

1. **Listening comprehension: Birthday parties** (10 BE)

Task 1: Tick the correct answer.

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| 1. Charles thinks a surprise party is ... | 1 |
| a. a chance to relax. | 3 |
| b. too much of a shock. | 5 |
| c. a different way to celebrate. | 6 |
| 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.

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| 1. Charles complains that organising his own party is a hassle . | |
| 2. The idea of a surprise party makes Charles shudder . | 1 |
| 3. Dora is offended that Charles says she is attention-seeking . | 2 |
| 4. Marco realises that birthdays can be a touchy subject. | 5 |
| 5. Charles likes drinks with friends or dinner – celebrations that are quite low- key . | 6 |
| 6. They agree that having a children's style party could be fun and retro . | 7 |
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2. **Reading comprehension: The state of the world** (10 BE)

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

- 11 billion** the expected peak global population
- 20%** the size of the richest group of people
- 74%** the amount of the richest group's income
- 60%** the amount of people who are neither rich nor poor
- 11.6%** the amount of people with the least money
- 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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