

Happy Birthday To You

As we have had some births recently, I thought you might like a light-hearted quiz about birthdays.

- In 100 AD, the first ever recorded Birthday invitation was sent out by whom?
 - the wife of a Roman general [Claudia Severa, the wife of Aelius Brocchus.]
 - a Chinese emperor.
 - a Celtic warrior queen.
 - a llama.
- At Mexican birthday parties people traditionally hit piñatas with sticks until what happens?
 - cake falls out.
 - sweets fall out.
 - jelly and ice cream fall out.
 - birthday cards fall out.
- Which of these is a traditional birthday treat in South Korea?
 - sausage rolls in custard.
 - seaweed soup.
 - pickled eggs.
 - roast turnip cake.
- “Happy Birthday” was originally sung to the tune of “Jingle Bells”.
 - True!
 - What? False!
- Since you celebrated your last birthday how many earthquakes do you think the world has had?
 - 10
 - 1,000
 - 2,000
 - 20,000
- In Canada it’s tradition that on your birthday friends get to rub butter on your nose.
 - True.
 - False.
- Which month accounts for the maximum number of birthday celebrations?
 - November.
 - August.
 - May.
 - February.
- What did Shakespeare do on his 52nd birthday?
 - have a huge party on a boat.
 - publish ‘Cymbeline’.
 - learn to play the lute.
 - die.

9. Which of these is not a *normal* ingredient in a birthday cake?
- A. flour.
 - B. eggs.
 - C. sugar.
 - D. Raisins.
10. How much did the Sultan of Brunei spend on his 50th birthday party?
- A. \$1 million
 - B. \$7 million
 - C. \$27 million
 - D. \$50 million