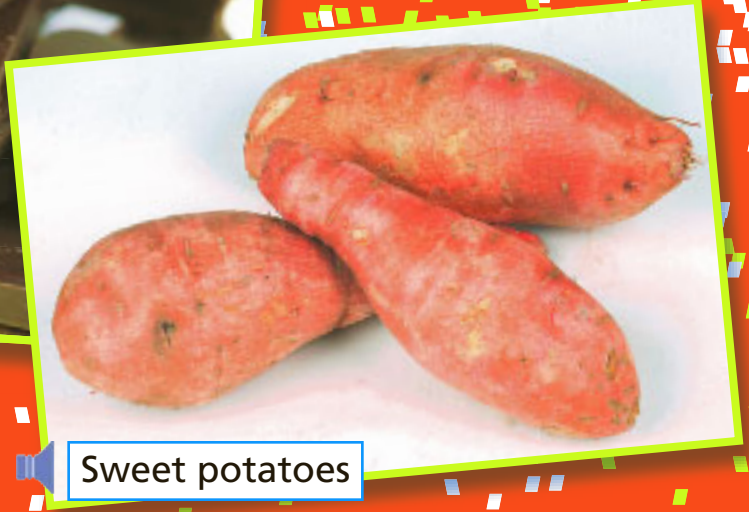
🔊 In China, children eat long noodles.

🔊 Sometimes friends or family, like **cousins**, come for lunch.

🔊 Sometimes people make food for the birthday boy or girl and hide a present inside, like a coin!



Chocolate





Sweet potatoes


- ▶ In India, birthday girls wear pretty dresses.
- ▶ They give sweet chocolate to their friends.
- ▶ In Ghana, children eat *oto* on their birthdays. People make *oto* from sweet potatoes and eggs.
- ▶ Do you eat special foods on your birthday?



Birthday Cakes

 A long time ago, people in Germany started making cakes for birthdays. In the morning, people put candles on a cake. The candles burned all day long!


 At night, people asked the birthday boy or girl to blow out the candles and wish for something special.


 Now, many people have birthday cakes with candles. Do you blow out candles on your birthday?




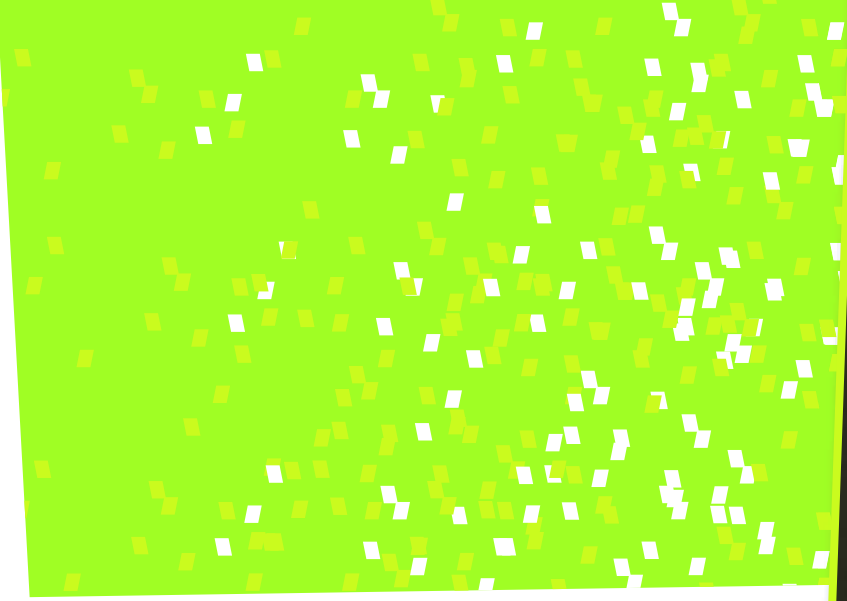
Birthday Party

 Many girls and boys have a birthday party.




 At a birthday party, some people like to wear special hats. Some people play the **piano** and sing songs.

 People play games and eat cake. Some people get cake **stuck** to their faces!

 In the summer, people often sit outside on a **porch** to eat cold ice cream.




Special Birthdays

-  Some birthdays are very special.
-  On a special birthday, people often have a big party.
-  For some boys and girls, this big party happens when they turn 12 or 13. Friends and family come to **visit**.



Crown

 In Mexico, girls have a special birthday when they turn 15. They have a party with lots of food. People dance to music. The birthday girl wears a **crown**.



🔊 Birthdays are happy days. They are different around the world. Do you do something special on your birthday?

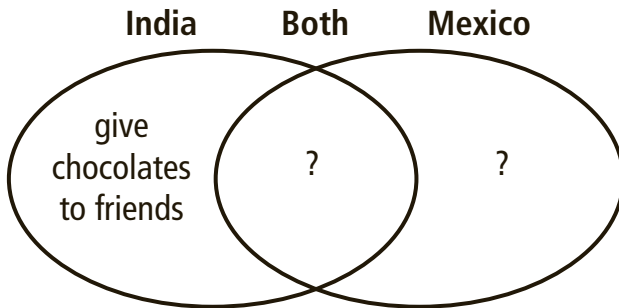
🔊 Birthdays are special all over the world!

Responding



TARGET SKILL Compare and Contrast

How is a birthday party for girls in India different than one in Mexico? How is it the same? Use a Venn diagram like this one to compare and contrast the details.



Write About It

Text to Text Have you read other books about birthdays? Write a friendly letter telling someone about a birthday in a story.



TARGET VOCABULARY

cousin
crown
piano
porch

remembered
spend
stuck
visit



TARGET SKILL **Compare and**

Contrast Tell how two things are alike or not.



TARGET STRATEGY **Question** Ask

questions about what you are reading.



GENRE Informational text gives facts about a topic.

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