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A COLORFUL BIRTHDAY PARTY



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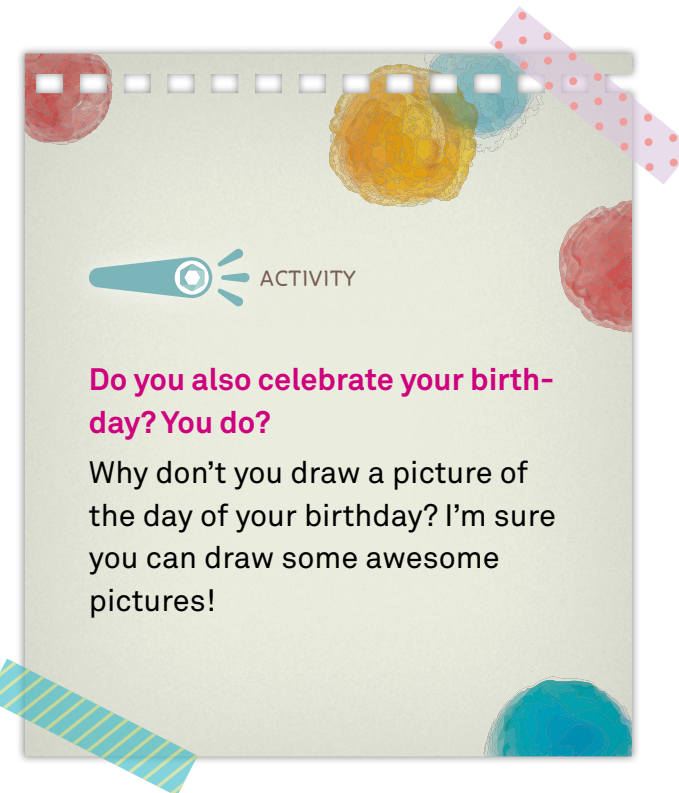
Hi! My name is Abigail, but my friends call me Abi!

I'm delighted to meet you! I have to tell you about something extremely important which is going to happen very soon. Can you guess what it's about? You don't have a clue? Then let me tell you! In a few days I will be celebrating my seventh birthday! I'm really happy and excited because we're having a party and besides, my grandma is coming from very far - from Guatemala - and so are my aunties, who are lots of fun. They always play with me and make up fantastic stories. Some of my class-mates are coming too.

It will be a wonderful day and we'll have a great time!

Mom and I think that it would be a good idea to prepare snacks for everybody, a big cake and games. But the only way to do all of this is by getting organized and doing it together. So the first thing

we are going to do is make a list with the things that have to be done and then decide who does what. My older brother will help us make the list.





The first-aid emotional kit

Hi again!!

It's still not my birthday... I'm soooo nervous! But my grandma, Manuela, is already here. How exciting! I was really looking forward to seeing her. She stayed in Guatemala when my mother, my brother and I were forced to leave the country because mom could not find a job there. I

was very small back then, but I remember I cried a lot when we said goodbye.

She asked me what I wanted for my birthday. I told her that anything would do, but that if I could choose, I'd love to have a train engine. I already have a few wagons, but I don't have the engine. She started roaring with laughter... I still don't know why.

However, I didn't tell grandma that what I'd actually really love is something you cannot buy ... it's something altogether different and I've been longing for it for a long time, but I don't think anyone remembers about it.

And all of a sudden I started to feel sad. I think grandma noticed because she suggested we do a very fun thing that she does with her friends when they feel sad:

We made a first-aid emotional kit!





The kit is fantastic! We found a cardboard box and filled it up with love potions, band-aid hugs, eyedroppers for tears, shout-collector bags and a kisses jar. Woo-hoo... after creating the kit my grandma took a band-aid hug out and gave it to me...and it surely works!



For more information on how to carry out all the activities, see the Educational Guide.



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Do you want to make a first-aid emotional kit in the class?

Create the first-aid emotional kit with love potions, band-aid hugs, eyedroppers for tears and shout-collector bags. The kisses jar is a treasure - you must fill it with kisses and then give one to a friend, one to dad, mom, etc.

Once you have created your emotional kit, you can take something out from it and give it to whom you think might need it most. Use it whenever you need it. You will never use it up and you can fill it with as many things as you wish!



Who does what for your birthday party?

