

**birthday**['bɜːθd(eɪ)] *n*

- 1) день рождения
- 2) начало

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**birth-day** ['bɜːθdeɪ] *BrE* ['bɜːrθdeɪ] *NAmE* noun

the day in each year which is the same date as the one on which you were born

- Happy Birthday!
- Oliver's 13th birthday
- a **birthday card/party/present**
- ! idiom ↑ in your birthday suit

Culture:**birthdays**

Birthdays are especially important to the very young and the very old. On their birthday, people receive **birthday cards** and **birthday presents** from their family and friends. Children's cards often have a large number on them showing how old they are. Cards for adults have pictures of flowers or scenery, or humorous or rude cartoons. Inside there is usually a simple greeting, such as 'Happy Birthday' or 'Many Happy Returns of the Day'. Children expect to receive a special birthday present from their parents. In the US, children who have their birthdays during the school year take a cake to school and have a small party with their class. In Britain children sometimes get **bumped** by their friends (= lifted off the ground horizontally and put down again sharply), the same number of times as their age. Some US parents have the custom of **spanking** their child, once for each year of their age. Many younger children invite their friends to a **birthday party** at their home. **Balloons** are often tied to the gate of the house where the party is being held. Children wear their **party clothes** and take a present. They play **party games** such as 'pin the tail on the donkey' or 'musical chairs'. Sometimes parents arrange for an entertainer such as a **magician** to visit the house. After the games there is a special tea with a **birthday cake**. The cake is covered with sugar **icing** (*AmE* frosting), and has small candles on top, the same number of candles as the child's age. As the cake is carried into the room with the candles lit, everyone sings 'Happy Birthday To You!' and then the **birthday boy** or **birthday girl** tries to blow out all the candles with one breath and makes a secret wish.

In the US the 16th birthday is called **sweet sixteen**. In many states it is the age at which a person can get a US driver's licence, and some wealthier parents give their children a car as a present. At 18, in Britain and in the US, young people become adults and many have a big party. In most parts of the US 21 is the age at which people can drink alcohol legally. In Britain people celebrate 21st birthdays less than when 21 was the age at which they became adults.

Many adults dislike getting older and a few lie about their age, saying they are younger than they really are. But in general older people are now much more willing to tell others their age. You may see a sign by the side of a road saying: 'Dave Ellis 40 today!', put there by Dave's friends. At about 65 people **retire**, and those who have reached this age are called 'senior citizens'. Few people live to be 100, so a 100th birthday is very special. In Britain people reaching this age may receive a card containing a printed message from the Queen.

Example Bank:

- He had a portrait painted as a birthday surprise for his daughter.
- He is approaching his 40th birthday, and thinking of retiring from sport.
- Here comes the birthday girl!
- I hope you have a nice birthday.
- I reached my 86th birthday this year.
- I 'll be 28 next birthday.
- She spent her 50th birthday in Paris.
- She'll be 34 on her next birthday.
- They share the same birthday.
- We're taking him to see the new film for his birthday treat.
- What do you want for your birthday?
- Wish John a happy birthday from me.
- an exhibition to mark the artist's 70th birthday
- He was approaching his sixtieth birthday.
- I 't Sam's birthday tomorrow. He'll be seven.
- My birthday is in August.
- The pen was a birthday present from my sister.
- Three of my friends have birthdays this month.
- Would you like a piece of birthday cake?

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**birth**day **S1 W3** /'bɜːθdeɪ/ 'bɜːrθdeɪ *BrE* *AmE* noun [countable]

1. your birthday is a day that is an exact number of years after the day you were born:

- I 't my birthday on Monday.
- My aunt called to wish me a happy birthday.
- Anne's birthday party

2. a day that is an exact number of years since an organization was established or an event first happened ⇒ **anniversary**:

- The City of Cleveland Orchestra is celebrating its 200th birthday.

3. **in your birthday suit** *informal* not wearing any clothes – used humorously

## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adjectives

- **sb's first/18th/40th etc birthday** I t'Mum's 50th birthday tomorrow.
- **Happy Birthday!** (=said to someone on their birthday) Happy Birthday, Linda!

### ■ verbs

- **have a good/nice etc birthday** Did you have a nice birthday?
- **get something for your birthday** What did you get for your birthday?
- **celebrate sb's birthday** He will celebrate his 90th birthday on 25th August.
- **remember sb's birthday** (=remember to send a card or present) She always remembers my birthday.
- **forget sb's birthday** (=forget to send a card or present) Oh no! I forgot his birthday.
- **give something to somebody for their birthday** I never know what to give him for his birthday.

### ■ birthday + NOUN

- **a birthday card** Don't forget to send her a birthday card.
- **a birthday present** Have you got Lou a birthday present yet?
- **a birthday party** Can you come to my birthday party next Saturday?
- **a birthday cake** She had a birthday cake with 21 silver candles on it.
- **birthday celebrations** the President's 60th birthday celebrations
- **a birthday treat** (=something special you do on your birthday) What would you like to do for a birthday treat?
- **a birthday meal** Where are you going for your birthday meal?
- **the birthday girl/boy** *informal* (=the person whose birthday it is) Here comes the birthday girl!

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