1.) Concepts and prototypes are useful because they allow us to organize information and make sense of the world around us. By having a clear understanding of the defining features of a category or concept, we can easily recognize and categorize new information. Prototypes are also helpful because they provide a clear and memorable example of a concept. However, concepts and prototypes can be harmful when they lead to stereotyping and oversimplification. When we rely too heavily on prototypes, we may overlook important individual differences and variations within a category.

2.) Bird - My prototype for a bird is a robin.



Tool - My prototype for a tool is a hammer.



Furniture - My prototype for furniture is a chair.



For the "birthday party" event schema, my typical schema involves the following: guests arriving and bringing presents, decorations such as balloons and streamers, a birthday cake with candles, singing "Happy Birthday," and playing games or engaging in other fun activities.