



A very happy birthday!

It was my birthday yesterday. I turned 8!

In our family, on birthdays, we buy new clothes to wear. We give sweets to friends in school and our neighbours. We might get some money from grandparents, uncles and aunts. If a birthday falls on a weekend, we invite family for dinner.

This year, my birthday was on a Saturday. We had school that morning. Before I went to bed, I set out my new clothes and packed the sweets for my friends. When I woke up, my parents hugged me and wished me happy birthday. I had phone calls from my grandparents.

I like going to school on my birthday. The teachers are extra kind! Even my friends! I shared the special lunch which my mother had packed me, with all my friends.

In the evening, my uncles, aunts and cousins came home. We had great fun playing. My mother made a delicious dinner – biriyani! It's my favourite thing to eat. After that, we walked down to the ice cream shop and I was allowed three scoops of ice cream. This has never happened before!

I also got some birthday money. My mother told me it would be rude to count it in front of the guests. At night, after we came back home from the ice cream shop, I took the money out of all the envelopes and counted it: two hundred rupees in one, one crisp five hundred rupee note in another and a thousand rupee note in another! What a lot of money!

I now need to plan what I want to buy. I may buy some new books to read. Maybe some toys too. I will also buy something nice for my sister.

What a wonderful birthday this has been!



Questions

1. How old is this child now?

2. Does he normally get presents on his birthday?

3. Why does he like going to school on his birthday?

4. What was special at the ice cream shop?

5. How much birthday money did he get in total?

6. From this passage, do you think he is a kind child who likes to share?



Answers:

- 1) This child is now 8 years old.
- 2) No. He does not normally get presents on his birthday.
- 3) He likes going to school on his birthday because his teachers and friends are extra kind to him then.
- 4) He was allowed to have three scoops of ice cream, because it was his birthday.
- 5) He got one thousand and seven hundred rupees in total.
- 6) I think he is kind and likes to share because he plans to use his birthday money to buy something for his sister.

Answer key:

Please remember that you need to reward your child's ability to reason and use language creatively. The above are only examples of answers. If your child has constructed an answer that is different to this but that is grammatical and sound in its reasoning, mark it as correct.