I'm super nervous, but we finally made the organization list for the birthday party. It was no easy task! When we first sat down to make the list of who did what we realized that mom was doing almost everything! That's unfair, so we had to re-organize the tasks. We finally managed to elaborate a fairly distributed list. I've been assigned the following tasks: to set and clear the table, tidy up my bedroom, draw the birthday invitations and - what I like best - help grandma make the cake!

What about you? Do you know who does what for your birthday party?





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I suggest you fill out the card with the help of your family. It will help us see who does what at home. Then, make a big card for the classroom and fill it out with the results from all of the cards. Debate whether the distribution of chores is fair or not.

	Women	Men	Girls	Boys
> Buy and prepare the food				
> Make the ornaments and decorate the house				
> Invite people				
> Set the table				
> Tidy up and clean up after the party				
> Sweep				
> Make the beds				



	Women	Men	Girls	Boys
> Fix the plug				
> Tidy up the bedroom				
> Tidy up the living room / dining room				
> Hang a painting				
> Take care of the pets (if you have any)				
> Clean the bathroom(s)				
> Water the plants / vegetable garden				



Our room

I'm sorry but I must leave you now to go tidy up my room... what a drag! Do you also have to tidy up your bedrooms? Hey, why don't you draw a picture of your bedrooms for me? I'm sure they are fantastic. Draw the picture at home and, if you want, you can and ask your family to help you.

I'm sure your bedrooms are absolutely awesome and cool! My bedroom is very small but we painted it all in green, like a garden, and I love it! Do you want to see it? Here you are! It's a rather big drawing ...



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Draw your bedroom and remember to include as many details as you can so that we can see the things that you like best.

E.g., how are your bed sheets? What is on top of your desk? And on the walls? Do you have toys? What kind of toys? etc. And very important: do not put your name on the drawing so that no one can know who drew it. You can write it on the back of the paper. Later on, in the classroom, you will have to guess if the bedroom belongs to a boy or to a girl.





My grandma Manuela wanted to be train conductor

Hello! You are Abi's new friends, aren't you? Nice to meet you! Abi is at school right now so I'm using this moment to write to you. I guess you know why, don't you? You don't? Ok, I'll tell you!

When I was a child I always asked for a train engine for my birthday. It was the thing that I wanted most in the whole world: a train engine so that I could imagine that I was traveling around the world. That's why I laughed so hard when Abigail told me that she would love to have a train engine!

But you know what? Year after year, there was never a train engine among my birthday presents.... My brother said that it was only normal. Normal? Why? I asked him. And he replied that I should

be playing with dolls and not with trains! I thought that was so unfair! Why shouldn't I play with trains? I couldn't understand it and it really annoyed me.



