

A1. UNIT 9. - BIRTHDAYS

Vocabulary:

- Birthday party.

Grammar:

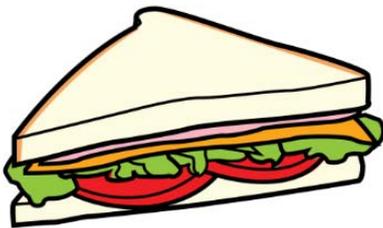
- Past tense.
- There was / there were.





9.1. Match the word to the picture.

office	computer	bed	table	winter
present	coffee	birthday card	wine	sandwich

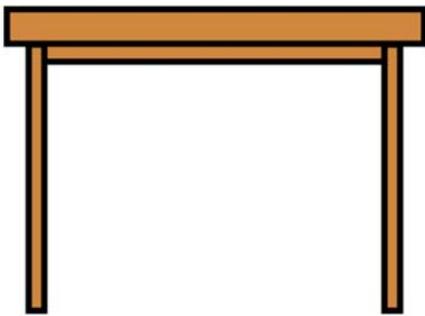
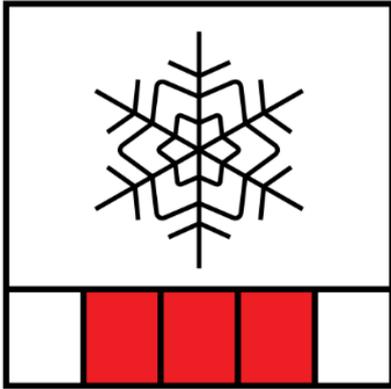
	
	





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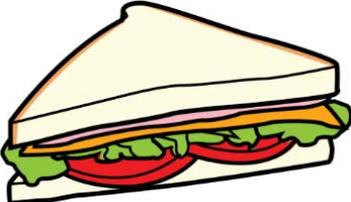
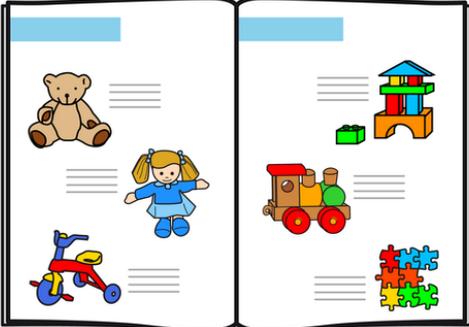
9.2 Listen and read the following conversation between two colleagues at work. (Situation: Two colleagues talking at 8 a.m. in the office).

- **Lisa:** Hi John, how are you today? I heard you were sick yesterday.
- **John:** Oh, hi Lisa, I am much better now, thanks for asking. A day in bed does wonders and I feel good today. Is there any news in the office?
- **Lisa:** Yes, yesterday it was Helen's birthday. The lounge was decorated with balloons and ribbons. There were sandwiches and sausage rolls during the break. There was also tea and coffee with a birthday cake!
- **John:** Oh! So her birthday is on 20th November!
- **Lisa:** Yes, that is right. When is your birthday?
- **John:** My birthday is on 15th December. I am going to be 31 years old.
- **Lisa:** Oh, but you are still young!
- **John:** Weren't we born in the same year?
- **Lisa:** No, I don't think so.
- **John:** When were you born, then?
- **Lisa:** I was born in 1987. My birthday is on 2nd February.
- **John:** Are you going to do something special for your birthday?
- **Lisa:** Well, the weather is usually cold in the winter...
- **John:** Yes, I know what you mean. I was in a ski resort last year for my birthday! If you are interested I can bring you a brochure tomorrow.
- **Lisa:** Oh, that is very nice of you. I am busy now with a report. Let's have lunch together and you can tell me more about it.
- **John:** Of course! See you at 1 o'clock, then.
- **Lisa:** Ok, see you later.



9.3. Match the word to the picture.

desk	cake	office	brochure	report	present
candle	sausage rolls	sandwich	balloon	laptop	



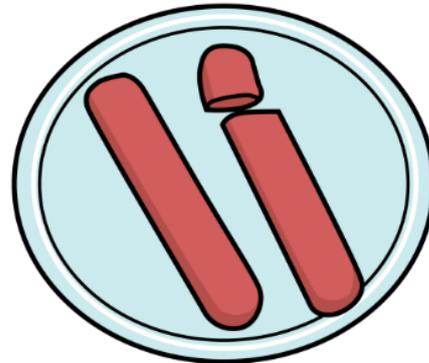
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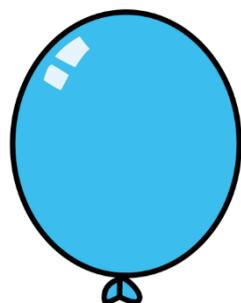
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9.4 Select the correct answer. Match the previous words with the definitions below.

candle	sausage rolls	report	brochure	cake	laptop
desk	balloon	office	sandwich	present	

1. Two or more slices of bread or the like with a layer of meat, fish, cheese, etc., between each pair. _____.
2. A flat, thin mass of bread, normally sweet and baked. _____.
3. A room or a part of a building where people work sitting at desks. _____.
4. A roll of sausage meat in pastry. _____.
5. A stick of hard wax with a piece of string called a wick through the middle that is burned to give light. _____.
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laptop	present	report	sandwich	candle
office	desk	cake	brochure	sausage rolls

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9.6. Put in the correct order.

