Activity 1. Read the questions below and prepare your own answer. Remember to give a direct answer to the question first, then extend your answer by adding extra information in a couple of sentences.

Activity 2. Read the answers below carefully and highlight expressions, vocabulary or idioms that you wish to remember. Make sure you practice them in your speaking, so that you can make use of them in your speaking test.

Part 2. Party

Describe a party you attended and you remember well.

You should say:

what the party was

who attended the party

what you brought

and explain what you liked and disliked about the party.

I'd like to talk about a party that I attended and I remember well.

That was actually my best friend's daughter's 1st birthday party. Lots of friends attended the party as well as the baby's grandparents and a number of relatives. Well, to be frank, I had no idea what I had to bring there as I don't really know much about babies or child upbringing, and I've never raised a baby myself. So, after thinking really hard, I just bought a gift voucher. I know it may sound lame and maybe a bit pathetic but that's what happened.

What I liked about the party was the decorations, music and that the photo slides of the baby. The photos were so good and it showed every stage of the baby's development since her birth until she became a year old. She smiled in some photos, she cried in some others and all of them looked so cute and adorable. I think that was the best part of the party.

If I have to say about the thing that I disliked about the party, I would say it was the fact that I was seated with a bunch of people that I'd never met before, so I felt a little awkward to be with them and I didn't feel like I actually belonged to the others at the table as all people except me knew each other and I felt like I was an outsider of the group. So, that was the part that I liked least about the party.

Q: Why do some people like parties while others dislike it?

Well, parties are usually overcrowded and noisy with the sound of music and talking. So, I think some people do not really like parties as they want to stay quiet and they are not keen to talk to many people. Others are different and they just love the atmosphere of parties, I guess.

Q: What would you do when you notice that some of the guests of your party look bored?

Well, at the moment I can't really think of a way to amuse my guests. I'm not really sure what I can do about it. but it would make me feel quite frustrated for sure. Umm, I’m sorry that I can’t think of any ways to entertain my guests when they are bored.