Birthdays Everywhere



How old will you be on your next birthday?

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Birthdays Around the World

Birthdays are fun! They tell us we are one year older.

People everywhere celebrate birthdays. What do you do for yours?



Some people want a big celebration.



Some people want a small one.

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Food

People celebrate birthdays with food. You might eat cake.

In China, children do not eat cake. They eat noodles. Long noodles mean a long life!



Your age determines the number of candles.



They try to fit as many noodles as they can into their mouths.

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Fun

People celebrate birthdays by having fun. You might play games.

In Mexico, children break open a piñata. Inside, there are sweets and toys.



What games do you play on your birthday?



Children use a stick to break the piñata.

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Gifts

People celebrate birthdays by opening gifts. They might be wrapped in paper.

In Russia, children are given two things. First they get a gift. Then they get a tug on their ears.



Wrapping paper is colourful.



This means grow up tall and strong.

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Decorations

People celebrate birthdays with decorations. You might blow up balloons.

In Egypt, children decorate with flowers. Some even wear them.



Banners and streamers are decorations, too.



Flowers remind us that life is beautiful.

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Your Birthday

Birthdays are fun! People everywhere celebrate birthdays.

How will you make your birthday fun?



A birthday reminds us we are another year older.



Even pets have birthdays!

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