

Vocabulary 1 Before you read

Are you planning a party? Do you want some advice? Read the comments from a website. Think of one more idea to add to the list.

How do you throw a great party?



Hold your party at the weekend, so no one has to worry about school the next day. *Mark*



Have a **sleepover**! Partying in pyjamas is so much fun! *Kate*



When planning your party, **consider** everything – from food and drinks to whether you'd like to **hire** a hall or not. *Jody*



You can have a great party serving **typical** party food, like hot dogs or pizza, **rather than** fancy food that costs a lot. *Maria*



Make sure you choose a theme for your **celebration** that will **appeal** to all of your guests. *Adam*



Take good care of your guests. It's your **responsibility** to make sure nobody feels left out. *Sue*



Don't **focus** on the details. Ask your friends and **relatives** to help you. Remember, you're **supposed to** have fun! *Theo*



Which tip do you think is the best? Why?



Reading

Task 1

You are going to read an article in which three teens talk about birthday celebrations. Read what each one says and answer the questions below.

- Soon after Holly turns 16, she will probably
 - get a driving licence.
 - go to Japan.
 - get a part-time job.
- Lynn has chosen to have a sleepover rather than a tea party because
 - having tea parties is too common.
 - only young kids enjoy tea parties.
 - sleepover parties are popular nowadays.
- In Text B (*line 29*), the word **that** refers to
 - having the right to vote.
 - getting a part-time job.
 - learning about politics.
- How does Ming feel about Western-style parties?
 - He thinks they're interesting.
 - He is getting used to them.
 - He doesn't really like them.
- In Text C (*line 40*), the phrase **is supposed to** most closely means
 - is able to.
 - is trying to.
 - is meant to.



Task 2

For questions 1-8, choose from the people (A-C).

Which person ...

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| says people in their country are beginning to celebrate birthdays differently? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| is going to learn something at their celebration? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| is considering more than one career? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| wants to do something more typical for their birthday this year? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| will help pay for their celebration? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| says it is important to hold birthday celebrations at the right time? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| is looking forward to getting around independently? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| is sorry that there is something they will still be unable to do? | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Three teens talk about birthday celebrations in their countries

Happy Birthday!

A HOLLY Chicago, USA

My mother always likes to go to our cabin near Lake Michigan for family birthdays. But this year I'm turning 16 and I want to do what other girls my age are doing. I want to throw a big Sweet Sixteen Party! Friends advised me to organize everything ahead of time so I've hired a hall, a DJ and a photographer, and we'll have some ice cream, a big cake and a chocolate fountain. As you can imagine, this event will be pretty expensive but I've had a part-time job for a couple of years, so I can share the costs with my parents. What's more, I've asked my grandparents and other relatives for money rather than presents because I'm saving up for a car. I can get my driving licence this year so I will no longer need to rely on other people for rides. I'm excited to have the freedom to go places on my own and meet friends after school. I know that driving is a big responsibility, but I'm ready for that. I love travelling, which is why in the future I'd like to go somewhere where life is really different – Africa, maybe, or Japan. I want to get out and see the world!

B LYNN Talgarth, Wales

Here in Wales, it's typical to have a tea party after school for your birthday. But as I'm almost 15, I feel I'm getting too old for that sort of thing. Instead, I'm having a sleepover with my best friends. There'll be 10 of us in all, so we are going to take over the house and have a make-up artist come around to give us some expert advice!

Next year, I'll be 16, which means I'll be able to get a part-time job. My best friend works as a waiter in a coffee shop after school, and he says that from the tips he receives, he's able to buy clothes and go to the cinema. I may look for a part-time job too after my birthday. Unlike my friends, I'm into politics and in my opinion, 16-year-olds should be allowed to vote. But that is the next milestone in my life, I guess. I hope to become a politician one day but I know that it's hard to make a career out of it, so if plan A fails, my plan B is to be a writer.

line 29



Chinese sign for long life



C MING Nantong, China

Birthdays in China aren't considered anything special. We don't usually make a big deal of birthdays at all, except for young children and very old people. Western-style parties are becoming quite popular but they don't really appeal to me. What interests me more are our birthday customs. One of the ones I like is eating a really long noodle – it's so long that it fills a whole bowl! It's supposed to symbolize a long life and you have to eat it all in one go, without breaking it. I'm going to do that on the exact day of my birthday, and not a day later because in China, celebrating your birthday after the day is bad luck! My personal birthday wish is to become more independent because I don't want to keep relying on my parents for everything. Right now I need to focus on my studies – I want to be an app developer in the future.

line 40



Reading closely Choose one of the birthday celebrations. Compare it to birthday celebrations in your country.

