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1.2 million people accept birthday party invitation

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161209-birthday-party.html>

A father in Mexico got a surprise after he posted an invitation to his daughter's 15th birthday party on Facebook. He thought the invite was just going to his family, friends and neighbours. Instead, the post went viral and 1.2 million people have said they would attend the party. Crescencio Ibarra said he would not turn away anyone who came to the party for his daughter Rubi. He said everyone was invited. Mr Ibarra said in a TV interview that he had no idea why his post became so popular and why more than a million people accepted his invitation. He said: "We wanted to invite the people from the area, that's all." So many people might attend the party that the local police will be out in force.

A 15th birthday is an important occasion in a girl's life in Mexico. It is seen as the time when she comes of age. The girl has a special party called a *quinceañera*. This is a traditional event across much of Latin America. The party usually has lots of guests and the girl wears a beautiful dress, a tiara and make-up. At Rubi's party, there will be three different bands to play music and a horse race in which the winner will get \$490. There are many memes (joke pictures) of Mr Ibarra's post on social media. He said Rubi's favourite meme shows Donald Trump and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto agreeing to allow undocumented Mexican migrants in the USA to return to Mexico for Rubi's party.

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WARM-UPS

1. BIRTHDAY PARTIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about birthday parties. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

surprise / birthday / party / invite / attend / interview / popular / area / local / police important / occasion / special / traditional / horse race / joke / meme / migrants

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. YOUNG PEOPLE: Students A **strongly** believe birthdays are only for young people; Students B **strongly** believe disagree. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BIRTHDAY PARTY: What would make the best party for people of these ages? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Age	Food	Presents	Music	Activities	Presents	Advice
1						
7						
13						
20						
40						
100						

5. PARTY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "party". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. EVENTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- birthday parties
- graduations
- weddings
- national days
- religious holidays
- sports finals
- wedding anniversaries
- newborn baby celebrations

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161209-birthday-party.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A father sent one million birthday party invitations. **T / F**
- b. The father did not want his neighbours at the birthday party. **T / F**
- c. The father said he would turn some people away from the party. **T / F**
- d. There will be a lot of police officers at the party. **T / F**
- e. The fifteenth birthday is important for a girl in Mexico. **T / F**
- f. The father said there would be three bands and a race horse at the party. **T / F**
- g. Social media was full of jokes about the father's party invitation. **T / F**
- h. Donald Trump said migrants in the USA could go to the birthday party. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. thought | a. cosmetics |
| 2. attend | b. refuse |
| 3. accepted | c. event |
| 4. turn away | d. said yes to |
| 5. in force | e. go back |
| 6. occasion | f. believed |
| 7. traditional | g. let |
| 8. make-up | h. customary |
| 9. allow | i. be at |
| 10. return | j. in great numbers |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. He thought the invite was just | a. away anyone who came |
| 2. he would not turn | b. and make-up |
| 3. he had no idea | c. out in force |
| 4. We wanted to invite the | d. much of Latin America |
| 5. the local police will be | e. going to his family |
| 6. an important occasion | f. in the USA |
| 7. It is seen as the time when she | g. people from the area |
| 8. a traditional event across | h. comes of age |
| 9. a tiara | i. why |
| 10. migrants | j. in a girl's life |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161209-birthday-party.html>

A father in Mexico got a surprise after he posted an (1) _____ to his daughter's 15th birthday party on Facebook. He thought the invite was just going to his family, friends and (2) _____. Instead, the post went (3) _____ and 1.2 million people have said they would attend the party. Crescencio Ibarra said he would not turn (4) _____ anyone who came to the party for his daughter Rubi. He said everyone was invited. Mr Ibarra said in a TV (5) _____ that he had no idea why his post became so (6) _____ and why more than a million people accepted his invitation. He said: "We wanted to invite the people from the (7) _____, that's all." So many people might attend the party that the local police will be out in (8) _____.

away

interview

invitation

area

neighbours

popular

force

viral

A 15th birthday is an important (9) _____ in a girl's life in Mexico. It is seen as the time when she comes of (10) _____. The girl has a special party called a *quinceañera*. This is a (11) _____ event across much of Latin America. The party usually has lots of (12) _____ and the girl wears a beautiful dress, a tiara and make-up. At Rubi's party, there will be three different bands to play music and a horse race in which the (13) _____ will get \$490. There are many memes (joke pictures) of Mr Ibarra's post on (14) _____ media. He said Rubi's favourite meme shows Donald Trump and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto (15) _____ to allow undocumented Mexican (16) _____ in the USA to return to Mexico for Rubi's party.

