2 Why are celebrations important?

Key Words

1 2.1 **Preview the Key Words.**

road

sky

laugh (v)

join

parade

swing (v)

2 **Circle two correct answers for each question.**

1	What can you see on a road?	a fish	b cars	c buses
2	What can you see in a parade?	a people	b trees	c drums
3	What do you do when you are happy?	a sing	b laugh	c sleep

Pre-reading

3 **Look at pages 19–21. Then, mark (✔) the correct setting.**

a ☐

b ☐

c ☐

4 2.2 **Listen and read.**

Eva's Birthday Parade

By Jennie Harrop • Illustrated by Luis Montiel

Eva is eight!
She runs down the road.
And sings a happy song.
La dee dah dee!
She sings to the sky.
Her sister sings along.

Eva sings loud.
Her sister does, too.
They march, and they laugh in the sun.
Fa la dee dah!
Three brothers jump in.
They drum, and they join in the fun.

Eva looks up.
She sees two tall trees.
She smiles at the birds in the sky.
Thrum tum do dum!
The parade moves on.
Two cousins jump down from up high.

She lifts her legs.
And then swings her arms.
She waves at Grandmother's house.
Bop bee top wee!
Two bluebirds join in,
Six geese, two ducks, and a mouse.

Her aunt, uncle,
Some neighbors, and pets,
The parade is a noisy zoo.
Tweet honk quack squeak!
The pets sing along.
Their song is happy and true.

Eva sees home.
She runs to her yard.
Everyone gathers around.
Rum tum tap tap!
Her mom and her dad
Smile and clap at the sound.

Eva is eight!
She runs down the road.
And dances a birthday dance.
La dee dah dee!
She sings her new song.
And everyone now sings along!

Key Words

1 Circle the correct Key Word.

a Eva runs down the **road** / **parade**.

b She **laughs** / **swings** her arms.

c Eva is happy. She **laughs** / **joins**.

d Two bluebirds **swing** / **join** the parade.

e Eva sings to the **sky** / **road**.

f The **parade** / **road** is very noisy!

Comprehension

2 Match.

1 ducks

2 mouse

3 geese

4 pets

5 bluebirds

a

b

c

d

e

3 Circle *T* (true) or *F* (false).

a Eva is seven years old. T F

b The trees are tall. T F

c Eva's grandmother joins the parade. T F

d There are pets in the parade. T F

e It's Mother's Day. T F

4 Answer the questions.

a How many sisters does Eva have? _____

b How many brothers does Eva have? _____

c How many uncles join the parade? _____

d How many cousins join the parade? _____

e How many geese are in the parade _____

Digging Deeper

5 Underline the correct option.

1 What is the parade for?
   a Eva's birthday b Mother's Day

2 How do Eva's sisters, brothers, and cousins go to the birthday party?
   a They go by bike. b They join the parade.

3 Why does everybody sing?
   a Because Eva is happy. b Because they're in a parade.

4 Why is the parade called a "noisy zoo"?
   a There are noisy people and animals. b There are a lot of pets.

5 Why does Eva run to her yard?
   a Because she is hungry. b Because her birthday party is there.

6 Read the poem again. Write the words that have similar meanings to the underlined words.

comes together high join

a Three brothers jump in. _____

b She sees two tall trees. _____

c Everyone gathers around. _____

Personalization

7 Imagine your own parade. Then, answer the questions.

a What is the parade for? _____

b Who is in the parade? _____

c Where does the parade start and finish? _____

d What music is there? _____

e What do you do in the parade? _____

8 In your notebook, draw yourself in your birthday parade.

2 Why are celebrations important?

Key Words

1 2.3 **Preview the Key Words.**

take care of

invite (v)

trash (n)

decorate

plastic

wrapping paper

2 **Circle the correct Key Word.**

a I always **decorate** / **take care of** my pet. I give it food and water every day.

b My mom uses colorful **trash** / **wrapping paper** for presents.

c We usually **take care of** / **decorate** our school when there is a celebration.

d That toy car is made of **plastic** / **wrapping paper**.

e I want to **invite** / **decorate** my classmates to my birthday party!

f The **plastic** / **trash** smells bad! Please take it outside.

