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Level 2

1.2 million people accept birthday party invitation

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A father in Mexico was surprised when he put an invitation to his daughter Rubi's 15th birthday party on Facebook. He thought it was for his family, friends and neighbours, but the post went viral. Over 1.2 million people accepted his invitation. Crescencio Ibarra said he would not turn away anyone who came to the party. Mr Ibarra said in a TV interview that he had no idea why his post became so popular. He said: "We wanted to invite the people from the area, that's all." So many people might attend the party that there will also be a lot of police there.

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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A father in Mexico was | a. accepted his invitation |
| 2. his daughter Rubi's | b. viral |
| 3. family, friends | c. became so popular |
| 4. the post went | d. 15th birthday party |
| 5. Over 1.2 million people | e. away anyone |
| 6. he would not turn | f. surprised |
| 7. he had no idea why his post | g. of police there |
| 8. there will also be a lot | h. and neighbours |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A 15th birthday is an important | a. of age |
| 2. It is the time when she comes | b. for her party |
| 3. The girl has a traditional | c. race |
| 4. a tiara and | d. in the USA |
| 5. There will be a horse | e. event in a girl's life |
| 6. The winner will | f. make-up |
| 7. Mexican migrants | g. party |
| 8. return to Mexico | h. get \$490 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A 15th birthday is (7) _____ in a girl's life in Mexico. It is the time when (8) _____. The girl has a traditional party called a quinceañera. The party usually has lots of guests and (9) _____ beautiful dress, a tiara and make-up. At Rubi's party, three different bands will play music. (10) _____ horse race. The winner will get \$490. There are many memes (joke pictures) of Mr Ibarra's post (11) _____. Rubi's favourite shows Donald Trump and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto (12) _____ Mexican migrants in the USA return to Mexico for 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) _____

