

# Birthdays

It is believed that the ancient Greeks were the first to make birthday cakes. They made round or moon shaped honey cakes. A birthday cake is usually shared amongst all the people attending a birthday party. The most popular flavours for birthday cakes are chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, and cherry. Candles equal to the person's age are placed on the cake. A silent wish is usually made before blowing out the candles. In May 2005, a world record cake was made for Las Vegas' 100th birthday. The cake weighed over 58,000kgs and took over 1,000 volunteers 14 hours to assemble and decorate. In some countries they bake small objects such as coins, rings and thimbles into the cake. Do you know any more facts about birthday cakes?



## Cake design

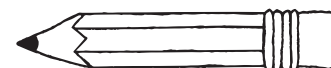
Birthday cakes are traditionally decorated with person's name and carry a message of congratulations such as "happy birthday". However, many different and unusual birthday cakes are available today. Design and draw your own special birthday cake. Be creative and make it an unusual shape with spectacular frosting (icing) and decoration.

## Writing an invitation

Design your own birthday party invitation.

Include this information:

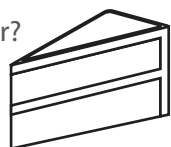
- Where will the party be held? (address)
- What is the day and date of the party?
- What time should guests arrive and what time do you expect it to end?
- Ask your guests to let you know if they will be attending (RSVP). How should they respond? letter, telephone, email?
- How should your guests dress? Will there be a theme? fancy dress, a pool party?
- Decorate your invitation.



## Cake survey

The most popular birthday cake is chocolate.

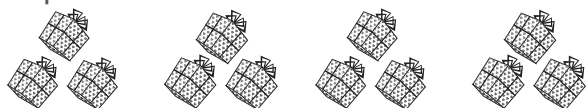
Which flavour was the most popular?  
What is your favourite?



Ask your family and friends what is their favourite flavour for a birthday cake.

## Number Crunchers

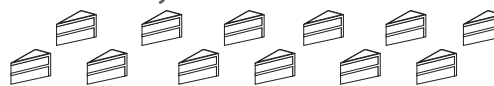
- 1 Jack put all his presents in groups of three.



How many presents did Jack receive?

If Jack received another three presents, how many would he have altogether?

- 2 Jack's birthday cake was cut into 12 slices.



If only 6 people ate the cake, how many slices would they each get?