age

winner

agreeing

occasion

guests

migrants

social

traditional

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A father in Mexico got a surprise after he _____
 - a. posted in invitation
 - b. posting in invitation
 - c. post in an invitation
 - d. posted an invitation
- 2) just going to his family, friends and neighbours. Instead, the _____
 - a. post went viral
 - b. post went vital
 - c. post went rival
 - d. post went barrel
- 3) Mr Ibarra said in a TV interview that he had no idea why his post _____
 - a. became so popularity
 - b. became so popularise
 - c. became so polar
 - d. became so popular
- 4) He said: "We wanted to invite the people _____"
 - a. from the areas
 - b. from the area
 - c. from an area
 - d. from this area
- 5) So many people might attend the party that the local police will _____
 - a. be out on force
 - b. be out un-force
 - c. be out enforce
 - d. be out in force
- 6) It is seen as the time when she _____
 - a. come of age
 - b. comes of ages
 - c. comes of age
 - d. come of ages
- 7) the girl wears a beautiful dress, a tiara _____
 - a. and makes-up
 - b. and make-ups
 - c. and making up
 - d. and make-up
- 8) there will be three different bands to play music _____
 - a. and a hoarse race
 - b. and a horse races
 - c. and a horse race
 - d. and a horse races
- 9) There are many memes (joke pictures) of Mr Ibarra's post _____
 - a. in social media
 - b. at social media
 - c. to social media
 - d. on social media
- 10) agreeing to allow undocumented Mexican migrants in the USA _____
 - a. to return too Mexico
 - b. to return two Mexico
 - c. to return to Mexico
 - d. to return through Mexico

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161209-birthday-party.html>

A father in Mexico got a surprise (1) _____ invitation to his daughter's 15th birthday party on Facebook. He thought the invite was just going to his family, friends and neighbours. Instead, (2) _____ and 1.2 million people have said they would attend the party. Crescencio Ibarra said he would (3) _____ anyone who came to the party for his daughter Rubi. He said everyone was invited. Mr Ibarra said in a TV interview that (4) _____ why his post became so popular and why more than a million people accepted his invitation. He said: "We wanted to invite the people (5) _____, that's all." So many people might attend the party that the local police will (6) _____.

A 15th birthday is an important occasion (7) _____ Mexico. It is seen as the time when (8) _____. The girl has a special party called a *quinceañera*. This is a traditional event across much of Latin America. The party usually (9) _____ guests and the girl wears a beautiful dress, a tiara and make-up. At Rubi's party, there will be three different (10) _____ music and a horse race in which the winner will get \$490. There are many memes (joke pictures) of Mr Ibarra's (11) _____. He said Rubi's favourite meme shows Donald Trump and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto agreeing to allow undocumented Mexican (12) _____ USA to return to Mexico for Rubi's party.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161209-birthday-party.html>

1. Where did the father post the birthday party invitation?
2. Who did the father say he would turn away?
3. On what medium did the father give an interview?
4. From which location did the father want to invite people to the party?
5. Who will be out in force at the birthday party?
6. What birthday is an important one for a girl in Mexico?
7. What does the girl usually wear on her head?
8. How many bands will play at the party?
9. How much money will the winner of a horse race get?
10. Who did a meme say might be able to return to Mexico for the party?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161209-birthday-party.html>

- 1) Where did the father post the birthday party invitation?
 - a) Facebook
 - b) in a mail box
 - c) his local post office
 - d) the North Pole
- 2) Who did the father say he would turn away?
 - a) boys
 - b) children
 - c) no one
 - d) those over 20
- 3) On what medium did the father give an interview?
 - a) radio
 - b) TV
 - c) the Internet
 - d) newspaper
- 4) From which location did the father want to invite people to the party?
 - a) Latin America
 - b) the whole world
 - c) southern Mexico
 - d) his local area
- 5) Who will be out in force at the birthday party?
 - a) the police
 - b) teenagers
 - c) parents
 - d) teachers
- 6) What birthday is an important one for a girl in Mexico?
 - a) 18
 - b) 17
 - c) 16
 - d) 15
- 7) What does the girl usually wear on her head?
 - a) a hairband
 - b) a tiara
 - c) flowers
 - d) a crown
- 8) How many bands will play at the party?
 - a) 6
 - b) 5
 - c) 4
 - d) 3
- 9) How much money will the winner of a horse race get?
 - a) \$904
 - b) \$409
 - c) \$490
 - d) \$940
- 10) Who did a meme say might be able to return to Mexico for the party?
 - a) Rubi's sister
 - b) Mexican migrants
 - c) Mexico's president
 - d) Donald Trump

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Birthday Parties

You think birthday parties are the best events. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their events aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): weddings, sports finals or graduations.

