



Teens: Birthdays


Birthday Quiz

 1. What's the most expensive birthday party ever thrown?


- A) Beyoncé's 40th
- B) Prince William's 21st
- C) The Sultan of Brunei's 50th

 4. Which European country makes unmarried men sweep the steps of city hall on their 30th birthday?


- A) Austria
- B) Switzerland
- C) Germany

 7. What gift did rapper Ludacris once give himself for his 44th birthday?


- A) A golden helicopter
- B) A private island
- C) A zoo full of alpacas

 10. What's the world record for most candles on a birthday cake?


- A) 5,000
- B) 72,585
- C) 2,947

 2. Which rapper gave their toddler a diamond-encrusted Barbie car for her birthday?


- A) Jay-Z
- B) Kanye West
- C) Travis Scott

 5. In China, what should you never give as a birthday gift?


- A) Shoes
- B) A clock
- C) Wallet

 8. Which country lets children hit a candy-filled paper animal called a piñata?


- A) Mexico
- B) Portugal
- C) Brazil

 11. In which country do kids get their ears pulled once for each year of their age?


- A) Italy
- B) India
- C) Argentina

 3. What do friends do to the birthday person in Jamaica?


- A) Cover them in ketchup
- B) Throw water on them
- C) Dump flour on them

 6. True or False: Ancient Romans only celebrated men's birthdays.

- A) True
- B) False

 9. What food do people in South Korea traditionally eat on their birthday?

- A) Kimchi pancakes
- B) Seaweed soup
- C) Rice cake

 12. What happens if you tell someone "Happy Birthday" too early in Germany?

- A) It's super lucky
- B) It's considered bad luck
- C) You have to buy them cake



Warm up

- How many quiz questions did you get right? Did anything surprise you?
- When is your birthday?
- Do you like celebrating your birthday? Why or why not?
- What's the best gift you've ever received?
- Do you prefer big parties or small get-togethers?
- Have you ever had a surprise party?
- If you could have any celebrity at your party, who would it be and why?
- What's your ideal birthday cake?
- Do you know anyone with the same birthday as you?



1. Match the adjectives to their descriptions.

blunt	hot-headed	grounded	secretive	empathetic
dramatic	disciplined	creative	idealistic	restless

💥	a. Gets angry easily, reacts fast in arguments	
💖	b. Understands and cares about other people's feelings	
🎭	c. Loves attention, expresses big emotions	
📅	d. Always on time, sticks to routines and goals	
🎯	e. Always wants to do something new, can't sit still	
🕵️	f. Keeps things private, doesn't share much	
🌳	g. Calm, steady, and doesn't get stressed easily	
🎨	h. Good at art, music, or using imagination	
🌈	i. Believes in big dreams and a better world	
🎯	j. Says exactly what they think, even if it's rude	



2. Read the description of your star sign in the table. Do you think it's accurate?
Answer the questions below.

<p>♈ Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) 🔥🐏 + Brave, full of energy, loves things a lot – Impulsive, impatient, hot-headed</p>	<p>♉ Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) 🌿🐂 + Loyal, grounded, calm – Stubborn, wants things their way, slow</p>	<p>♊ Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20) 💬👯 + Talkative, funny, asks questions – Changes mind, talks too much, restless</p>	<p>♋ Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22) 🌊🦀 + Caring, feels for others, loyal – Moody, needs attention, gets hurt easily</p>
<p>♌ Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22) 🦁👑 + Confident, gives to others, creative – Dramatic, bossy, proud</p>	<p>♍ Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22) 📁✂️🌿 + Organized, helpful, good at fixing things – Wants things perfect, gives too much advice, worries</p>	<p>♎ Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22) ⚖️🌸 + Kind, fair, likes nice things – Can't decide, avoids problems</p>	<p>♏ Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) 🦂🔥 + Passionate, serious, loyal – Jealous, secretive, too much feeling</p>
<p>♐ Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) 🌍🏹 + Loves adventure, honest, funny – Blunt, impatient, restless</p>	<p>♑ Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) 🏠🐐 + Hard-working, disciplined, trusted – Thinks negative, won't change, works too much</p>	<p>♒ Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18) 🧠💡 + Unique, smart, idealistic – Distant, breaks rules, hard to guess</p>	<p>♓ Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) 🎨🌊 + Creative, empathetic, dreams a lot – Overly sensitive, escapes problems</p>

- Do you believe in star signs?
- What is your star sign?
- Do you agree with the good and bad traits listed under your zodiac sign? Why or why not?
- Which star sign sounds most like one of your friends or family members?
- Is there a sign you think you wouldn't get along with? Why?





3. Read the dialogue and answer the following questions.

Ava: Sooo... hear me out. What if we planned a surprise party for the twins?

Jordan: Leo and Mia? That sounds like trying to mix ramen and chocolate cake.

Ava: Exactly! Total opposites — which is why it could actually be fun. Two styles, one party.

Jordan: I'm in. But we'll have to be careful — they don't just *like* different things, they *deal with* parties differently.

Ava: True. Leo hates being the centre of attention. Mia lives for it.

Jordan: Right. So, how about we create different zones? One chill, one louder?

Ava: Ooh, I like that. A gaming zone for Leo, maybe a dance area for Mia?

Jordan: That could work. But it might end up feeling like two different parties, and people will split up. We want them to mix.

Ava: Good point. What's our budget again?

Jordan: €700. If we go big on the venue, we'll have to spend less on decorations and extras.

Ava: Then why don't we start by choosing a space that gives us flexibility? Like somewhere we can decorate ourselves.

