#### **Touchstone 2**

#### **Unit 4 "Celebrations"**

## Vocabulary

**To celebrate** (verb): To do something enjoyable because of a special occasion or achievement.

Example: They celebrated their anniversary with a romantic dinner.

**Party** (noun): A social gathering of people, usually for enjoyment or celebration.

Example: We had a small party for our friend's birthday.

**Birthday cake** (noun): A cake, often decorated, that is served at a birthday party.

Example: They bought a delicious birthday cake for the celebration.

**Balloon** (noun): A small, brightly colored rubber bag that is inflated and used as a decoration, often in celebrations.

Example: They decorated the room with colorful balloons for the party.

**To invite** (verb): To ask someone to come to an event or gathering.

Example: He invited all his friends to his graduation celebration.

**To have a good time** (expression): To enjoy oneself at a party or event.

Example: Everyone had a good time at the Halloween party.

**To blow out the candles** (expression): To extinguish the candles on a birthday cake by blowing on them, typically to make a wish before cutting the cake.

Example: She made a wish and blew out the candles on her birthday cake.

**To unwind** (verb): /n waind/ To relax and stop feeling stressed.

Example: They all unwinded at the weekend pool party.

**Invitation** (noun): A written or spoken request to come to an event or gathering.

Example: He sent out invitations for his birthday party.

**To dress up** (verb): To wear special or fancy clothes for a party or celebration.

Example: Everyone dressed up for the graduation ceremony.

**Reunion** (noun): A gathering of people who have not seen each other for a long time.

Example: The family had a reunion to celebrate their grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary.

To reunite (verb): To bring people together again after a long time apart.

Example: The old classmates reunited at their school's 10-year anniversary celebration.

**To cheer** (verb): To shout with happiness, approval, or encouragement.

Example: Everyone cheered when the birthday girl blew out the candles on her cake.

**Anniversary** (noun): The day on which an important event happened in a previous year.

Example: They celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary with a romantic trip.

**To host** (verb): To organize and provide the space for an event or gathering.

Example: They hosted a big party to celebrate their son's college graduation.

**To congratulate** (verb): To express joy or acknowledgment for someone's achievement or special occasion.

Example: They congratulated their colleague on her promotion during the office celebration.

**Gift** (noun): Something given to someone on a special occasion, like a birthday or anniversary.

Example: She received many gifts at her graduation party.

**To give a toast** (expression): To make a short speech in honor of someone or a special occasion, usually with a drink in hand.

Example: The best man gave a toast at the wedding reception.

**To cater** (verb): To provide food and drinks for an event or gathering.

Example: They hired a catering company to provide food for the anniversary party.

**Present** (noun): Something given to someone on a special occasion, such as a birthday or anniversary.

Example: She received many presents at her birthday party.

Milestone (noun): /ˈmaɪl.stoʊn/ An important event or achievement in one's life or history.

Example: Graduating from college was a significant milestone in her life.

**To throw a party** (expression): To organize or host a celebration or social gathering.

Example: She decided to throw a party for her friend's birthday.

**To pull out all the stops** (expression): To put forth maximum effort and spare no expense to make an event extravagant.

Example: They really pulled out all the stops for their wedding anniversary celebration.

**Gala** (noun): A formal, festive event, often with entertainment and luxurious food and drink.

Example: The charity hosted a gala to raise funds for their cause.

**Carnival** (noun): /ˈkɑːr.nə.vəl/ A period of public festivities, often featuring parades, costumes, and street parties.

Example: The city comes alive during the annual carnival, with a week of non-stop celebrations

**To live it up** (expression): To have a great time and enjoy oneself fully.

Example: They decided to live it up and celebrate their friend's birthday in style.

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# Fill in the blanks using the words above.

The Met 2023 was a big event with many famous people wearing beautiful clothes.
When Susan got promoted, her coworkers decided to a party to her success and show their appreciation for her hard work.
The company hired a professional service to provide delicious food and drinks for the corporate event.
Alice was thrilled to receive a beautiful necklace as a birthday from her best friend, Jane .
He felt that moving out of his parents' home was a real in his life.

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#### **Answers**

gala – throw – celebrate – catering – present – milestone

## Here are the questions:

# 1. What do you enjoy doing to celebrate your birthday?

I enjoy having a small party with my friends and eating a delicious birthday cake.

#### 2. When was the last time you gave a gift to someone?

I gave a gift to my friend last week for their graduation party.

### 3. How do you like to dress up for a celebration or party?

I like to wear special and fancy clothes when I dress up for a celebration.

# 4. What do you enjoy most about going to a birthday party?

I enjoy singing the birthday song and cheering for the birthday person.

# 5. Describe a milestone in your life that you are proud of.

Graduating from high school was a significant milestone in my life, and I am proud of my accomplishment.

## 6. How do you usually congratulate someone on their achievement?

I usually congratulate someone by giving them a hug, shaking their hand, and telling them how proud I am of their accomplishment.

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# 7. What was the most memorable party you attended, and why?

The most memorable party I attended was my friend's surprise birthday party. It was special because everyone worked together to plan the event and keep it a secret. The look on my friend's face when they walked in was priceless!