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## Party time

Talking about parties • The simple past/present perfect (revised) • Arranging to meet • Inviting • The present continuous (revised) • Birthday customs around the world • Designing a flyer • Learning outside the classroom

### Focus 1 Parties

#### Speaking

1

Look at the photos. What are the different kinds of parties for?



A house-warming party



An office party



A stag night



A retirement party



A baby shower

#### Useful language

You have a ... party  
when ...

A ... party is to ...

If you go to a ... party,  
you ...

Some people have a party  
to ...

What other parties can you think of? When and why do people have them?

Have you been to or organized a party recently? Tell the class about it.

It was my son's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday two weeks ago and he invited ten small boys and one girl. I made two big cakes but nobody ate them – as usual.

I've just been to a silver wedding. 50 people between 5 and 75. And everybody was dancing after dinner. It was wonderful.

Pair work

Complete these statements about parties and tell a partner.

I've never been to ...

I can't remember when I last went to ...

The last ... party I went to was ...

The best/worst party I've ever been to was ...

**Remember** The simple past and the present perfectAn old schoolfriend **came** to the party **last weekend**.

- We use the simple past when something happened at a definite time: *when, yesterday, last (year), (an hour) ago, at (6 o'clock), on (Monday), in (March)*.

I **haven't been** to a party **since** I moved here/ **for** over six months.I **have lived** here **since** last year/ **for** six months.

- We use the present perfect with *since* and *for*.

Practice

2

Complete with the simple past or the present perfect.

## Planning a surprise party

In the movies, giving a surprise party always looks so easy. But, let me tell you, real life is not like that.

It's my wife's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday next Saturday. A few weeks ago I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> (have) a brilliant idea – I would organize a surprise party for her. I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> (never do) anything like this before so I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> (ask) her best friend Jan to help me. They \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> (know) each other for 15 years. I think Jan knows my wife better than I do. We \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> (meet) one morning when my wife was at the dentist's and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> (decide) that Saturday afternoon would be the best time for the party because so many of the guests have small children. But who should we invite? Old friends she \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> (not see) for ages? Colleagues? Favourite neighbours? So far we \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> (invite) 30 people and they \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> (all say) 'yes'!

I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup> (phone) them secretly when I was at work saying: "Do not tell anyone!". You can only hope that no one will. But there's one problem – my wife. She \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> (mention) her birthday a couple of times last week and, of course, I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup> (not want) to talk about it. Now she thinks something is wrong. Keep your fingers crossed that I manage to keep it secret until Saturday!