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Level 1

1.2 million people accept birthday party invitation

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A father was surprised when he invited his family, friends and neighbours to his daughter Rubi's 15th birthday party. His Facebook post went viral and 1.2 million people accepted his invitation. Crescencio Ibarra said he would not turn any of them away. He said he had no idea why his post became so popular because he just wanted to invite people who lived nearby. So many people might go to the party that there will also be a lot of police.

A 15th birthday is important in a girl's life in Mexico. It is when she comes of age. There is a traditional party with lots of guests. The girl wears a beautiful dress, a tiara and make-up. At Rubi's party, three bands will play music. There will be a horse race. The winner will get \$490. There are many jokes about Mr Ibarra's post online. Rubi's favourite shows Donald Trump and Mexico's president agreeing to let Mexican migrants in the USA go to her party.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-38235093>
<http://q13fox.com/2016/12/06/more-than-1m-guests-rsvp-to-girls-quinceanera-after-dads-invite-goes-viral/>
<http://www.kansascity.com/news/nation-world/world/article119262218.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161209-birthday-party-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A father was | a. 15th birthday party |
| 2. he invited his family, friends | b. a lot of police |
| 3. his daughter Rubi's | c. his invitation |
| 4. His Facebook post | d. and neighbours |
| 5. 1.2 million people accepted | e. them away |
| 6. he would not turn any of | f. surprised |
| 7. invite people who | g. went viral |
| 8. there will also be | h. lived nearby |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A 15th birthday is important | a. guests |
| 2. It is when she | b. party |
| 3. There is a traditional | c. in the USA |
| 4. lots of | d. comes of age |
| 5. a tiara and | e. post online |
| 6. There will be a horse | f. in a girl's life |
| 7. many jokes about Mr Ibarra's | g. make-up |
| 8. Mexican migrants | h. race |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A father (1) _____ when he invited his family, friends and neighbours (2) _____ Rubi's 15th birthday party. His Facebook (3) _____ and 1.2 million people accepted his invitation. Crescencio Ibarra said he would not (4) _____ them away. He said he had no idea why his post became so popular because he just wanted to invite people (5) _____. So many people might go to the party that there will (6) _____ of police.

A 15th birthday is important (7) _____ in Mexico. It is when she comes of age. There is a (8) _____ with lots of guests. The girl wears a beautiful dress, a tiara (9) _____. At Rubi's party, three bands will play music. (10) _____ horse race. The winner will get \$490. There are many jokes about Mr Ibarra's (11) _____. Rubi's favourite shows Donald Trump and Mexico's president (12) _____ Mexican migrants in the USA go to her party.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BIRTHDAY PARTIES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161209-birthday-party-4.html>

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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

