



## Lesson 53:

# Anniversary-birthday Card

Conversation Lesson with a Story,  
Vocabulary Practice,  
Questions and Activities

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# The Story

"Do you have any anniversary-birthday cards?"  
a man asked the stationer.

"We have anniversary cards and we have birthday cards, but we don't carry one that combines both. Why?"

"Simple," replied the man. "My wife is celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of her thirty-fourth birthday."

Source: [The Internet TESL Journal](#)



# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

1) **'Anniversary'** means ...

- a) the day a person is born
- b) exactly the day a person gets married
- c) the same date when sth happened in the past
- d) party given for birthday

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# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

2) A '**stationer**' is a person who ...

- a) looks after stations
- b) sells pencils, paper, etc.
- c) is in a station
- d) takes pictures

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# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

3) To **'carry'** here means to ...

- a) have sth for sale
- b) have sth to eat
- c) give as a result
- d) move one's head

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# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

- 4) To '\_\_\_\_\_' means to do sth to show that a day or a happening is special ...
- a) combine
  - b) simplify
  - c) celebrate
  - d) station

# Questions for Discussion

- 1) Why is the lady celebrating the anniversary of her birthday and not just her birthday?
- 2) What are anniversary cards for?
- 3) Do people in your family send birthday cards to each other?
- 4) How do you usually celebrate your birthday?

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# Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
  - a) anniversary
  - b) birthday
  - c) stationer
  - d) celebrate

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# Anniversary Proverb

**‘Anniversaries are like a vintage wine, better and better all the time.’**

- What does the proverb ‘say’? Explain.
- Is there a proverb in your mother tongue which bears the same meaning?

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# Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

You are at a language course **in England** and you are staying with an English family. You and your host brother/sister are **planning a birthday celebration for his/her mother**. You should agree on a place where to organize the celebration and discuss the details. Person B will play the role of your **English host brother/sister** and **will start** the conversation.



# Role Play:

## Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

- *Service*
- *More space*
- *Comfort*
- *No cleaning*
- *Live music*
- *Other*