

# birth·day S1 W3

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**noun** [countable]

- 1** your birthday is a day that is an exact number of years after the day you were born:

*It's my birthday on Monday.*

*My aunt called to wish me a happy birthday.*

*Anne's birthday party*

- 2** a day that is an exact number of years since an organization was established or an event first happened → **anniversary**:

*The City of Cleveland Orchestra is **celebrating** its 200th birthday.*

- 3** **in your birthday suit** (informal) NAKED

not wearing any clothes – used humorously

## COLLOCATIONSense 1

### adjectives

somebody's first/ 18th/ 40th etc birthday *It's Mum's 50th birthday tomorrow.*

Happy Birthday! (= said to someone on their birthday) *Happy Birthday, Linda!*

### verbs

have a good/ nice etc birthday *Did you have a nice birthday?*

get something for your birthday *What did you get for your birthday?*

celebrate somebody's birthday *He will celebrate his 90th birthday on 25th August.*

remember somebody's birthday (= remember to send a card or present) *She always remembers my birthday.*

forget somebody's birthday (= forget to send a card or

present) *Oh no! I forgot his birthday.*

give something to somebody for their birthday *I never know what to give him for his birthday.*

## **birthday + NOUN**

a birthday card *Don't forget to send her a birthday card.*

a birthday present *Have you got Lou a birthday present yet?*

a birthday party *Can you come to my birthday party next Saturday?*

a birthday cake *She had a birthday cake with 21 silver candles on it.*

birthday celebrations *the President's 60th birthday celebrations*

a birthday treat (= something special you do on your birthday) *What would you like to do for a birthday treat?*

a birthday meal *Where are you going for your birthday meal?*

the birthday girl/boy (**informal**) (= the person whose birthday it is) *Here comes the birthday girl!*