Jordan: Sounds smart. Let's also think about food early — Leo's all about pizza, and Mia's obsessed with sushi.

Ava: Ugh, why are they both so picky? Okay, let's find something that works for both — maybe one main dish and mini options?

Jordan: Exactly, we can think about what really matters to each of them and work from there.



- a. What do they agree on by the end of the conversation?
- b. Why does Jordan compare Leo and Mia to “ramen and chocolate cake”? What does this tell us about their personalities?
- c. What is Ava’s attitude toward the challenge of planning the party? Do you think she’s realistic?
- d. What potential problem does Jordan mention about splitting the party into different zones?
- e. Do you think it’s a good idea to throw one party for two very different people? Why or why not?
- f. Do you think €700 is enough for a party like this? Why or why not?

Making Suggestions and Negotiating

When you're planning something with a friend, working on a project, or trying to make a decision as a group, you need language that helps you share ideas and react politely — even when you don't agree!

✓ Making Suggestions

How about we...

How about we order pizza instead?

Why don't we...

Why don't we check out another venue?

What if we...

What if we do both — sushi and pizza?

We could...

We could split the space into two zones.

Let's...

Let's pick the food first.

✉ Reacting / Negotiating

That could work, but...

That could work, but it might be too loud for Leo.

I'm not sure about that, because...

I'm not sure about that, because we don't know how many people are coming yet.

I like that, but maybe we can...

I like that, but maybe we can swap the sushi for something cheaper.

If we do that, we'll need to...

If we book that place, we'll need to cut back on extras.

Good idea — but only if...

Good idea — but only if we stay on budget.



4. Read each situation. Respond using one of the useful phrases for suggesting or negotiating.

1. Your friend wants to spend half the budget on decorations. You think that's too much.

Your reply: *That could work, but maybe we should save more for food and the venue. Why don't we keep decorations simple and use the extra money for something everyone will enjoy?*

2. Someone suggests getting sushi, but you know a lot of people don't like raw fish.

Your reply:

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3. You suggest having a photobooth, but your friend thinks it's silly.

Your reply:

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4. You and a friend are deciding what to do this weekend. They suggest going to the beach, but you hate the heat.

Your reply:

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5. Your group is designing a class T-shirt. One person wants it to be neon green. You're not loving that idea.

Your reply:

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6. A friend suggests having a live band, but it's very expensive.

Your reply:

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5. Work in pairs or small groups and organize Leo and Mia's birthday party.

- Make suggestions and negotiate ideas using the language we've practised.
- 25 guests
- Choose a venue, food, music, decorations, and entertainment.
- Work within a budget of €700.
- Plan the party so the guests and the twins all enjoy it.
- Share your idea with the class
- See the next page for your options and prices!



Leo

Birth date: June 3

Personality: Organized, empathetic, disciplined, grounded, hard-working

Likes: Pizza, hoodies, gaming, YouTube, lo-fi beats

Dislikes: Loud crowds, glitter, being the centre of attention

Party vibe: Prefers chill hangouts, not big social scenes

Does he like to party?: He doesn't party much, but he likes hanging out with his friends



Mia

Birth date: June 3

Personality: Impulsive, full of energy, funny, creative, dramatic

Likes: Sushi, K-pop, fairy lights, dancing, TikTok, taking photos, reading her zodiac

Dislikes: Messy spaces, cheesy decorations, awkward silence

Party vibe: Loves fun, music, attention, cute themes

Does she like to party?: YES!

🌐 Choose a venue



THE PULSE LOUNGE

- 🎧 Vibe: Cool, urban, neon lights, great sound
- 🎵 Includes: DJ booth, dancefloor, chill area with beanbags
- 🎉 Perfect for: Music, dancing, party energy
- 💰 Price: €350
- ⚠️ Downside: No natural light or quiet zones



THE HEAVENLY HAVEN

- 💜 Vibe: Soft pastels, twinkling fairy lights
- 🎧 Includes: Dancefloor, DJ booth, cozy corner with cushions
- 📸 Perfect for: Dancing, K-pop, Instagram moments
- 💰 Price: €400
- ⚠️ Downside: Can get crowded on the dancefloor



THE FUN FACTORY

- 🎮 Vibe: Colorful, trendy, games, dance and lounge areas
- 🎧 Includes: Dancefloor, DJ booth, arcade cabinets
- 🎉 Perfect for: Music, games, fun with friends
- 💰 Price: €500
- ⚠️ Downside: May be too energetic for some



THE ROOFTOP TERRACE

- 🌃 Vibe: City views, casual, trendy, string lights
- ☀️ Includes: Outdoor tables, DJ, high-top seating
- 📸 Perfect for: Dancing under the stars, sunset photos, lively atmosphere
- 💰 Price: €600
- ⚠️ Downside: Outdoor space — may need a backup plan in case of bad weather

Food and drink options



Sushi €10 per person



2 large slices of pizza per person €7



Snacks €3 per person

Extras



Birthday cake €40



Foam machine €100 rental



Balloon arch €60



Photo booth €100 rental



Karaoke machine €30 rental



Retro game console with projector €50 rental

Gifts

Leo and Mia have very different personalities, and your task is to find the perfect real-life birthday gift for each of them — something that suits their unique interests. Search online and choose one gift for Leo and one for Mia, staying within the overall budget. Include the gift name, price, and a picture or link if possible. Be prepared to explain why your choices would be great for them.