Role B – Weddings

You think weddings are the best events. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their events aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): birthday parties, sports finals or graduations.

Role C – Sports Finals

You think sports finals are the best events. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their events aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): weddings, birthday parties or graduations.

Role D – Graduations

You think graduations are the best events. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their events aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): weddings, sports finals or birthday parties.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161209-birthday-party.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'birthday' and 'party'.

birthday	party
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• after• just• away• TV• idea• local	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• life• special• event• three• race• allow
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BIRTHDAY PARTIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about birthday parties in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'party'?
3. What kind of parties do you like?
4. What was the best birthday party you ever had?
5. What do you think about what you read?
6. What would a million people do at a party?
7. What could go wrong at the party?
8. What would Rubi do with a million presents?
9. What's the maximum number of people that should attend a party?
10. What kind of birthday party would you really like?

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BIRTHDAY PARTIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. Which birthday is the most important, and why?
13. Is it OK for old people to have birthday parties?
14. What's the best birthday present for a 15-year-old girl?
15. Are there any bad things about birthday parties?
16. What activities are good for a birthday party?
17. Is a birthday party better at home or in the city?
18. Who would you like to invite to your next party?
19. What do you think of the meme mentioned in the article?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr Ibarra?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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A father in Mexico got a surprise after he (1) _____ an invitation to his daughter's 15th birthday party on Facebook. He thought the invite was (2) _____ going to his family, friends and neighbours. Instead, the post (3) _____ viral and 1.2 million people have said they would attend the party. Crescencio Ibarra said he would not turn (4) _____ anyone who came to the party for his daughter Rubi. He said everyone was invited. Mr Ibarra said in a TV interview that he had (5) _____ idea why his post became so popular and why more than a million people accepted his invitation. He said: "We wanted to invite the people from the area, that's all." So many people might attend the party that the local police will be out (6) _____ force.

A 15th birthday is an important occasion in a girl's life in Mexico. It is (7) _____ as the time when she comes (8) _____ age. The girl has a special party called a *quinceañera*. This is a traditional event across (9) _____ of Latin America. The party usually has lots of guests and the girl wears a beautiful dress, a tiara and make-up. At Rubi's party, there will be three different bands to play music and a horse race in which the (10) _____ will get \$490. There are many memes (joke pictures) of Mr Ibarra's post on social media. He said Rubi's favourite meme shows Donald Trump and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto (11) _____ to allow undocumented Mexican migrants in the USA to return to Mexico (12) _____ Rubi's party.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) posed | (b) posted | (c) piste | (d) pasted |
| 2. | (a) honest | (b) fair | (c) simple | (d) just |
| 3. | (a) went | (b) been | (c) gone | (d) going |
| 4. | (a) on | (b) off | (c) away | (d) up |
| 5. | (a) not | (b) no | (c) non | (d) none |
| 6. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) to | (d) as |
| 7. | (a) sawn | (b) sewn | (c) seen | (d) soon |
| 8. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) on | (d) by |
| 9. | (a) much | (b) many | (c) must | (d) mast |
| 10. | (a) wins | (b) winning | (c) winnings | (d) winner |
| 11. | (a) agreeing | (b) agrees | (c) agree | (d) agreeable |
| 12. | (a) on | (b) by | (c) for | (d) at |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. A father in Mexico got a preissur
2. family, friends and gnohrebuis (UK) / rsbonheig (USA)
3. his post became so oaruplp
4. a million people captcdee
5. many people might atetdn the party
6. police will be out in rceof

Paragraph 2

7. an important soocnia
8. a aliinotadtr event
9. many eemsm (joke pictures)
10. alcois media
11. President Enrique Pena Nieto aggeienr
12. gintmsar in the USA

