

SCENE 20 • NUMBER 7

Ten candles

Saturday. Balloons in the courtyard, a long table, a cake with ten candles. Nicky's mother, the town doctor, is here too, with the usual party questions: Are you married? Do you have children? And your parents, where do they live? Then Anne turns the photo round: a boy of ten with a trumpet and a terrible haircut, at a window of number 7. Jack grew up in your flat.

149 Words · 5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

Photos on the wall

English

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LEARNING GOAL

I can wish someone happy birthday, give a present, and say if I'm married, if I have children and where my parents live.

Nicky = ■ Lena (Lukas) = ○ May = ▲ Penny = ●
Anne = □ Jack = △

■ Hello! Today is my birthday. I'm ten now!

○ Happy birthday! This is from Jack and me.

She tears off the paper.

- A yellow sketchbook! Thank you very much!

May carries out a big cake with ten candles.

- ▲ Here is the cake. Ten candles.

- One, two, three ... Ten!

A tall woman with a light-brown ponytail sits down next to you.

- Hello. I'm Dr Penny Ellis, Nicky's mum. Are you the new neighbour?

- Yes. Nice to meet you, Doctor.

- Are you married? Do you have children?

- No. I'm not married and I have no children.

- Where do your parents live?

- In Hamburg.

- I already know everything. Parents in Hamburg, no children.

- Of course. Mum always knows everything.

Anne takes out the photo that always faced the wall and turns it round: a boy of ten with a trumpet and a terrible haircut, at a window of number 7.

- Nicky, you are ten now. Jack is ten in this photo too.

○ That is my window!

△ That is me. That flat was mine.

■ A funny haircut!

□ That is why the photo faced the wall.

For once, the trumpet plays in daylight, and the whole house sings.

□ Jack, play something for us.

△ Now? During the day?

□ Today you may. Happy birthday! Everyone together!

Milo walks off across the courtyard with one of the candles in his mouth.

■ Milo! The tenth candle!

□ Milo wants a birthday too.

Vocabulary

THE BODY

haircut haircut

face face

SMALL WORDS

when when (at the time that: when it rains)

GREETINGS AND COURTESY

happy birthday happy birthday

FAMILY

child child

parents parents

AT HOME

wall wall

WHAT THINGS AND PEOPLE ARE LIKE

married married

terrible terrible

possible possible

EVERYDAY THINGS

candle candle

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING**L1) WHO SAYS IT**

Read the dialogue again. Who says these words? Tick the right person.

1 Hello! Today is my birthday. I'm ten now!

☐ A Anne

☐ B May

☐ C Nicky

☐ D Jack

2 I already know everything. Parents in Hamburg, no children.

- ☐ A Anne
- ☐ B May
- ☐ C Nicky
- ☐ D Jack

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN

Tick the right English meaning.

1 A yellow sketchbook! Thank you very much!

- ☐ A A yellow sketchbook! Thank you very much!
- ☐ B Hello. I'm Dr Penny Ellis, Nicky's mum. Are you the new neighbour?
- ☐ C Yes. Nice to meet you, Doctor.

2 That is my window!

- ☐ A That is my window!
- ☐ B Milo! The tenth candle!
- ☐ C Hello. I'm Dr Penny Ellis, Nicky's mum. Are you the new neighbour?

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT

Tick the right English sentence.

1 Yes. Nice to meet you, Doctor.

- ☐ A In Hamburg.
- ☐ B Milo! The tenth candle!
- ☐ C Yes. Nice to meet you, Doctor.

2 That is why the photo faced the wall.

- ☐ A Milo wants a birthday too.
- ☐ B A funny haircut!
- ☐ C That is why the photo faced the wall.

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Write the words in the right order on the line.

1

2

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST

Number the lines in the order they come in the scene.

- ☐ A yellow sketchbook! Thank you very much!
- ☐ Of course. Mum always knows everything.
- ☐ Milo! The tenth candle!
- ☐ Are you married? Do you have children?
- ☐ That is why the photo faced the wall.

SCENE 20 • WORDS

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4 Exercises • Duration: 10 min.

