

Reading Part 5 Activity 3

Many Happy Returns!

Questionnaire

Try this questionnaire to find out your attitude to birthdays.

Tick the answer that is true for you.

Are you good at birthdays?

1 It's your birthday next week. What do you think?

- A Great! I'm going to enjoy myself!
- B I wonder what presents I'll get.
- C What's all the fuss about? It's just a day like any other.
- D Oh no! Another year older!

2 It's your best friend's birthday next week. Do you

- A go and see him/her on the day with a birthday card and present?
- B phone him/her on the day to say Happy Birthday?
- C send him/her an email on the day?
- D forget it and apologise the next time you see him/her?

3 How do you remember other people's birthdays?

- A I have a special 'Birthday Book' in which I write the dates.
- B I write them in my diary, usually.
- C Someone else reminds me near the day.
- D I don't, usually.

4 On your birthday your auntie gives you a rather ugly hand-knitted pullover two sizes too big. What do you say?

- A That's lovely, Auntie. And it's just what I wanted!
- B Thank you. That's very kind of you.
- C Oh ... that's really unusual, Auntie. Er ... thanks.
- D Are you joking? I can't wear this!

5 You have to buy a present for someone in your family but you don't know what they like. Do you

- A ask people who know them well for advice?
- B give them money?
- C buy something that you would like if it was your birthday?
- D ask somebody else to buy the present for you?

6 A close friend forgets your birthday. What do you say when you see him/her?

- A You forgot my birthday and I'm really hurt about it.
- B Was there anything special about last Tuesday? Think carefully.
- C I had a really great time last Tuesday.
- D Nothing.

7 It's your mother's birthday. Do you

- A make her a present yourself?
- B save up and buy her an expensive present?
- C offer to do all the housework for her that day?
- D just give her a big kiss?

8 It's your birthday. Suddenly, a group of people come into the room carrying a big cake and start singing 'Happy Birthday To You'. What do you feel?

- A delighted
- B happy and sad at the same time
- C pleased, but also a bit embarrassed
- D annoyed

9 You've blown out the candles on your birthday cake. What do you wish for?

- A peace in the world
- B health and happiness for you and your family
- C personal success in work or study
- D lots of money



0-7 You have a rather negative attitude to birthdays, don't you? You don't make an effort to remember them and you aren't very interested in celebrating them. The only thing that interests you about birthdays is the possibility of getting a present yourself. You're not on the birthday party invitation list, I'm afraid. But then, you probably don't care!



8-16 You notice birthdays, but they're not a big priority for you. You always remember your own birthday and usually remember the birthdays of close friends and family, but you don't make a special effort. You need more practice to get into the birthday spirit. You are on the birthday party guest list, but only just!



17-27 Birthdays are really important to you, not only your own but other people's too. You believe it's important to celebrate them properly and show special attention to someone who has a birthday. You're top of the list to invite to any birthday party!



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