

For Advanced Kid Learners

Book 3

Time to Talk

Lesson 9 Birthday Traditions Around the World



Warm-up question.

What birthday traditions do you know?



Read and learn.

Birthday Traditions Around the World

Many **cultures** have their **unique** traditions to celebrate a birthday.

Some are sweet, some are strange and others are even **scary**.



culture



unique



scary

Read and learn.

Japan

In Japan, a girl's 3rd and 7th birthday and a boy's 5th birthday is more important. These are celebrated on November 15th. All the birthday children are taken to the temple. They will get a special bag of sweets with the words "sweets for 1000 years of life".



Read and learn.

Vietnam

Everyone celebrates their birthday on New Year's Day in Vietnam. Children can also get “lucky money” in a red envelop from their parents on the morning of the day.



ambush

– to make a surprise attack on someone

Canada

In some places of Canada, the birthday child is **ambushed**. Their nose is also **rubbed** with butter for good luck.



rub

– to press on something

Read and learn.

Switzerland

In Switzerland, parents will hire an **evil-looking clown** to follow and **torment** the birthday child. The clown will finish with a pie to the face for good luck.

Hungary & Argentina

In these two countries, the tradition is to pull the ears of the birthday child. The amount depends how old they are.



evil-looking clown

torment – to annoy someone in a bad way
because you think it is funny



Read and say or do.

| Words | Tasks |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| culture | Tell one difference between Chinese and Western culture. |
| unique | Talk about a unique place you have been to. |
| scary | Do you like watching scary movies? |
| rub | Rub your nose. |
| ambush | Have you ever ambushed? |
| torment | What things torment you? |



Compound Adjective + noun

an adjective that has two or more words joined by a hyphen "-"

Examples

She's scared to see an **evil-looking** clown.

I saw a **man-eating** alligator.

This is a **four-foot** table.



Use any of these adjectives in a sentence.

five-minute



good-looking



fifty-page



1. _____.

2. _____.

Match and say.



To get good luck, people in different countries do different things. Do you know what are they?

Switzerland

Japan

Canada

Vietnam

Hungary and Argentina

Hints

butter on the nose

pie on the face

bag of sweets

lucky money

ear pulling