Happy Birthday

Vocabulary 2 After you read

- 1 EXPRESSIONS** Match the comments (1-5) to the replies (a-e). Underline the words in the comments that helped you.
- You must be excited about your party tomorrow.
 - Will your parents let you come to the sleepover?
 - Can you blow out all the candles at the same time?
 - Turning 13 is seen as a reason for a special celebration in some countries.
 - Are you planning to have a huge celebration for your birthday like Max did?
- a. No, I don't think I'll be allowed to go.
- b. Well, I'll try and do it in one go.
- 1 c. Yes, I'm looking forward to it.
- d. No, I don't want to make a big deal of it.
- e. I know. It's considered an important age here too.

- 2 Circle the correct answer. Then tick (✓) the sentences that are true for you.**
- To celebrate my birthday, my friends usually come around / get around to my house.
 - I can take over / rely on my friends – they always help me when I need them.
 - I had a part-time / an expert job last summer.
 - I like to organize / advise parties for other people.
 - I want to save up / celebrate for a new phone.
 - I am getting my driving licence / ride soon.
 - I always celebrate on the personal / exact date of my birthday.
 - I'd like to have a custom / career that involves working with lots of different people.

- 3 Complete the Pinterest pin. Use the words below.**
interest • event • pretty • are into • receive turning • independently

MAKE YOUR OWN INVITATION

Having a party or a special (1)? How do you plan to invite your guests? By phone? Or maybe you (2) sending invitations online? Not me. I like to do things (3) so that includes designing my own invitations. Sound difficult? It's not! It's (4) easy and lots of fun!

If you want to try making your own invitations, here are some tips:

- Add things! For example, if you're (5) 16, you can stick real sweets onto your Sweet Sixteen invitation.
- Remember to include all the information that will (6) your guests, such as the time and the place of the party.
- And if you want to (7) a reply to your invitation, add the letters RSVP (French for *Please Reply*).

Grammar Present Simple & Present Continuous; Stative verbs

Present Simple

- regular actions
We always **go** on a family picnic for my birthday.
- facts
It **doesn't** often **snow** in this area.
- future timetables
What time **does** her train **arrive**?

Time expressions: always, often, usually, sometimes, rarely, hardly ever, never, every day, once / twice a month, once in a while

Present Continuous

- actions that are happening at the moment
Alex **is lighting** the candles on the cake right now.
- actions that are happening now, but not necessarily at the time of speaking
Teens **are using** social media more and more.
- plans and arrangements in the future
We're **meeting** our friends at the restaurant this evening.

Time expressions: now, right now, at the moment, today, at present, tonight, this week, these days, next week, later

Stative verbs are not often used in the continuous form. Some common stative verbs are: *believe, belong, cost, have, hear, imagine, like, look, mind, need, own, prefer, see, seem, smell, taste, think, understand, want, weigh.*

Some stative verbs like *think, see, look* and *have* can be used in Present Continuous, but this changes their meaning.

I'm **seeing** the doctor this afternoon. (*meeting*)

I'm **thinking of** buying a new bike. (*considering*)

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- 1 Complete what some people said at a party. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous.**

1 DJ put on / seem

OK, kids, I **am putting on** everyone's favourite song now, and it that you are ready to party. So let's dance!

2 Guest look / mind

Wow! The place great! you if we take some pictures and post them on Instagram?

3 Photographer take / want

Listen, everybody! I a group picture outside in a few minutes, so I all of you to go out there now, please.

4 Parent enjoy / have

I'm glad the kids themselves; it looks like everyone a good time.



Say
cheese!