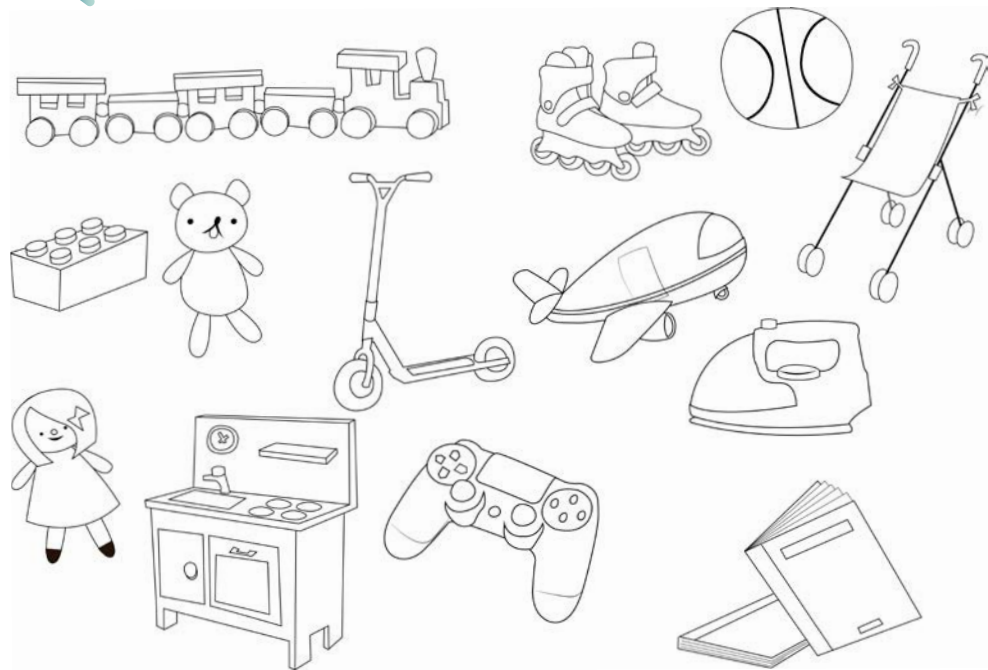


Now that I've told you my story, I would like you to tell me yours. What are your favorite presents and toys?

In my days, there were toys for boys and toys for girls. Do they still give you blue things if you are a boy and pink, if you are a girl? Why don't you discuss this in the classroom?



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Color in your favorite presents. Then, compare your card with the ones that the rest of your classmates have filled out.



In the days of our grandparents...

Abi has been asked to do a work for school and I told her that I would help her... would you like to join us? She needs to know what jobs women and men did some years ago, in the days of your grandparents.

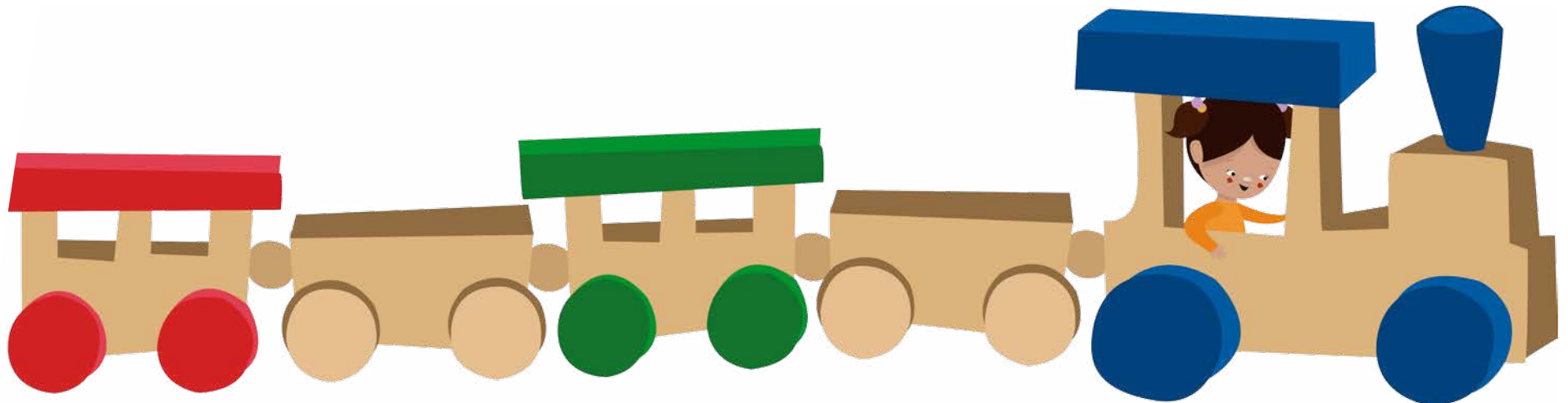
Could you ask your family members?



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Ask your family members who had professions from the following list, in the days of your grandmothers.





In my days ...

A woman

A man

> the sick were looked after by ...

> the bus driver was ...

> the teacher was...

> the person who sold bread was...

> traffic was directed by ...

> the gym teacher was...

> the country was governed by...

> small children were taken care of by ...

> fires were put out by ...

> cars were fixed by ...



In my days ...

A woman

A man

> buildings were built by ...

> the astronauts who travelled to the moon were...

> books were written by

> university was attended by ...



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Discuss the questionnaire on professions in the days of our grandmothers in the classroom. What do you think about the jobs women and men did in the days of our grandmothers?

Wow, you've helped me a lot.
I'm now aware of many things.
I want to be a train conductor
when I grow up and I realize
that this would have been
impossible some years back.
What an unfair situation!



Popular games



I'm super happy to see you again because I want to tell you about something fantastic! Do you remember that we were going to organize games for my birthday party? We've had a wonderful idea, but we need your help!