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happy birthday
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candle
candle



married
married



child
child



parents
parents



haircut
haircut



terrible
terrible



face
face



wall
wall



possible
possible



student
student



doctor
doctor

Words

FROM THE SCENE

happy birthday

happy birthday

candle

candle

Milo! The tenth candle!

married

married

Are you married? Do you have children?

child

child

Are you married? Do you have children?

parents

parents

Where do your parents live?

when

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haircut

haircut

A funny haircut!

terrible

terrible

face

face

That is why the photo faced the wall.

wall

wall

That is why the photo faced the wall.

possible

possible

NEW WORDS

student

student

This is a student.

doctor

doctor

This is a doctor.

yesterday

yesterday

I worked yesterday.

party

party

Everyone is at the party.

nose

nose

This is a nose.

school

school

This is a school.

VOCABULARY & COMMUNICATION**W1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

What does it mean?

1 wall

- ☐ A wall
- ☐ B possible
- ☐ C March

2 student

- ☐ A student
- ☐ B good night
- ☐ C breakfast

3 school

- ☐ A present
- ☐ B this
- ☐ C school

4 face

- ☐ A face
- ☐ B always
- ☐ C note (short letter)

5 married

- ☐ A potato
- ☐ B father
- ☐ C married

6 party

- ☐ A first (ordinal)
- ☐ B nose
- ☐ C party

W2) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Happy cake yellow Today

Hello! _____ is my birthday. I'm ten now!

Meaning: Hello! Today is my birthday. I'm ten now!

Today Happy cake yellow

_____ birthday! This is from Jack and me.

Meaning: Happy birthday! This is from Jack and me.

Happy cake Today yellow

A _____ sketchbook! Thank you very much!

Meaning: A yellow sketchbook! Thank you very much!

yellow Happy Today cake

Here is the _____. Ten candles.

Meaning: Here is the cake. Ten candles.

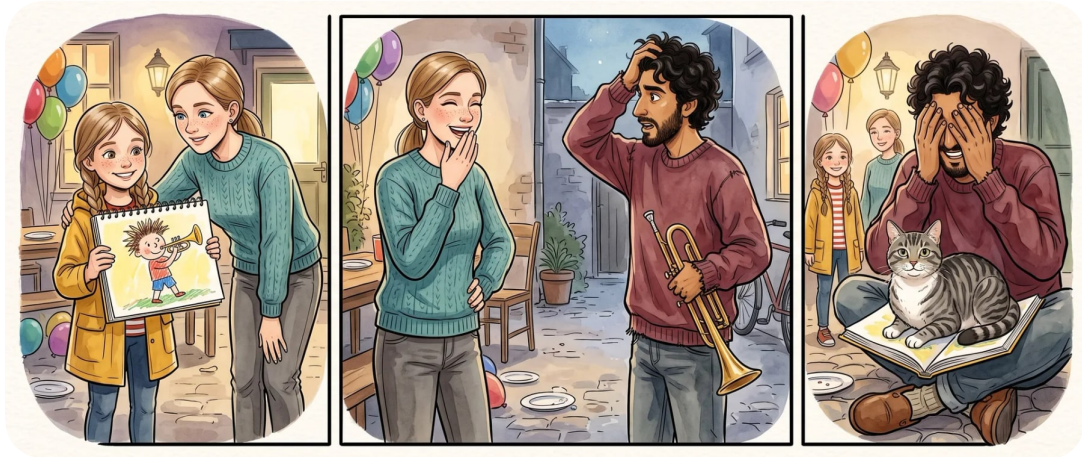
One Today yellow Happy

_____, two, three ... Ten!

Meaning: One, two, three ... Ten!

W3) MUM, LOOK! THIS IS JACK WHEN HE WAS LITTLE.

Fill the speech bubbles.



got terrible Oh Mum

Nicky: _____, look! This is Jack when he was little.

Penny: _____! What a terrible haircut!

Jack: No! It wasn't _____!

Nicky: Yes, it was! But you've _____ a nice face.

Meaning: 1. Mum, look! This is Jack when he was little.

2. Oh! What a terrible haircut!

3. No! It wasn't terrible!

4. Yes, it was! But you've got a nice face.

W4) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION

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Meaning: Hello! Today is my birthday. I'm ten now!

Today yellow cake Happy

_____ birthday! This is from Jack and me.

Meaning: Happy birthday! This is from Jack and me.

yellow cake Happy Today

A _____ sketchbook! Thank you very much!

Meaning: A yellow sketchbook! Thank you very much!

Happy cake yellow Today

Here is the _____. Ten candles.

