

Introductions: Say your name and country of origin and tell the month and day of your birthday. You don't have to tell the year. It's impolite to ask your age or what year you were born.

Discuss in your group:

1. What is the best birthday present you have received since you've been an adult?
2. Do you like to celebrate birthdays in a BIG way, or do you prefer to keep it quiet?
3. Do your friends usually remember your birthday?
4. How do people in your country celebrate birthdays?
5. Would you prefer people give you gifts or give you money?
6. Would you be angry if your spouse forgot your birthday? Has this ever happened?
7. What is the proper etiquette in your country when someone gives you a gift? Open it now, or open it later in private?
8. Do you ever worry about how much money to spend on a gift for someone? Is that amount different in different cultures?

Idioms: Match the idiom to the meaning.

You should take that request to the <u>man upstairs</u> .	go away
Jim and Dot decided to <u>mend fences</u> .	totally naked
I'm working. <u>Make yourself scarce</u> .	unassisted by optics
It can't be seen <u>with the naked eye</u> .	wait
I've heard that John sleeps <u>in his birthday suit</u> .	totally opposed
Dad is <u>dead set</u> against Mother returning to work.	does what he says he will do
I'm <u>on the fence</u> about whether to go back to work or stay home with the kids.	agree with you
One thing about John is he is <u>a man of his word</u> .	undecided, unsure
If you <u>bide your time</u> , he'll eventually <u>come around to your way of thinking</u> .	God
XXX	restore damaged relations

Explain these sayings.

"Opportunity may knock only once, but temptation leans on the doorbell."

"Happiness lies in good health and a bad memory."

"Never make fun of someone who speaks broken English.

It means they know another language."

"Don't ever take a fence down until you know the reason it was put up."

"A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get

its pants on.”

“If you are going through hell, keep going.”

“Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.”