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9.7. Remember.

Age:

- When asking direct questions about someone's age or the age of a thing we say **How old...?**
- We normally answer using the following structure: **I am ... years old.**

Birthday:

- When we want to know someone's birth date or place we can ask the following questions:
- When/where **were you born?** or **When is** your birthday?

The answers may be respectively:

- **I was born** in ... (year/place) or **My birthday is** on 4th March.*

***Attention:** when we speak dates we typically say the article the before the day and include the preposition of between the day and month: My birthday is on the 4th of March.



See the example:

When you speak	To write the date	Numbers
8 th April	The eighth of April	8/4/18
(Day + Month)		DAY/MONTH/YEAR

Past Tense: The past tense of **TO BE** in English has two forms: **was** and **were**.

Subject	TO BE	Examples
I	was	I was born in Ireland but now I live in Spain.
You	were	You were sick yesterday.
He	was	He was born in 1999.
She	was	She was very nice to me.
It	was	Yesterday it was Helen's birthday.
We	were	We were in the office at 8 o'clock.
You	were	You were late last night.
They	were	They were very happy with their presents.

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Affirmative	Negative
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It was not cold yesterday.	It wasn't cold yesterday.
We were not friends	We weren't friends.
You were not in the bus.	You weren't in the bus.
They were not welcome.	They weren't welcome.

To create questions with the verb **TO BE**, you have to put the Verb before the Subject:

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I was happy.	Was I happy?
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She was busy.	Was she busy?
It was a big car.	Was it a big car?
We were sad.	Were we sad?
You were surprised.	Were you surprised?
They were from France.	Were they from France?

Attention! We use **there was** and **there were** to say that something existed in the past.

- We use **there was** for singular and **there were** for plural.
- There was one desk in the room. There were many people at the bus stop.
- We also use **There was** with uncountable nouns:
- There was milk in the fridge. There was some sugar on the table.

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3. When is her birthday?
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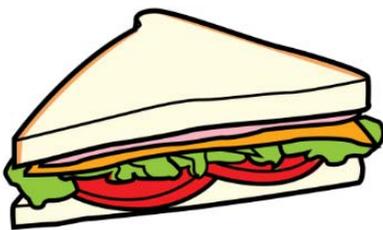
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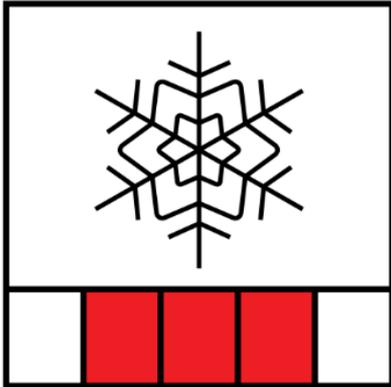
CORRECT ANSWERS



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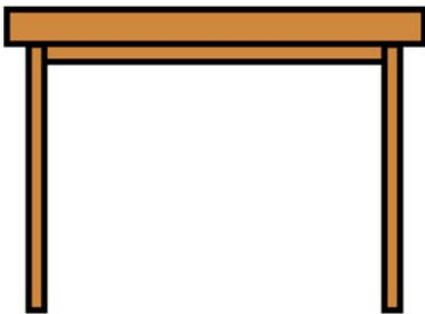
	
Sandwich	Office
	
Coffee	Present



Winter



Computer



Table



Birthday card





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Bed



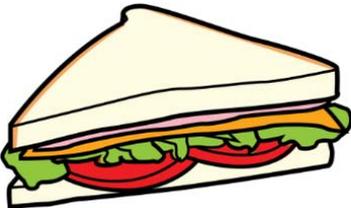
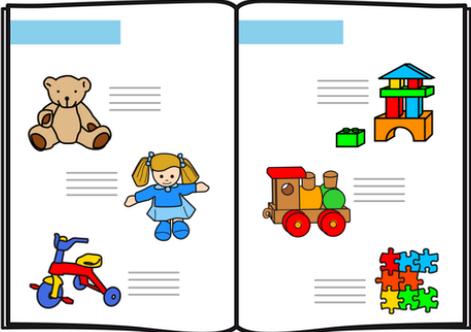
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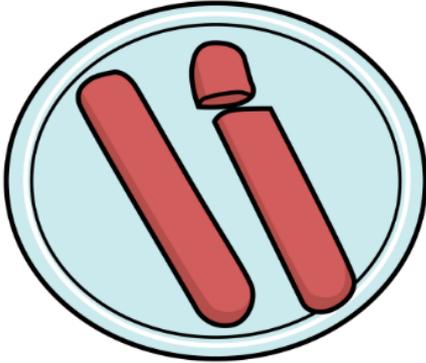
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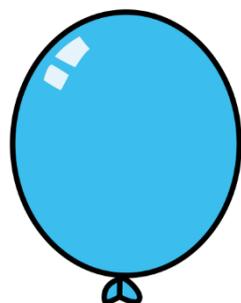
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Balloon



Candle



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