



Vocabulary Words from the Reading

1 Choose the correct answer.

1. A lot of people parties in June when the weather is good.
 - a. receive
 - b. advise
 - c. throw
2. I'm not to have a noisy dance party at home.
 - a. allowed
 - b. interested
 - c. considered
3. No one in my class makes a big of their birthday.
 - a. career
 - b. meal
 - c. deal
4. Monica wants a special gift when she 16.
 - a. appeals
 - b. turns
 - c. holds
5. I am to visiting my grandparents.
 - a. looking forward
 - b. saving up
 - c. supposed
6. I'd like to go to the cinema than stay at home.
 - a. rather
 - b. pretty
 - c. really
7. You can me to get the job done.
 - a. take over
 - b. get around
 - c. rely on
8. I like to read what say about the new fashion trends.
 - a. relatives
 - b. experts
 - c. custom
9. See if you can blow out all the candles in one
 - a. time
 - b. ride
 - c. go
10. We have to the room for the party.
 - a. organize
 - b. celebrate
 - c. focus

2 Read the blog about special events. Complete the text. Use the words given.



Special Events We asked you about parties and here are some of your replies.



Elaine, UK

celebrations • around • typical • sleepover

I go to a lot of birthday (1) and they are all pretty much the same. At a (2) party, there are always a few friends who come (3) to celebrate, and the birthday boy or girl usually gets gifts and a cake. But the best is when we have a (4) and spend all night watching films or chatting.



Max, New Zealand

personal • responsibility • exact • consider • part-time

There are lots of things to (5) when you throw a party. You need to think about what kind of event it is and where it is taking place. I have a (6) job as a party planner, and it's my (7) to make sure everything is perfect. Sometimes my own (8) ideas are different from the customers', but they are the ones who decide on the (9) details.



Brad, USA

are into • independently • event • licence • hire

In the USA, school prom is considered to be a very special (10) for students finishing high school. Kids who (11) dancing especially love this event. Some students (12) a car and driver to take them to the party, while other students get to the prom (13) by driving their own cars. I haven't got a driving (14) yet but I hope to have it by prom night.



We all fit into this limo!



1 Circle the correct the answer.

1. That's a really big cake. How much **does it weigh** / is it weighing?
2. Look at them! **They're having** / **They have** a great time at the party.
3. We hardly **never** / **ever** go to restaurants.
4. How often **do you get** / **are you getting** party invitations?
5. We have a big family meal **once** / **one** a month.
6. What present **are you thinking** / **do you think** of buying for Jackie?
7. I **need** / **am needing** to do my homework, but right now I'm watching TV.
8. I **am not** / **do not** belong to any clubs at the moment.

2 Complete the dialogue. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous.

Oliver: Hi, Kate. Come in!

Kate: It (1) (sound) like you're busy. I can hear dance music.
(2) (you / celebrate) something?

Oliver: Yes! My brother (3) (have) a party. It's his birthday. He'll be happy to see you!

Kate: Thanks. Hey, something (4) (smell) nice. What is it?

Oliver: My dad (5) (make) lasagna. He (6) (hardly ever / cook) but it's my brother's favourite. (7) (you / want) to stay for dinner?

Kate: I'd love to but I really came to see if you'd like to go to the cinema. Sandra and I
(8) (go) later.

Oliver: What time (9) (the film / start)?

Kate: At seven o'clock. My mum (10) (give) us a ride to the cinema.

Oliver: OK, but we've still got lots of time. Come and celebrate with us for a while.

3 Write sentences or questions. Use the words given. Use Present Simple or Present Continuous.

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| <p>1. a. What / you / study / this year?
.....</p> <p>b. Who / you / usually / study with / before a test?
.....</p> | <p>4. a. Sue / meet / her friends / at the mall / this evening.
.....</p> <p>b. She / meet / them / at the mall / once a week.
.....</p> |
| <p>2. a. Ben / not work / this Saturday.
.....</p> <p>b. He / not often work / at the weekend.
.....</p> | <p>5. a. What kind of dress / Helen / look for?
.....</p> <p>b. She / look / good / in that red dress.
.....</p> |
| <p>3. a. I / not play tennis / in the winter.
.....</p> <p>b. I / not play tennis / this week.
.....</p> | |

4 Complete the text. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

Hi Sarah,

I'm in Buñol, Spain at the La Tomatina festival. It's great! The festival (1) (take place) every August and the celebrations go on for a week. Every day, there are dances, fireworks, concerts and other events. Today, there is a cooking competition. They (2) (prepare) a popular Spanish dish called paella. I love paella!

