

Buddies Week #5: Celebrations of the Century

This week's activities are all about sharing some celebrations that have happened in our lives, thinking about what we need to plan a celebration and learning more about how people celebrated big events in the past. With your older Buddy you will...

1. Share with your Buddy **the best party you've ever been to**
2. Imagine you're hosting a party and **come up with a secret rule** to get in
3. **Learn more** about your Buddy's memories of historical celebrations
4. **Host your own party** for your household for this week's challenge

These activities can be done over phone or video calls to an older friend or family member. You can do them all in one go or across several calls, or simply pick and choose the ones that you'd like to try. We suggest you print the following pages, access them on a computer, or recreate them by hand to use as a guide as you chat with your older friend or family member.



The best party ever

Parties are an important part of celebrations, they help us to enjoy special occasions with others. Think of the best party you've ever been to - maybe it was for your birthday, or a wedding, or another kind of celebration. Take it in turns to tell each other about this party, using the questions below to help you.



When was this party?



Where did the party take place? What were the decorations like?

Who else was at the party with you? Did you meet any new people there?



What was being celebrated at the party?



Do you have a favourite memory from the party?



What did you do at the party? Was there music playing? Was there food?

I'm hosting a party...

You are hosting an imaginary party. But only some people are invited!

Choose a **secret** rule for the guestlist, for example: You can come to my party if...

- 1 *Your name begins with B*
- 2 *You're a fictional character*
- 3 *You're smaller than a baby*

Remember not tell anyone! Start the game by saying “*I’m hosting a party and...*” and then giving an example of who can and can’t come to your party. So for rule 1 you might say



“I’m hosting a party and...”

“....Bugs Bunny can come to my party...”

...but Captain Hook can’t come to my party.”

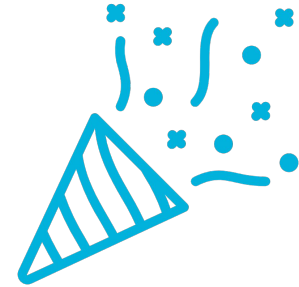
The other players have to guess the rule for your guestlist by asking questions like:

“I’m Harry Potter, can I come to your party?” or “I’m a mouse, can I come to your party?”

Need ideas for rules? Skip to the next page of this pack for some prompts!

I'm hosting a party...

Some ideas for rules for your guestlist...



You're on the guestlist if...

You're not on the guestlist if...

You are from the past

You are alive today

You are a girl or a woman

You are a boy or a man

You are an animal

You are a human

You are a child

You are an adult

You have more than two legs

You have two legs or fewer

You can fly

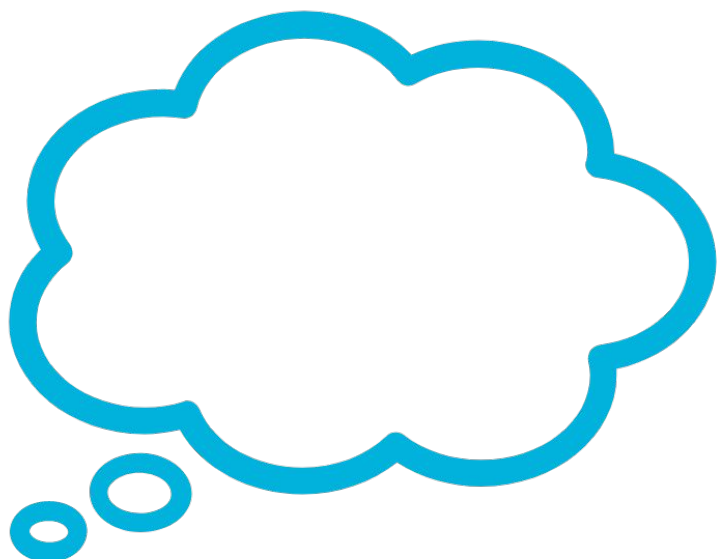
You can't fly

Remembering historical celebrations

Throughout history people have celebrated big events and good news together!

Does your Buddy remember any of these big UK celebrations?

The Queen's Coronation (1953) The New Millenium (2000) The London Olympics (2012)



Find out if your older Buddy has any memories from these celebrations, or from other big celebrations in their lifetime.

You could ask them:

- Did you do anything to celebrate these events?
- Do you have any special memories from that day?
- What was the celebration about?
- Why was it important?

It's time to finish today's call. How did it go? We'd love to hear about the celebrations that you talked about – [tweet us](#) or [share on Facebook](#) at @incommonlondon, or send it to hello@incommonliving.com!

Between now and your next Buddies call your challenge is to...



Host your own party



There's always a reason to party! Your challenge is to host a party for your household to celebrate together.

Think about what your party is going to celebrate.
Is there a theme? Do you want to send invitations? Decorate a room?

Plan some party food?

Dress up in your best clothes?

We'd love to see your party pictures too!