

SCENE 20 · NUMBER 7

दस साल!

Saturday. Balloons in the courtyard, a long table, a cake with ten candles.

मीरा'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 कमला turns the photo round: a boy of ten with a trumpet and a terrible haircut, at a window of number 7. अर्जुन grew up in your flat.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1a, 2c

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN: 1b, 2c

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT: 1a, 2c

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: माता-पिता कहाँ रहते हैं?, हाँ। दिन में बजा सकते हो। जन्मदिन मुबारक!

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 34512

Words: दस साल!

VOCABULARY & WRITING

W1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?: 1b, 2a, 3b, 4a, 5c, 6b

W2) PHRASES FROM THE CONVERSATION: 1e, 2c, 3d, 4a, 5b

W3) SAY IT AGAIN: 1: माँ, 2: ओह, 3: नहीं, 4: थे

W4) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: आज, 1: जन्मदिन, 1: चित्रों, 1:
यह, 1: एक

W5) PUT THE WORDS TOGETHER: आज मेरा जन्मदिन है। अब दस साल की
हूँ!, चित्रों की कॉपी! पीली! बहुत धन्यवाद!, यह केक। दस मोमबत्तियाँ!, एक, दो, तीन...
दस!

Grammar: था · थी · थे · थीं

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL FORM: 1) था, 2) थी, 3) था

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM: 1a, 2a, 3b

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES: 1: था, 1: थी, 1: था

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE: कमरा खाली था।, मेज़ खाली थी।, अर्जुन यहाँ रहता था।

G5) CONNECT FORM AND MEANING: 1c, 2a, 3b

Translation

■ Today is my birthday. I am ten now!

○ Happy birthday! This is for you. From Arjun and me.

She tears off the paper.

■ A sketchbook! Yellow! Thank you very much!

Radha 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 am Asha, Meera's mother. Are you the new neighbour?

○ Yes. Nice to meet you.

● Are you married? Do you have children?

○ No. I am not married. I have no children.

● Where do your parents live?

○ In Hamburg.

□ I know everything. Not married. No children. Parents in Hamburg.

● Yes, Mum knows everything.

Kamala 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.

□ Ten years old! Look, he is ten here too.

○ That is my window!

△ And that is me. I lived in your flat as a child.

■ What a haircut!

☐ Terrible! That is why the photo faced the wall.

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

☐ Arjun, play for us.

△ Now? In the daytime?

☐ Yes. You may play in the daytime. Happy birthday!

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

■ Moti! My number ten candle!

☐ Never mind. He wants a birthday too.

अर्जुन plays in daylight, for once, and the whole house sings. The photo stands on the table now, facing the courtyard. मोती sits on the bench with a candle between his paws.