Pre-reading

3 **Look at the title and the pictures on pages 25–27. Predict what a green birthday party is.**

a a party with green decorations

b a party to help the planet

c a party with green fruits and vegetables

4 2.4 **Listen and read.**

Have a Green Birthday Party!

By Jessie Salas

What is a green birthday party? Hint: It's not about a green cake or green party decorations! "Green" means "good for Earth." A green birthday party is a celebration that takes care of our planet. What do you need for a green birthday party?

Party Invitations

First, you need to invite your friends to your party. Don't send paper party invitations! Send e-invites to save trees. There are a lot of free e-invites on the Internet. You can make your own invitations!

Party Decorations

Balloons are fun! But balloons are not good for Earth. They hurt sea animals and birds. If you have balloons at your party, do not let them float away. After the party, always put the balloons in the trash.

Do not decorate with plastic. You can decorate with colorful paper and streamers instead. Use paper party hats, too!

You can also make eco-friendly decorations! Look at these fun party decorations. They are made from toilet paper rolls!

You can also make superheroes, butterflies, monsters, horses, and flowers from toilet paper rolls. Look for ideas on the Internet with an adult!

Party Food and Drinks

Eating healthy food is good for you and the planet. Have some healthy and delicious snacks at your party. For example, you can make popcorn. Or how about watermelon popsicles? Yum! Instead of drinking soda, you can make strawberry lemonade!

Try not to use plastic to serve food and drinks. Buy paper plates and cups or use real ones! If you use plastic plates and cups, you can wash and reuse them!

Presents

Ask your friends and family not to use wrapping paper for your birthday presents. They can use paper bags instead. Why? Because you can reuse them! Remember not to staple, tape, or write on them!

Earth-Friendly Party Favors

Party favors are small presents for your guests. At the end of your party, give your friends and family small plants. But don't use plastic pots! You can make homemade pots using toilet paper rolls or small cardboard boxes. Decorate them for a beautiful party favor.

For your next birthday party, how about a **green birthday party?**

Key Words

1 Circle the correct option.

a What can you take care of?	Earth	plastic	popcorn
b What can you decorate?	friends	cakes	soda
c Who can you invite to a party?	friends	snacks	toys
d What can you put in the trash?	hugs	balloons	fun
e What is made of plastic?	cups	insects	watermelon
f What can you put wrapping paper on?	lemonade	e-invites	presents

Comprehension

2 Check (✔) what you do at a green birthday party.

a decorate with balloons ☐
b send e-invites ☐
c eat healthy food ☐
d use paper decorations ☐
e drink soda ☐
f use plastic plates and cups ☐
g make healthy snacks ☐
h give plants ☐

3 Read the text again. Then, complete the sentences.

a "Green" means "_____ for Earth."
b You save _____ when you send e-invites.
c Balloons can hurt sea animals and _____.
d You can make eco-friendly _____ from toilet paper rolls.
e Look for eco-friendly ideas on the _____ with an adult.
f You can _____ plastic plates and cups.

4 Write four things you can reuse at home.

_____

_____

Digging Deeper

5 **Complete the chart with the items for a green birthday party.**

Normal Birthday Party	Green Birthday Party
paper invitations	a
plastic decorations	b
soda	c
plastic plates and cups	d
wrapping paper	e

6 **Choose the correct option.**

Why don't we write on, staple, or tape gift bags?

a Because the writing is hard to read.

b Because the gift bags look nicer.

c Because we can reuse them.

Personalization

7 **Look at the invitation. Complete the invitation to your own green birthday party. Then, decorate it.**

You're invited to Jane's

GREEN BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Place: 10 Beach Road
Date: August 19
Time: 5 p.m.

Our party has: No plastic
Healthy snacks Green party favors

We love Earth!

You're invited to _____'s

GREEN BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Place: _____
Date: _____
Time: _____

Our party has: _____
_____ _____