Meaning: Here is the cake. Ten candles.

Happy Today One yellow

_____, two, three ... Ten!

Meaning: One, two, three ... Ten!

was, were, wasn't, weren't

Being somewhere in the past

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Being somewhere in the past

The past tense of **be** is **was** with **I/he/she/it** and **were** with **you/we/they**. It is the same for a male or female speaker: **I was at home**.

Negatives are **wasn't** and **weren't**. For a question, put the verb first: **Was Jack here?, Were you at home?** Do not add **did** to questions with past **be**.

Time words give the past context: **yesterday, last year, when I was ten**. Learn **I was born on the tenth of July 1995** as a useful life-information phrase.

Form	Example	Meaning
was	I was at home yesterday.	State your past location.
were	You were at home yesterday.	State the listener's past location.
was	The flat was Jack's.	Say who owned the flat before.
Was	Was Jack here?	Ask about Jack's past location.
weren't	We weren't hungry.	Say our group was not hungry.
born	I was born in 1995.	Use the fixed phrase for a birth year.

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State your past location.

You were at home yesterday.

State the listener's past location.

The flat was Jack's.

Say who owned the flat before.

Was Jack here?

Ask about Jack's past location.

We weren't hungry.

Say our group was not hungry.

I was born in 1995.

Use the fixed phrase for a birth year.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 I was at home yesterday.

Meaning: State your past location.

2 You were at home yesterday.

Meaning: State the listener's past location.

3 The flat was Jack's.

Meaning: Say who owned the flat before.

4 Was Jack here?

Meaning: Ask about Jack's past location.

5 We weren't hungry.

Meaning: Say our group was not hungry.

6 I was born in 1995.

Meaning: Use the fixed phrase for a birth year.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 I _____ at home yesterday.

- ☐ A was
- ☐ B am
- ☐ C were

Meaning: State your past location.

2 You _____ at home yesterday.

- ☐ A were
- ☐ B are
- ☐ C was

Meaning: State the listener's past location.

3 The flat _____ Jack's.

- ☐ A were
- ☐ B was
- ☐ C is

Meaning: Say who owned the flat before.

4 _____ Jack here?

- ☐ A Were
- ☐ B Did
- ☐ C Was

Meaning: Ask about Jack's past location.

5 We _____ hungry.

- ☐ A weren't
- ☐ B didn't
- ☐ C wasn't

Meaning: Say our group was not hungry.

6 I was _____ in 1995.

- ☐ A born
- ☐ B bear
- ☐ C birth

Meaning: Use the fixed phrase for a birth year.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

were was

I _____ at home yesterday.

Meaning: State your past location.

was were

You _____ at home yesterday.

Meaning: State the listener's past location.

were was

The flat _____ Jack's.

Meaning: Say who owned the flat before.

Were Was

_____ Jack here?

Meaning: Ask about Jack's past location.

wasn't weren't

We _____ hungry.

Meaning: Say our group was not hungry.

birth born

I was _____ in 1995.

Meaning: Use the fixed phrase for a birth year.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 at yesterday. I was home
-

Meaning: State your past location.

- 2 were at You home yesterday.
-

Meaning: State the listener's past location.

- 3 flat The Jack's. was
-

Meaning: Say who owned the flat before.

- 4 Jack Was here?
-

Meaning: Ask about Jack's past location.

- 5 We hungry. weren't

Meaning: Say our group was not hungry.

- 6 was born in I 1995.

Meaning: Use the fixed phrase for a birth year.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 State your past location. You say:

- (A) I were at home yesterday.
(B) I was at home yesterday.

- 2 State the listener's past location. You say:

- (A) You was at home yesterday.
(B) You were at home yesterday.

3 Say who owned the flat before. You say:

- (A) The flat was Jack's.
- (B) The flat were Jack's.

4 Ask about Jack's past location. You say:

- (A) Was Jack here?
- (B) Were Jack here?

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) I was at home yesterday. | (A) Say who owned the flat before. |
| (2) I was born in 1995. | (B) Say our group was not hungry. |
| (3) Was Jack here? | (C) Ask about Jack's past location. |
| (4) The flat was Jack's. | (D) State your past location. |
| (5) You were at home yesterday. | (E) Use the fixed phrase for a birth year. |

- ⑥ We weren't hungry. ⑦ State the listener's past location.