2 Complete the sentences. Use the verb given, Present Simple or Present Continuous, positive or negative.

1. "What **are** you **getting** your dad for his birthday this year?"
"He's into technology so I usually **get** him a new gadget." **get**
2. I _____ of buying a new phone. _____ you
I should get the latest model? **think**
3. My brother _____ the biscuits now. He says they _____
pretty good. **taste**
4. We _____ usually _____ to restaurants, but we _____
Saturday night to celebrate my birthday. **go**

Hey, Kitty!
Don't you dare
spoil my party!



3 Complete the text about celebrating pets' birthdays. Use the verb given, Present Simple or Present Continuous.



Party Animals!

EVENT PLANNER CHARITY PET SHELTERS ABOUT US

Do you like to party? Guess who else enjoys a good party. Read and find out.

buy • organize • ~~have~~ • become • join
celebrate • try • come • enjoy

Are you a party animal? If you are, you probably love parties and often go to lots of them. Believe it or not, people are not the only ones who (1) **have** parties. Animals do too! According to one survey, 75% of dog owners throw birthday parties for their dogs, and 64% even (2) _____ their pet an expensive gift. Owners often (3) _____ pool parties or dog park parties.

Today, zoos (4) _____ the party trend. For example, at the National Zoo in Washington DC, the panda Bao Bao often (5) _____ her birthday with visitors. This trend (6) _____ more and more popular, giving a whole new meaning to the expression *party animal*!



Events in Zoos
Bao Bao the panda
(7) _____ her
frozen fruit birthday cake.



Pet's Birthday
My pet is a Patagonian Mara, and it (8) _____ from Argentina. Look at how he (9) _____ to open his birthday present. Aww ...



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Brain workouts are fun to do. Can you spot six mistakes in the alphabet list?

AAAA BBB CCC DDDD EEEE FFFF GGCG HHHH IIII
JJJJ KKKK LLIL MMMM NNNN OOOO PPRP QQQO
RRRR SSSS TTTT UUUU VVVV WWW XXXX YYY ZZZZ

To do this task, your eyes and brain need to work as a team.



1 ADJECTIVES Complete the reviews for birthday presents. Use the pairs of words given.

| HOME | REVIEWS | GIFTS | GADGETS |

SEARCH

Gifts 'n' gadgets



DribbleUp Smart Basketball

★★★★★ RICKY BROWN

competitive / talented

This gift is great for ¹ **competitive** players who want to be better at basketball. I'm not such a ² **talented** person but I still love it!



Breakfast Master

★★★★★ SIMONE RICHARDS

original / efficient

Making breakfast at 6.30 am can be fun! This ⁵ gift is both easy to use and very ⁶ !



Underwater Video Camera

★★★★★ STEVE BLAKE

rare / incredible

With this ⁹ present that I got for my birthday, I can record ¹⁰ moments while I'm diving and post them for my friends to see.



Sound Asleep Pillow

★★★★★ JULES BAKER

stressful / relaxing

School is ³ this year and I'm having a bit of trouble falling asleep. But bedtime is so much more ⁴ since I received this gift!



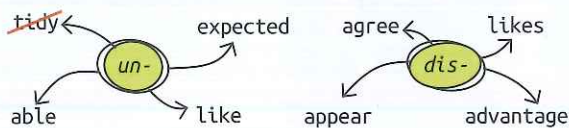
Sudoku Cube

★★★★★ DAVE EDWARDS

challenging / terrific

I just love puzzles because they are ⁷ . This one is a bit difficult, but it's a ⁸ way to get your brain working.

2 NEGATIVE PREFIXES: *un-* / *dis-* When we add *un-* or *dis-* to a word, it becomes opposite in meaning. Form words and then complete the sentences.



- Mum hates it when my bedroom is **untidy**.
- My parents think I don't study enough but I **unlike** with them.
- The first magic trick I learnt was how to make a coin **disappear**.
- One **disadvantage** of living in Britain is that it rains a lot.
- In class today, we discussed our likes and **dislikes** about school.
- Unexpectedly** most of my friends, I don't really enjoy going to parties.
- The visit from Ben was **unexpected** - he didn't tell us he was coming.
- We're **unable** to keep a dog in our apartment because it's too small.



