

Past birthdays

Sharon's birthday's on November 3rd. Her husband Steve usually takes her to a fancy restaurant so she can have whatever she wants. However, last year things went a bit differently. He surprised her by taking her to a famous spa. It was beautiful. There were lots of rooms where people could get all kinds of treatments, and the staff was very helpful. They treated her like a Goddess. She got a facial massage and a cucumber face mask. Sharon was so relaxed she fell asleep. She then got a full-body massage with a refreshing cream and then jumped into the sauna for a few minutes to end her day. She had such a great time that she didn't get stressed for a few weeks.

Steve doesn't care much about celebrating his birthday, but Sharon loves making him happy. On his last birthday, Sharon called his entire family for a barbecue as a surprise. Steve was really happy. He loves spending time with his family. He caught up with his siblings and his cousins that live overseas. The meat was delicious and they also had champagne. They all know that Steve loves movies, so they gave him several movies and books. When it got dark, his siblings stayed at his place but his others relatives left. That was without a doubt his favorite birthday.

On August 7th Sharon took Sara shopping for her birthday. Sara hates going shopping, especially for clothes. She's always in a bad mood when her mom takes her to the local mall. On that day, Sharon finally listened to her daughter and ended up buying her a new bike. Sara was thrilled. The minute they got home, she called her friends and went out to ride her new bike. Sharon told her to be very careful, so they stayed close to the neighborhood. She rode their bike down a steep hill and it was so windy Sara felt the breeze freeze her cheeks. She spent the whole afternoon with her friends until the sun went down and it was time to go back home.

Sharon threw a huge party for her son Justin years ago. It was then, however, when she learned he didn't really like parties. So last year, she called all his closest friends and had them come over. The kids played video games, while the moms had coffee in the terrace. They then had chocolate cake and watched a movie. Steve gave his son new books and Sara baked him his favorite cookies. Later on, the kids stayed for a sleepover, although a few hours later they all fell asleep. They were probably exhausted after having fun all day. The next day Justin was really happy. He thanked his mom and asked her if they could do the same the following year.

Answer the following questions:

1- Where does Steve usually take his wife for her birthday?

2- What treatments did Sharon get at the spa?

3- What was the last thing Sharon did at the spa?

4- Is Steve usually excited about celebrating his birthday?

5- What did they have to eat for Steve's birthday?

6- What presents did Steve get?

7- Did all of Steve's relatives stay over at his place?

8- How does Sara feel when her mom takes her shopping?

9- Did Sara go ride her bike by herself?

10- What did Sharon tell her daughter?

11- Why didn't Sharon throw a big party for her son Justin?

12- Who did Sharon invite to her son's birthday?

13- What did Sara do for her brother on his birthday?

14- Did the kids stay up all night?

Conjugate the verbs correctly:

1- Sharon and Steve (**to eat**) at a great restaurant 2 years ago.

2- Sharon (**to have**) longer hair when she (**to be**) younger.

3- Sharon (**to be**) 25 years old when she and Steve (**to get**) married.

4- Sharon (**to study**) some French years ago but (**to be**) never really good at it.

5- Steve (**to move in**) with Sharon when they (**to celebrate**) their first anniversary.

6- Steve (**to cry**) out of happiness when Sara (**to be**) born.

7- Steve (**to propose**) to Sharon when they (**to visit**) Paris.

8- Sara's teachers (**to congratulate**) her for her excellent grades last year.

9- Sara (**to like**) soccer in the past but not anymore.

10- Sara (**to fall off**) her bike once and Sharon (**to get**) really worried.

11- Sara's friends (**to give**) her a huge teddy bear on her birthday 3 years ago.

12- Justin (**to hate**) broccoli years ago but now he (**to like**) it.

13- Justin (**to learn**) to draw very well when he (**to be**) only 6 years old.

14- Justin (**to play**) videogames on his computer every day until it (**to stop**) working.

Glossary/Glosario:

Fancy: lujoso/a

(For things) to go differently: (que las cosas) pasen/sucedan distinto

Helpful: servicial

Goddess: diosa

Cucumber: pepino

Face mask: máscara facial

To jump in (a place): meter(se) en (un lugar)

Barbecue: parrilla

To catch up: poner(se) al día/al tanto

Overseas: en el exterior

To give (someone) (something) ***as a gift***: regalar(le) (algo) (a alguien)

Without a doubt: sin duda alguna

To be in a bad mood: estar de mal humor

To end up (doing something): terminar (haciendo algo)

To ride a bike: manejar bicicleta

Hill: colina

Steep: empinado/a

To be windy: hacer viento

To throw a party: organizar una fiesta

Closest friends: amigos más cercanos

To bake: hornear

A sleep over: una pijamada

To thank (someone): dar(le) las gracias (a alguien)

To ask (someone) to do (something): pedir(le) (a alguien) que haga (algo)

The following year: el año que viene/entrante/siguiente