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161209-birthday-party.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () age. The girl has a special party called a quinceañera. This is a traditional event across much of Latin
- () viral and 1.2 million people have said they would attend the party. Crescencio Ibarra said he would not turn
- () America. The party usually has lots of guests and the girl wears a beautiful dress, a tiara and
- () million people accepted his invitation. He said: "We wanted to invite the people from the
- () will get \$490. There are many memes (joke pictures) of Mr Ibarra's post on social
- () A 15th birthday is an important occasion in a girl's life in Mexico. It is seen as the time when she comes of
- () away anyone who came to the party for his daughter Rubi. He said everyone was invited. Mr Ibarra said in a TV
- () on Facebook. He thought the invite was just going to his family, friends and neighbours. Instead, the post went
- () area, that's all." So many people might attend the party that the local police will be out in force.
- () to allow undocumented Mexican migrants in the USA to return to Mexico for Rubi's party.
- () interview that he had no idea why his post became so popular and why more than a
- (**1**) A father in Mexico got a surprise after he posted an invitation to his daughter's 15th birthday party
- () media. He said Rubi's favourite meme shows Donald Trump and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto agreeing
- () make-up. At Rubi's party, there will be three different bands to play music and a horse race in which the winner

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. invitation an posted he after surprise a got Mexico in father A .
2. He invite going family the just his thought was to .
3. to the party He would not turn away anyone who came .
4. no his so had why became He idea post popular .
5. to the invite area the We people wanted from .
6. important occasion in a girl's life A 15th birthday is an .
7. as the time when she comes of age It is seen .
8. This traditional much America a across Latin is event of .
9. race in which the winner will get \$490 A horse .
10. to migrants return in Allow the undocumented USA Mexican .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161209-birthday-party.html>

A father in Mexico *got / get* a surprise after he posted an invitation to his daughter's 15th birthday party *in / on* Facebook. He thought the invite was just *going / gone* to his family, friends and neighbours. Instead, the post *went / gone* viral and 1.2 million people have said they would *intend / attend* the party. Crescencio Ibarra said he would not turn *up / away* anyone who came to the party for his daughter Rubi. He said everyone was *invitation / invited*. Mr Ibarra said in a TV interview that he had *no / none* idea why his post became so *popular / popularity* and why more than a million people accepted his invitation. He said: "We wanted to invite the people from the area, that's all." So many people might attend the party that the local police will be out in *farce / force*.

A 15th birthday is an *important / importance* occasion in a girl's life in Mexico. It is seen as the time when she *coming / comes* of age. The girl has a special party called a *quinceañera*. This is a *traditional / traditionally* event across *much / many* of Latin America. The party *usually / usual* has lots of guests and the girl wears a beautiful dress, a tiara and make-up. At Rubi's party, there will be three different bands *for / to* play music and a horse race *in / on* which the winner will get \$490. There are *much / many* memes (joke pictures) of Mr Ibarra's post *on / in* social media. He said Rubi's favourite meme shows Donald Trump and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto agreeing *to / by* allow undocumented Mexican migrants in the USA to return to Mexico for Rubi's party.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161209-birthday-party.html>

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a 15th birthday is an important occasion in a girl's life in mexico it is seen as the time when she comes of age the girl has a special party called a *quinceañera* this is a traditional event across much of latin america the party usually has lots of guests and the girl wears a beautiful dress a tiara and make-up at rubi's party there will be three different bands to play music and a horse race in which the winner will get \$490 there are many memes (joke pictures) of mr ibarra's post on social media he said rubi's favourite meme shows donald trump and mexican president enrique pena nieto agreeing to allow undocumented mexican migrants in the usa to return to mexico for rubi's party

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BIRTHDAY PARTIES: Make a poster about birthday parties. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. GUESTS: Write a magazine article about birthday parties having a maximum of 100 guests. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on birthday parties. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what makes a great birthday party. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. thought | a. believed |
| 2. attend | b. be at |
| 3. accepted | c. said yes to |
| 4. turn away | d. refuse |
| 5. in force | e. in great numbers |
| 6. occasion | f. event |
| 7. traditional | g. customary |
| 8. make-up | h. cosmetics |
| 9. allow | i. let |
| 10. return | j. go back |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Facebook
2. No one
3. TV
4. His local area
5. The police
6. 15
7. A tiara
8. Three
9. \$490
10. Mexican migrants in the USA

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)