We want to play traditional, popular games – the ones our parents and older people played when they were kids. I'm sure that you've all played some of these games at least once. I used to play them with Youssef, but he and his family were forced to go back to Germany because they were not able to find a job here. We haven't seen each other since then. He lives very far from here... when I actually think about how far he lives, I feel a little bit sad. I'd better take something from the first-aid emotional kit to cheer me up! The best birthday present I can dream of is of Youssef coming to my party. But it's almost impossible, and besides, I think my mother doesn't even remember him anymore.



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So, I would like you to help me find a popular game with a song, or just a song... it would be fun if we could change the lyrics and make up our own lyrics with the things we have seen and learnt. I have come up with some ideas which I want to include in my song:

- ✓ That boys and girls are all equal.
- ✓ That we can all share household chores.
- ✓ Blue for boys, pink for girls... what a piece of boring nonsense!
- ✓ That there aren't toys for boys and toys for girls; toys are for everyone.



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I have chosen these two popular songs. Do you know them?

Choose the one you like best, read the lyrics and start thinking what things you want to change. The video will show you how to play. You can also think of any other songs that you know. The objective is that you have a good time making up new lyrics for the songs.

How you play it:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=7d07kTAEcN8



DON FEDERICO MATÓ A SU MUJER

*Don Federico mató a su mujer,
la hizo picadillo y la hizo a la sartén.
La gente que pasaba
olía a carne asada,
era la mujer de don Federico.
Don Federico perdió su cartera
para casarse con una costurera.
La costurera perdió su dedal
para casarse con un general.
El general perdió su espada
para casarse con una bella dama.
La bella dama perdió su abanico
para casarse con don Federico.*



LOS DÍAS DE LA SEMANA



How you dance to it:

[www.youtube.com/
watch?v=OdOW5G1ydBs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdOW5G1ydBs)

*Lunes antes de almorzar
una niña fue a jugar,
pero no pudo jugar
porque tenía que planchar.
Así planchaba, así, así. (x3)
Así planchaba, que yo la vi.*

*Martes antes de almorzar
una niña fue a jugar,
pero no pudo jugar
porque tenía que coser.
Así cosía, así, así. (x3)
Así cosía, que yo la vi.*

*Miércoles antes de almorzar
una niña fue a jugar,
pero no pudo jugar
porque tenía que barrer.
Así barría, así, así. (x3)
Así barría, que yo la vi.*

*Jueves antes de almorzar
una niña fue a jugar,
pero no pudo jugar
porque tenía que cocinar.*

*Así cocinaba, así, así. (x3)
Así cocinaba, que yo la vi.*

*Viernes antes de almorzar
una niña fue a jugar,
pero no pudo jugar
porque tenía que lavar.
Así lavaba, así, así. (x3)
Así lavaba, que yo la vi.*

*Sábado antes de almorzar
una niña fue a jugar,
pero no pudo jugar
porque tenía que tender.
Así tendía, así, así. (x3)
Así tendía, que yo la vi.*

*Domingo antes de almorzar
una niña fue a jugar,
pero no pudo jugar
porque tenía que pasear.
Así paseaba, así, así. (x3)
Así paseaba, que yo la vi.*



We're having a party!



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Why don't you start by sharing all the things that you have learnt with your family and schoolmates?

You can sing the songs you have reinvented and explain why you have changed the lyrics and its meaning on the school's blog. The more of us there are who are aware that everyone has the same rights and opportunities, the faster things will change.

The day has come at last!! It's a wonderful party with my mom, my brother, my grandma, my aunties and my cousin, the neighbors and also Maria, Lia, Chen, Teresa and Paolo, my school friends.

The cake that grandma and I made was delicious and my mom's garlands were soooo nice. Everybody loved them!

Grandma gave me a train engine which she had made herself out of wood! I'm delighted! But the best moment of the party was when I saw Youssef and his parents come through the door! I even cried with joy because I didn't expect them at all. I thought that mom had actually forgotten all about them. But that was indeed the best birthday present I've had, sharing this special day with the people I love most!

And, you know what? Now it's all clear to me! I'm now aware of many things. I want

to be a train conductor when I grow up and I realize that this would have been impossible some years back. What an unfair situation! However, thanks to the many people who have fought for their right to do what they want, things have changed ... although there's still a long way to go!

FAREWELL MY FRIENDS!



