

Celebrating Birthdays in the United States



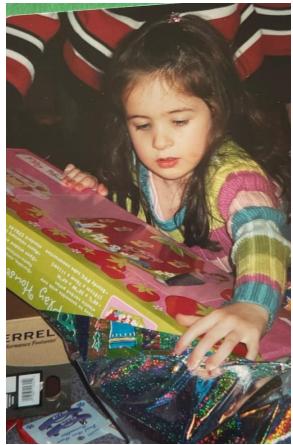
Celebrating with Family

Especially when you are young, birthdays are spent celebrating with your family. Which family members do you see in these photos?



Birthday Presents

Growing up, my parents liked to hide my presents in places like the fridge and the laundry machine!



Does your family have any special birthday traditions like this?

Celebrating at School



When you are young, you often have a birthday celebration in school where you bring a birthday dessert to class. Do you do this when you are in primary school?

Celebrating with friends: Birthday Parties



As you get older it is more common to celebrate with your friends and not only your family. Do you celebrate your birthday with your family, friends, or both?



Sweet 16



16 is a special year in the USA. At 16, you can take your driver's test. I'm the USA people often have large parties for their 16th birthday, called Sweet Sixteens.

For my 16th birthday I went ice skating with my friends. I also got my driver's license.

Do you know why 18 and 21 are also special birthdays in the USA? Are there any special birthday ages here in Spain?

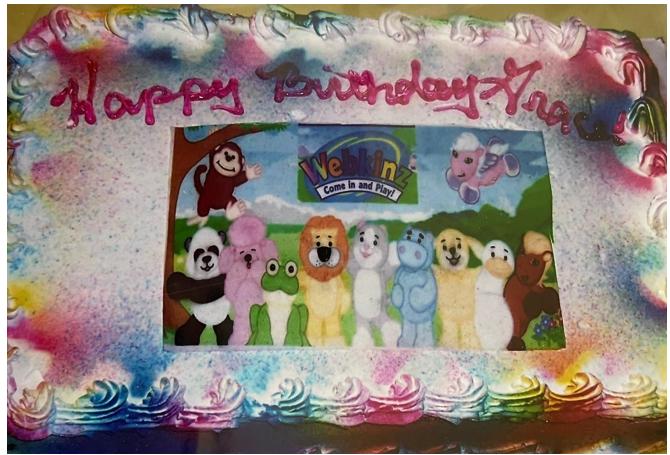
Birthday decorations



Balloons, streamers and colorful decorations!



Birthday cakes



Other types of Birthday Cakes



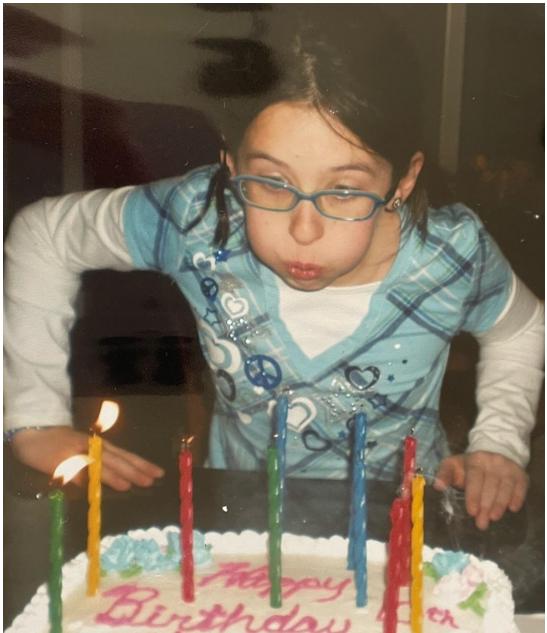
What is your favorite birthday dessert: vanilla cake, chocolate cake, cookie cake, cupcakes, ice cream cake, or something else?

At the end of the birthday song you make a wish...



Here is me thinking very hard about my wish.

And then you blow out the candles!



Don't tell anyone your wish, if you do it won't come true!

Questions

1. What is your favorite part about your birthday?
2. What is your favorite present you have ever received?
3. What do you do differently than me for your birthday?