Which of the birthday presents should a group of teens buy their friend Joe? What could be their second choice? (Hint: Joe is athletic and adventurous.)

3 EXPRESSIONS: *make / do*

Fortune cookies are often served in Chinese restaurants. Each cookie has a message inside.

Complete the messages below. Use *make* or *do*.

Don't worry. Be happy!



- Work hard and **do** your best and you will succeed.
- Remember to exercise every day. It will **make** you good, so don't **make** excuses.
- You're going to **make** an important decision about your future soon.
- People who **make** an effort and work hard are the ones who learn.
- Some people **make** friends using social media, but they mustn't forget their friends IRL (In Real Life).
- You will always **make** a good impression if you smile!
- Make** someone a favour every day. Even a small favour can **make** a difference in someone's life.
- When people **make** suggestions, listen to them and consider what they say.

Listening Festivals

- 4 **COLLOCATIONS: verb + noun** Complete the sentences. Use the verbs below.
accept • announce • get • have • hold • keep
- When are they are going to the winner of the prize?
 - The twins don't a lot in common with each other. They are completely different.
 - I wasn't able to hold of Jessie today. Maybe her phone isn't working.
 - My best friend is moving to Paris but I know we'll in touch with each other.
 - Our school is going to a competition for the best short story soon.
 - I'm happy to your invitation to the party.

5 Read about some New Year's traditions. Decide which answer, A, B or C, best fits each gap.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Denmark On December 31, families have an unusual (1) For good luck, they take all their unused dishes and break them against their friends' doors.

Puerto Rico Just before New Year's, people make (2) to clean their houses well because they (3) a clean house a sign of good luck. Then they spend New Year's Eve celebrating with friends and (4)

China People (5) their front doors with red banners as a sign of good fortune and happiness. They look (6) to the New Year celebration because it goes on for 23 days! Now that's fun!

1. A custom	B career	C responsibility
2. A a favour	B an effort	C an excuse
3. A advise	B consider	C allow
4. A relatives	B invitations	C events
5. A organize	B decorate	C expect
6. A ahead	B along	C forward



Chinese banner for good fortune and happiness



What do you do in your country for the New Year?

1 Look at the pictures of three celebrations. Which one would you like to take part in?



LA TOMATINA

A huge tomato fight (Spain)

A bit messy! But actually it's fun bathing in tomato juice :-)



HOLI

Festival of colours (India)



HALLOWEEN

Trick or treat? (USA, Canada and Scotland)

2 Listen to a student talk about the celebrations in Exercise 1. Complete the sentences. Write one word in each gap.

- La Tomatina is a festival that is held every in a Spanish town.
- At the end of the festival, fire trucks come to clean the
- La Tomatina began because of a that took place in the town in 1945.
- The Holi Festival is celebrated in Pakistan, Nepal and
- The Holi Festival is a celebration of the end of
- At Halloween, many kids ask for from their neighbours.
- In Scotland, young people look into a on Halloween at midnight.
- They believe they might see the person they will one day.

3 **FOCUS ON LANGUAGE** These words sound the same but have different meanings and spellings. Do you know what they mean? Listen and circle the word you hear.

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1. would / wood | 4. wait / weight |
| 2. where / wear | 5. meat / meet |
| 3. there / their | |

Speaking Planning a party

1 How do you and your friends celebrate birthdays?

Tip

We can answer questions in different ways:

- Yes / No (+ a short phrase)

Do you and your friends celebrate your name day? *Yes, we do.*

Are you planning to throw a big party? *No, I'm not.*

Do you usually have dancing at your parties? *Yes, we love to dance.*

When we're not sure, we can answer with phrases like:

- *It depends. I'm not sure. Not really. I think so. I don't think so.*

We can also add extra information.

Do you usually have a DJ at your parties? *It depends how many people are coming.*



2 Read the following questions about planning a party and tick (✓) the answers that are right for you. Then listen to the conversation and tick Ben's answers.

