

⇒ ELTE Birthday parties quiz 227



1. For her 40th birthday, Maria decided to _____ at a stylish rooftop restaurant and invited all her closest friends. *(she organized the celebration herself.)*

- ☐ (A) call it a night
- ☐ (B) throw a party
- ☐ (C) show up
- ☐ (D) bring along

2. We weren't expecting Tom, but he suddenly _____ halfway through the evening with a huge box of chocolates. *(to arrive unexpectedly.)*

- ☐ (A) turned up
- ☐ (B) dressed up
- ☐ (C) hit the dance floor
- ☐ (D) blew out the candles

3. Almost everyone we invited _____, so the house was absolutely packed. **(to arrive at the party.)**

- ☐ (A) painted the town red
- ☐ (B) made a toast
- ☐ (C) showed up
- ☐ (D) let their hair down

4. You can _____ your younger sister if you don't want to come alone. *(you can bring her with you.)*

- ☐ (A) bring along
- ☐ (B) turn up
- ☐ (C) call it a night
- ☐ (D) raise a glass

5. It's a formal birthday dinner, so everyone is expected to _____. (*wear elegant or special clothes.*)
- (A) have a blast
 - (B) dress up
 - (C) show up
 - (D) get the party started
6. Everyone was dancing and having fun, but Mark kept complaining about the music and saying he wanted to go home. What a _____. (*someone who spoils other people's enjoyment.*)
- (A) party horn
 - (B) party pooper
 - (C) life and soul of the party
 - (D) party guest
7. Don't worry about being too serious tonight, it's your birthday, so _____. (*relax, stop worrying about what people think, and enjoy yourself.*)
- (A) paint the town red
 - (B) let your hair down
 - (C) make a toast
 - (D) bring along
8. We danced, played games and stayed up until 3 a.m.. We absolutely _____. (*to have a fantastic time.*)
- (A) called it a night
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9. As soon as their favourite song came on, everyone _____ and started dancing. (*to go to the area where people dance.*)
- (A) raised a glass
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10. Before we eat the cake, let's _____ our wonderful host and wish her a happy birthday. (to drink in someone's honour.)

- ☐ (A) turn up
- ☐ (B) raise a glass to
- ☐ (C) call it a night
- ☐ (D) paint the town red

11. The birthday girl closed her eyes, made a wish and then _____ while everyone sang "Happy Birthday." (*she extinguished the candles by blowing.*)

- ☐ (A) made a toast
- ☐ (B) blew out the candles
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12. Jason was telling jokes, getting everyone dancing and keeping the conversation going. He was definitely _____. (*to be the most lively and entertaining person there.*)

- ☐ (A) the party pooper
- ☐ (B) the life and soul of the party
- ☐ (C) a party horn
- ☐ (D) the person who turned up

13. Her father stood up, thanked everyone for coming and _____ to his daughter. (*he gave a short speech while drinking in her honour.*)

- ☐ (A) threw a party
- ☐ (B) made a toast
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- ☐ (D) turned up

14. The children were given colourful _____ to blow into while they sang "Happy Birthday", making a loud, funny noise. (*a small object that makes a noise when you blow into it.*)

- ☐ (A) party poppers
- ☐ (B) party blowers
- ☐ (C) candles
- ☐ (D) balloons

15. It's nearly midnight and most people have already gone home, so I think we'd better _____.
(*stop partying and go home.*)

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i Throw a party means to organize and host a party.

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i Turn up means to arrive or appear, often unexpectedly or without prior arrangement.

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i Show up means to arrive or appear at a place or event. It is very common in informal English.

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- ✓ A bring along
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i Bring along means to take someone or something with you when you go somewhere.

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i Dress up means to wear clothes that are more formal, attractive or unusual than your everyday clothes.

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i A party pooper, or 'killjoy', is someone who spoils other people's enjoyment or refuses to join in the fun.

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i Let your hair down is an idiom meaning to relax and enjoy yourself without worrying about being formal or restrained.

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i Raise a glass to someone means to drink in someone's honour and express good wishes.

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i Blow out the candles means to extinguish candles by blowing on them, traditionally after making a birthday wish.

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i The life and soul of the party describes someone who makes a social event lively and entertaining.

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i Party blowers (also called party horns) are small objects that you blow into to make a celebratory noise. They are especially common at children's birthday parties.

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- ☐ A get the party started
- ☒ B call it a night
- ☐ C dress up
- ☐ D have a blast

i Call it a night means to decide to stop an evening's activities and usually go home.