

1. **Listening comprehension: Birthday parties**

(10 BE)

Task 1: Tick the correct answer.

1. Charles thinks a surprise party is ...
 - a. a chance to relax.
 - b. too much of a shock.**
 - c. a different way to celebrate.
2. Charles sees himself as someone who ...
 - a. prefers to be in the background.**
 - b. likes to be the centre of attention.
 - c. organises nice things for other people.
3. Why can't he organise a trip to the cinema for the ninth birthday party?
 - a. Children prefer to go rock-climbing.
 - b. Another child has had a cinema party recently.
 - c. It's not a good idea to repeat parties from the year before.**
4. Charles stopped celebrating birthdays because ...
 - a. he thinks they're not suitable for adults.
 - b. it became hard to find people to celebrate with.**
 - c. it's less fun when you can't play kids' games.

Task 2: Complete the sentences.

1. Charles complains that organising his own party is a **hassle**.
2. The idea of a surprise party makes Charles **shudder**.
3. Dora is offended that Charles says she is **attention-seeking**.
4. Marco realises that birthdays can be a **touchy** subject.
5. Charles likes drinks with friends or dinner – celebrations that are quite low-**key**.
6. They agree that having a children's style party could be fun and **retro**.

2. **Reading comprehension: The state of the world**

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Task 1: Write the correct number for the given fact.

1. **11 billion** the expected peak global population
2. **20%** the size of the richest group of people
3. **74%** the amount of the richest group's income
4. **60%** the amount of people who are neither rich nor poor
5. **11.6%** the amount of people with the least money
6. **5.3** the number of murders per 100,000 people in 2015

Task 2: Tick the correct answer.

1. Which statement about population levels is correct?
 - a.** About two hundred years ago, the child mortality rate dropped significantly.
 - b. The rate is growing steadily now.
 - c. The rate will start to drop in the year 2100.

2. Which factor does not cause the birth rate to fall?
 - a. Improvements in healthcare
 - b. The availability of contraception
 - c.** Poverty

3. One of the UN's targets for 2030 is to ...
 - a.** end poverty.
 - b. increase life expectancy.
 - c. make population levels stable.

4. There is reason to be optimistic because ...
 - a. you might win the lottery.
 - b.** there are some positives despite the newspapers report.
 - c. we're making progress with environmental problems.

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