- | | You | Ben |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Do you want to do something special for your birthday this year? | | |
| a. I think so. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. I don't think so. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you enjoy going out to fancy restaurants? | | |
| a. Yes, I do. Going to a fancy restaurant makes me feel special! | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. No, not really. Pizza and hamburgers are way better. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you like spending time outdoors? | | |
| a. Yes, I usually love being outdoors, but not for my birthday. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. No, I prefer being indoors. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do you enjoy bowling or doing other activities indoors? | | |
| a. No, I hardly ever go bowling. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. I don't mind bowling, but I prefer dancing. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you usually go out with a large crowd of friends? | | |
| a. Yes, I do. It's more fun that way. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. No, not usually. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3a Look at the ideas for birthday celebrations below. Which one do you think would suit Ben?

- a sleepover
- go-carting
- a day out in an amusement park
- going out to a nice restaurant
- bowling
- a disco / dance party at home or in a hired hall
- ice skating or roller skating
- a party at the beach
- going to a climbing wall centre

3b Now listen to Ben's choice. Was it the same as yours?

4 YOUR TASK With a partner, ask and answer the questions in Exercise 2. Then decide what kind of celebration would be best for each of you. Choose from the ideas in Exercise 3a or think of your own ideas.

5 DISCUSSION Discuss the questions below.

- How do you and your friends usually celebrate your birthdays?
- What is the most special gift you've ever received? What made it special?
- Do you remember a time when your birthday plans didn't work out? What happened? Did you have a Plan B?



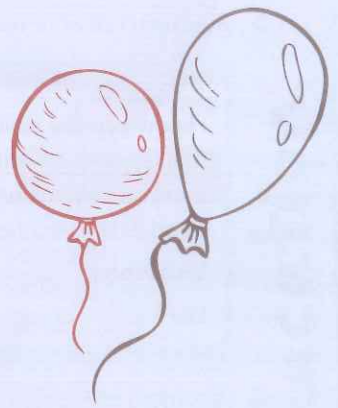
dance



Work with a Model

1 Alex received the email below from his friend Jean. Read the email. Then answer the questions that follow.

Dear Alex,
 My friend Sam is returning home after living abroad for a year and I want to organize a homecoming celebration for him. We should probably have it indoors as it's pretty cold right now! I know you go to a lot of parties so maybe you can help me plan something special. Do you have any ideas?
 Thanks for your help!
 Jean



1. What does Jean need help with?
2. What does she want Alex to do?

2 Read Alex's reply to Jean and complete the plan. Use the words below.

reasons • suggestions • prefer • ~~received~~

Plan

Greeting

Par 1

Mention the email you received .

Par 2

Make three for a special celebration.

Par 3

Say which suggestion you and give your

Signing off

Model

Hi Jean,

Good to hear from you! First of all, it's a great idea to have a celebration for Sam. And it's true that I go to a lot of parties, so you've come to the right person for advice!

How about a bowling party? That's a pretty popular activity. Just make sure that all the guests like it. Or what about having a party for Sam at your house? You could invite all his friends and organize some fun games. If you don't want to take on too much, another idea could be to go out to a nice restaurant.

Personally, I prefer the restaurant idea. It's the easiest to organize and most people enjoy going out to eat. It's really up to you in the end, though. I'm sure it'll be great whatever you decide to do. Let me know how it goes!

Yours,
 Alex

Tip **Informal language**
 Use informal language to give your letter a friendly style and tone.

3 **INFORMAL LANGUAGE** You can improve your email by using informal phrases and expressions. How does Alex say the following things? Complete the phrases.

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. I was happy to receive your letter. (Par 1)
Good | 4. My choice would be ... (Par 3)
Personally, |
| 2. I'm sure I can help you. (Par 1)
you've | 5. It's your choice. (Par 3)
It's really |
| 3. You should check that ... (Par 2)
Just that ... | 6. Tell me what happens. (Par 3)
Let |

4 **MAKING SUGGESTIONS** There are phrases you can use to make suggestions. Find four phrases Alex uses to introduce his ideas in Paragraph 2.

1. How about 2. 3. 4.

Prepare to Write

5 Read part of an email from your friend Lily.

I know you like having parties so I'm hoping you can help me. My friend Angie is turning 16 and I want to organize a surprise party. Can you help me with some ideas? Something outdoors would be good as the weather's great right now. Any suggestions?

