

# Haruka's birthday surprise

## Warm-up

1. When is your birthday? (*My birthday is on...*)
2. What do you like to do on your birthday? (*I like to...*)
3. What is the best birthday present you have ever received? (*The best present was...*)

## Vocabulary Match

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| 1. surprise ● | ● gifts              | 5. guests ●  | ● light with fire |
| 2. decorate ● | ● fun floating balls | 6. cake ●    | ● people visiting |
| 3. presents ● | ● "wow!"             | 7. candles ● | ● sweet dessert   |
| 4. balloons ● | ● make beautiful     | 8. party ●   | ● celebration     |

## Story

Haruka is a young girl in Japan. Today is her birthday, and she is very excited. She goes to school and sees her friends. They all say, "Happy birthday, Haruka!" After school, Haruka's mother takes her to the park. She thinks they are just going for a walk, but when they arrive, she sees a big surprise. Her friends and family are there for a birthday party!

Everyone has decorated the park with colorful balloons and streamers. There are presents on a table and a beautiful cake with candles. Haruka's friends sing "Happy Birthday" to her, and she blows out the candles. They play games, eat cake, and have a lot of fun. Haruka opens her presents and thanks everyone for the great surprise. She feels very happy and loved.

## Quiz

1. Where does Haruka's mother take her after school?
2. What does Haruka do when her friends sing "Happy Birthday" to her?

## Conversation

- Haruka: Wow! I can't believe you all did this for me!
- Friend: Of course, Haruka! We wanted to make your birthday special.
- Haruka: Thank you so much. This is the best surprise ever.
- Friend: You're welcome! Now, let's eat some cake and have fun!
- Haruka: Yes, I'm ready to party!
- Friend: Haha, let's do it!

## Discussion Questions

1. Do you live near a park? What can you do there?
2. Which do you like better, your birthday or Christmas? Why?
3. What present would you like to get next?