# Birthdays around the World

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**Warm-up**

- When is your birthday?
- What do you eat on your birthday?
- What was your best birthday present?

## Reading

Happy birthday! Everybody has a birthday, but people celebrate it in different ways.

In Türkiye, we often have a cake with candles. We make a wish and blow out the candles. Our friends sing “Happy Birthday”.

In Mexico, children often have a piñata at their party. It is a colourful paper animal or star with sweets inside. Children hit it with a stick, and the sweets fall out!

In China, many people eat long noodles on their birthday. Long noodles mean a long life.

In South Korea, people often eat seaweed soup on their birthday.

How old are you? When is your birthday?

## Vocabulary

| English | Türkçe | Example |
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| **birthday** | doğum günü | *My birthday is in July.* |
| **candle** | mum | *There are ten candles on the cake.* |
| **make a wish** | dilek tutmak | *Close your eyes and make a wish!* |
| **blow out** | üfleyip söndürmek | *Blow out the candles!* |

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| **sweets** | şekerler | *The children love sweets.* |
| **noodles** | erişte | *I like noodles with vegetables.* |
| **present** | hediye | *Thank you for the present!* |

## Language focus

| Kalıp | Örnek |
|---|---|
| When is your birthday? | It's in March. / It's on 5th March. |
| How old are you? | I'm ten. / I'm ten years old. |
| Sıra sayıları | first (1st), second (2nd), third (3rd), fourth (4th), fifth (5th) |
| Kutlama | Happy birthday! / Many happy returns! |

## Discussion

1. Which birthday tradition do you like best? Why?
2. What do you want for your next birthday?
3. Do you like big parties or small parties?

## Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. Where do children have a piñata at their party?

a) China
b) South Korea
c) Mexico
d) Türkiye

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

2. My birthday is _____ May.

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

3. In China, long noodles mean a long life. ( )

4. In South Korea, people eat fish soup on their birthday. ( )

Match the items. *(Eşleştirin.)*

5. Match the country and the tradition.

1. Türkiye ( )
2. Mexico ( )
3. China ( )
4. South Korea ( )

a) long noodles
b) a piñata
c) a cake with candles
d) seaweed soup

Put the parts in the correct order. *(Doğru sıraya koyun.)*

6. Put the words in order.

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Write your answers. *(Cevaplarınızı yazın.)*

7. Write about your birthday: When is it? How old are you? What do you do?

Speaking tasks. *(Konuşma görevleri: sınıfta sözlü yapın.)*

8. Ask three classmates: “When is your birthday?” and “How old are you?”