But the best day of the festival is tomorrow. The day (3) (begin) at 11 am. Every year, trucks bring tomatoes to the centre of the city and everyone (4) (throw) them at each other! Right now people (5) (get) ready for the big day. Shopkeepers (6) (cover) their shop windows because they sometimes (7) (break) when tomatoes hit them. In the cafés, everyone (8) (talk) about the festival and how exciting it is. I'll tell you all about it tomorrow evening.

Beth



5 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

- Nathan rarely takes part in competitive sports. **HARDLY**
Nathan in competitive sports.
- My idea is to have a party on the beach. **THINKING**
I a party on the beach.
- Sue thinks the story I'm telling her isn't true. **BELIEVE**
Sue the story I'm telling her.
- Alice doesn't go to the theatre at all. **NEVER**
Alice to the theatre.
- We're having dinner right now so I can't drive you to the cinema. **MOMENT**
We're having dinner so I can't drive you to the cinema.

Vocabulary Expansion

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the words in colour.

- I'm sure you'll find your sweater soon. Things don't just **appear**
- Sally thinks that sleeping six hours each night is enough, but I **agree**
- Do you think exams are ? **stress**
- I like big parties and I don't mind having guests. **expected**
- That dress is really special. It's any other I've seen before. **like**
- Thanks for inviting me to dinner. Unfortunately, I am to accept your because I'm going away tomorrow. **able / invite**
- One of having a party at home is that after the guests leave, the house is so ! **advantage / tidy**
- School sport days are great for people who are very **competition**



2 EXPRESSIONS: make / do Complete the sentences. Use the words below.

difference • best • decision • good • suggestion • excuse • impression • friends • favour • effort

1. Let's go for a walk. It'll **do us**
2. Don't worry about winning or losing the match. Just **do your** and enjoy yourself.
3. It's important to **make a good** at a job interview.
4. Both hats look great on you. It doesn't **make a** which one you choose.
5. A party is a great place to meet people and **make**
6. Can you **do me a** and lend me your jacket for the party?
7. I don't want to **make an** for being late, but I got stuck in traffic.
8. You'll have to **make an** if you want to succeed at school.
9. I can **make a** but you'll have to **make** your own in the end.

3 COLLOCATIONS: verb + noun Complete the sentences. The letters in colour can help you.

1. They're **ho** **the competition** on Saturday at the local theatre.
2. Let's try to **keep in t** when we leave school.
3. Jenny and Luke don't **have a lot in co**, but they're great friends.
4. Shh! It's time for them to **ann** **the winner**.
5. Do you know where we can **g** **hold of** some costumes for our school play?

4 Circle the correct answer.

Visiting China on New Year's

Q: Is it a good idea to visit China on New Year's?

A: Yes, the Chinese New Year is an (1) **incredible** / **expected** celebration, with fireworks, flowers, lights and, of course, dragons. The whole country seems to be on the move so travelling can be quite (2) **challenging** / **original**. Luckily, the buses and trains here are very (3) **personal** / **efficient**.

If you're (4) **into** / **dislike** dancing, you can see excellent shows in the big cities. They are really (5) **terrific** / **tidy** and the performers are very (6) **exact** / **talented**. But shows like these are (7) **stressful** / **rare** in smaller towns, where people prefer to spend a (8) **relaxing** / **typical** New Year at home together with their families.



Words from the Skills

5 Complete the students' suggestions. Use the words below.

mind • up to • outdoors • way better • personally • fancy • depends • indoor

Teacher: It's time for our end-of-the year celebration. It's (1) **us** to make this event a fun one. Any ideas?

Amy: The kind of event we have really (2) **on** the weather. So I think we should plan an (3) activity in case it rains. What about karaoke?

Tom: Stop worrying! It's the end of the year so the weather will probably be fine. How about having a picnic in the park? Being (4) is much more fun.

Robbie: I (5) think a class dinner at a (6) restaurant is (7) than anything else – if students don't (8) paying a little more.

Teacher: Thanks for your ideas, everyone. OK, let's vote.