Write soon,
Lily



6 BRAINSTORMING IDEAS Look at the suggestions below and tick (✓) the options you can use in your email to Lily. You can add ideas of your own.

- a barbecue in the park
- a hike and a picnic
- a big party in a hired hall
- a garden party
- a sleepover
- beach party
- your idea:

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7 MAKING SUGGESTIONS Complete the sentences below. Use suggestions from Exercise 6.

- One idea is to have a beach party. Everyone loves fun in the sun and sand.
- Another idea could be What's tastier than burgers and hot dogs?
- How about ? It's fun to party in pyjamas!

8 GIVING REASONS It's helpful to give reasons for your suggestions. Complete the sentences below with reasons. For number 3, give your own suggestion for a party and a good reason.

- Maybe you could organize a hike and a picnic because it's something different.
- What about a garden party? It
- Why don't you

Your Task

9 Read the email in Exercise 5 again and write your reply to Lily. Use Exercises 6, 7 and 8 and the plan below to help you.

Plan	Informal Email
Greeting	Hi ... , / Dear ... ,
Par 1 Refer to the email received.	Good / Great to hear from you! You've come to the right person for advice!
Par 2 Make 2-3 suggestions.	One idea is ... How / What about ... Why don't you ... ?
Par 3 Say which suggestion you prefer and give your reasons. End in a friendly way.	Personally, I prefer ... (because) ... Let me know how it goes! Hope this helps. Keep in touch!
Signing off	Yours, Write soon!

SWEET



Review 1

Vocabulary

1 Choose the correct answer.

- A problem that many teens have is getting up in the morning.
 - personal
 - typical
 - rare
- Sam gets upset easily. I don't know why he everything.
 - is into
 - he gets hold of
 - makes a big deal of
- I come from a small family and we have very few
 - customs
 - relatives
 - invitations
- You're going to have to some money if you want to buy a new bike.
 - make an effort
 - rely on
 - save up
- I to help my sister plan a bowling evening for the family.
 - am supposed
 - am allowed
 - advise
- I love the new music app. It's so!
 - original
 - expected
 - talented

2 Complete. Use the words below.

incredible • outdoors • go for • received
rather than • efficient • disadvantage
looking forward to • considering

The Perfect Present

I've just (1) a wonderful gift from my uncle. It's a very special camping stove. I think it's an (2) gift because my friends and I often go camping. But there is one (3) about being (4) for a long time – your phone battery runs low. The great thing about this camping stove is that you can cook your meals and charge your phone at the same time! It's really (5)! I know my friends will love it too and I'm (6) bringing it along next time we go camping.

If you're (7) buying a gift for a friend who loves hiking or camping, why don't you (8) this amazing stove (9) just another bag or game?



Grammar

3 Circle the correct answer.

- Jen isn't having / doesn't have lunch with us today.
- Sharon looks / is looking for her keys.
- Do you invite / Are you inviting the whole class to your party? I think / am thinking everyone wants to come.
- My cousin Emma organizes / is organizing the family picnic once a month.
- These days more and more people go / are going to other countries to study.
- Do you mind / Are you minding opening the window? It's hot in here.

4 Complete. Use Present Simple or Continuous.

- We (see) our relatives from France this weekend.
- (you / visit) your grandparents next week?
- This year we (not study) German.
- The baby is so good she hardly ever (cry).
- (the chef / cook) fresh pasta every day?
- Jim is an actor and he (think) of going to Hollywood.

Putting It Together

5 Choose the correct answer.

- It's difficult to the city without a car.
 - be up to
 - get around
 - come around
 - take over
- We had a very test yesterday.
 - relaxing
 - exact
 - challenging
 - expert
- The Olympic Games are to be the biggest sporting event in the world.
 - turned
 - agreed
 - considered
 - hired
- My mum the cat every day.
 - feed
 - is feeding
 - feeding
 - feeds
- We are going to a fancy restaurant
 - once in a while
 - next Saturday
 - rarely
 - every Saturday

