

For Advanced Kid Learners

Book 3

# Time to Talk

Lesson 9 Birthday Traditions Around the World



## Warm-up question.

What birthday traditions do you know?



Read and learn.

## Birthday Traditions Around the World

Many **cultures** have their **unique** traditions to celebrate a birthday.

Some are sweet, some are strange and others are even **scary**.



**culture**



**unique**



**scary**



## Read and learn.

### Japan

In Japan, a girl's 3rd and 7th birthday and a boy's 5th birthday is more important. These are celebrated on November 15th. All the birthday children are taken to the temple. They will get a special bag of sweets with the words "sweets for 1000 years of life".



3 years old    5 years old    7 years old

## Read and learn.

### Vietnam

Everyone celebrates their birthday on New Year's Day in Vietnam. Children can also get “lucky money” in a red envelop from their parents on the morning of the day.



#### **ambush**

– to make a surprise attack on someone

### Canada

In some places of Canada, the birthday child is **ambushed**. Their nose is also **rubbed** with butter for good luck.



#### **rub**

– to press on something

## Read and learn.

### Switzerland

In Switzerland, parents will hire an **evil-looking clown** to follow and **torment** the birthday child. The clown will finish with a pie to the face for good luck.

### Hungary & Argentina

In these two countries, the tradition is to pull the ears of the birthday child. The amount depends how old they are.



**evil-looking clown**

**torment** – to annoy someone in a bad way  
because you think it is funny



**Read and say or do.**

Words	Tasks
culture	Tell one difference between Chinese and Western culture.
unique	Talk about a unique place you have been to.
scary	Do you like watching scary movies?
rub	Rub your nose.
ambush	Have you ever ambushed?
torment	What things torment you?



## Compound Adjective + noun

*an adjective that has two or more words joined by a hyphen "-"*

### Examples

She's scared to see an **evil-looking** clown.

I saw a **man-eating** alligator.

This is a **four-foot** table.



Use any of these adjectives in a sentence.

five-minute



good-looking



fifty-page



1. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.



## Match and say.



To get good luck, people in different countries do different things. Do you know what are they?

Switzerland

Japan

Canada

Vietnam

Hungary and Argentina

### Hints

butter on the nose

pie on the face

bag of sweets

lucky money

ear pulling