

## **Party Time!**

### **Activity 1**

*Discuss with your partner what the 'party' phrases below mean.*

*hen party   party animal   to be a party to something   house-warming party  
party piece   party-pooper   stag party*

### **Activity 2**

*Use the phrases from Activity 1 in the correct form to complete the sentences below.*

1. 'Have you heard? Claire's getting married on the 29<sup>th</sup> August. She's having her ..... the weekend before.'
2. They had a big ..... about a month after they moved to their new place.
3. He got so drunk at his ..... that he was nearly late for his own wedding.
4. 'Oh, listen to my husband! He's telling his golfing joke again. He does it every time we go to a party. It's his .....
5. Jane was always the life and soul of the party. She really knew how to enjoy herself. She had a reputation for being a .....
6. 'Some of the people in my office are mobbing one of the sales representatives. They encouraged me to join in but I refused. I won't ..... it.'
7. 'I don't know what John sees in his new girlfriend. At parties she doesn't dance, she never smiles, and she complains if the music is loud. She's a real .....!'

### **Activity 3**

*Read the definitions of the word 'party' below and decide which two are false.*

1. an occasion when people get together, usually to drink, eat and enjoy themselves.
2. a group of politicians that work together to either get into power or stay in power.
3. a person who helps the government to organise national celebrations.
4. a group of people who participate in an activity or go on a tourist trip together.
5. a group of professional singers who perform at weddings.
6. a person who is on one side of a legal dispute or formal negotiations.

### **Activity 4**

*Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.*

1. Did you often go to parties as a child? What kind of parties were they?
2. What do children eat and drink at birthday parties in your country? Do they play party games?
3. If you were very rich and famous, would you throw big parties for your children's birthdays? Why/not?
4. How much do people spend on parties in your country? Do some people spend too much on parties?
5. Have you ever been to a hen party, a stag party, an office party or a house-warming party?
6. Do people in your country play games at parties? What is your favourite party game?
7. Do you enjoy going to parties? Why/not?
8. Have you ever thrown a party? What was it for? What was it like?
9. Are you a party animal or a party-pooper? Do you have a party piece? If so, what is it?
10. What is the best (or worst) party you have ever been to? Why was it so good (or bad!)?

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### **Activity 5**

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. What is the TP Homework about? a) Children's party games b) Adults' party games c) Both
2. Which of the following party games is not mentioned in the TP Homework?  
a) Pass the Parcel b) Blind Man's Buff c) Hide and Seek
3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

### **Activity 6**

**'Parties are a waste of time (and money)!'**

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