

The Makebreaks Fun **BIRTHDAY TRADITIONS QUIZ** Questions

Answer each question as true or false

- 1** In Guatamala, a traditional rite of passage among the Inczul tribe required a boy that reached his 14th birthday to walk silently along a jungle path while blindfolded elders of the tribe attempted to blow poison darts at them. It was only finally outlawed following a death in 1997.
- 2** In Norway, they choose not to sing the traditional Happy Birthday to You song. Instead they prefer a local ditty called Hurra for Deg or Hooray for You.
- 3** In Germany, when men reach 30 and are still single, they are expected to sweep the steps in front of their local town hall while their friends keep throwing down rubbish.
- 4** In Argentina, child abuse is apparently not frowned upon on birthdays, as adults are expected to pull on the nose of children once for each year of their life. The child's life that is.
- 5** In Vietnam, everyone celebrates their birthday on the same day.
- 6** In Colombia, children don't celebrate their birthday on the day they were born, but on the day that the Saint they were named after died. For the whole day, the child is expected to dress in the manner of the saint at the time of their death.
- 7** Australian children get to enjoy sprinkles on their birthday. However, rather than the sprinkles being glitter and sparkly confetti filling the envelope their card came in, these are candy sprinkles scattered onto buttered bread, better known as Fairy Bread.



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- 8 In Croatia, a celebration believed to date back to Roman times is still followed when friends will spend the morning of someone's birthday attempting to cover the celebrant with cement and then spray them with water.
- 9 In eastern Canada birthday children are ambushed and their noses smeared with butter for good luck.
- 10 In Russia, rather than a cake, the celebrant can instead look forward to the treat of a birthday salmon.

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- 1 False
- 2 True
- 3 True
- 4 False - they pull on the earlobes
- 5 True - on Tet or New Years day
- 6 False
- 7 True
- 8 False
- 9 True
- 10 False



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