

# AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 57

## IELTS Part 3 Questions

- **How do people in your country celebrate birthdays?**

Depending on their financial status they could either keep it pretty **low key** or go to great length in order to make it as epic as it gets. With that being said, they all have a lot in common. I mean, there is are a lot of balloons, which people would usually pop after the party. And... I almost forgot, the cake you know, which is the **part and parcel** of the celebration. You can't **do away with** it for sure. Even if it's an **itty bitty** cake, you gotta have it there.

- **Are birthdays more important for children or for adults?**

I **reckon** it's much of a bigger deal for kids than it is for adults. Or at least that's how it used to be back in the day. But recently, things have changed and adults seem to be **fretting over** having a birthday more. For kids, it's a not to be forgotten **milestone**. The thing is, since they'll be in the **limelight** for a few hours, they wanna make it happen at any cost, and you know how kids **crave** attention.

- **Why some people dislike attending parties?**

Some folks are biologically **hardwired** to **detest** being surrounded by others and therefore they **give it a wide berth**. I have never been a **loner** or a **shut-in**, so it **beats me** why some guys would really want to keep to themselves in lieu of blending in with others. Anyhow, I don't wanna sound like a pessimist but, sometimes staying away from others could **keep** potential problems **at bay**. I mean sometimes people **rub you the wrong way** and keeping a safe distance is must you know.

## Language Focus

### Low key

not elaborate, showy, or intensive; modest or restrained.

"their marriage was a very quiet, low-key affair"

### Part and parcel

An integral or essential piece; that which must be done or accepted as part of something else.  
Regular maintenance is part and parcel of owning a car.

### Do away with sth

put an end to; remove.

"the desire to do away with racism"

### Itty-bitty

very small; tiny.

"itsy-bitsy candles that couldn't light the path of an ant"

### Reckon

be of the opinion.

"he reckons that the army should pull out entirely"

### Fret over something

When you fret over something, it consumes your thoughts.

### Milestone

a significant stage or event in the development of something.

"the speech is being hailed as a milestone in race relations"

### Limelight

the focus of public attention.

"the shock win has thrust him into the limelight"

### Crave

feel a powerful desire for (something).

"if only she had shown her daughter the love she craved"

**Hardwired**

make (a pattern of behavior or belief) standard or instinctive.

"it takes about three weeks for a new habit to be hardwired in your brain"

**Detest**

dislike intensely.

"she really did detest his mockery"

**Give it a wide berth**

stay away from someone or something.

"I'd sworn to give women a wide berth"

**A loner**

a person that prefers not to associate with others.

"my interest in birdwatching had made me a bit of a loner"

**A shut in**

A shut-in is a person confined indoors, especially as a result of physical or mental disability  
agoraphobia

**Beats me**

not know; to not understand

**keep something/someone at bay**

prevent someone or something from approaching or having an effect.

"drugs were keeping severe pain at bay"

**Rub someone the wrong way**

irritate or repel someone (as by stroking a cat against the lie of its fur).

"his supreme self-confidence is likely to rub many up the wrong way"