



FINISH SOME OF THE SENTENCES

... is a family celebration

The ideal present for me is ...

When I don't know what present to make, I ...

... is a special day for me, because ...

blow out
candles

blow up
balloons

exchange
presents

make a speech

propose a
toast

send out
invitations

unwrap
presents

walk down the
aisle

registry office

wedding
reception

Anniversary

Honeymoon

graduation
ceremony

pull crackers

make pumpkin
lanterns

go to fancy
dress parties

firework
display

stag party

hen party

housewarming
party

black tie affair

launch party

leaving do

to hobnob
with

outstay one's
welcome

party animal



Do you normally celebrate special occasions with friends or family?

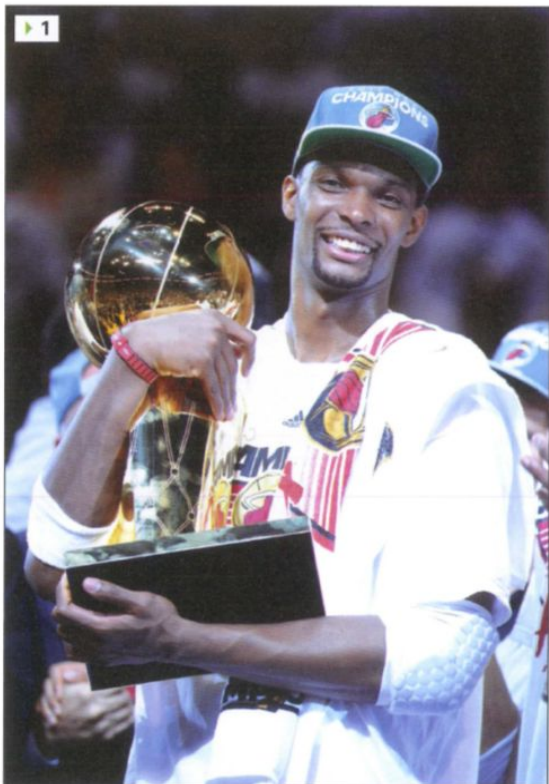
Are you going to do anything special this weekend?

What is the most important festival or celebration in your town or country?

What was the last festival you went to? Did you enjoy it? Why/ Why not?

When did you last meet up with your extended family? Was there any special reason for this meeting? What did you all do?

Are birthdays important times in your culture? What do people usually do to celebrate?



Candidate A: What makes these moments special for these people? (1 min)

Candidate B: Which of these do you think is more memorable? Why? (30 sec)

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I'm fairly sure...
I get the impression that...
My initial impression is...
I'm pretty confident that...
I know for sure that...
It's highly (un)likely that
I can be mistaken but I think ...

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Another similarity might be that...
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The most obvious similarity is that...



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1:00

Candidate A: Why are the people in the pictures celebrating? (1 min)

Candidate B: in which situation the feeling of happiness going to last the longest? (30 sec)

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How suitable would each venue be to hold a graduation party? (2 min)
Then decide: which two venues would be the best places to hold the party? (1 min)

Your friend has recently graduated from university and wants to throw a party for all his family and friends. He has five venues in mind.

- How suitable would each venue be to hold a graduation party?
- Which two venues would be the best places to hold the party?



The image contains five circular illustrations representing different venues for a graduation party. 1. Top-left: A group of people sitting around a round table in a restaurant with a red awning. 2. Top-right: A group of people dancing on a red carpet with a 'PARTY' banner and confetti. 3. Middle: A group of people on a beach, with one person performing a handstand. 4. Bottom-left: A group of people at a swimming pool, with one person in the water. 5. Bottom-right: A group of people sitting on a red picnic blanket in a grassy area.

Agreeing

Good point.

I was just going to say that!

That's just what I was thinking.

I couldn't agree more.

You're totally right.

Disagreeing

I think it would be better to...

I'm not so keen on that.

I don't really agree with you there.

Yeah, but, the thing is...

For one thing...And for another...

2:00

Part 4

Are birthdays important times in your culture?
What do people usually do to celebrate?

Are you planning to go to any festivals this year?
(Tell us about that festival/ Why not?)

When will your whole family next meet up? What
will you all do together?

When did you last meet up with your extended
family? Was there any special reason for this
meeting? What did you all do?

As far as I am concerned,
I am convinced that
If I had to choose
I have never thought about that before,
Let me think
Oh, that's a tough one, let me think