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ello, Which preposition is correct in this context? On my birthday celebration, I sometimes eat cookies. In my birthday celebration, I sometimes eat cookies. In my birthday celebration, I sometimes on. What do you think? I would say "for" my birthday celebration. I'd say "At my birthday celebration. I'd say "At my birthday celebration. I.", but it might be more natural to jour my birthday or "At my birthday party". Thank you for your kind replies. Does on sound odd to your ear? I saw it used by a native-English speaker once. "On my birthday celebration" really. It sounds very odd with celebration, yes, but there might be a context in which it is OK. American	
ten uses prepositions very differently to British English, so it's possible that on might be all right there. I hope a U.S. English speaker will add a reply to help you decide. Yes, "birthday" or "to celebrate my birthday". Thanks to all of your help to give me these suggestions. I've own. I'm an AE speaker, and I've never heard on used with birthday celebration. It's always "on my birthday celebration." We usually say birthday party or to celebrate my birthday. I'm an AE speaker, and I've never heard on used with birthday celebration. It's always "on my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," we usually say birthday celebration. It's always "on my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration," although as Loob said, we don't often say "birthday celebrate my birthday celebration	got it
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efer to a party. Thanks, You mean if I go to dinner with my friend on my birthday, it is a celebration, but if we do crazy or take photographs it can be named as party? Would you please make it more clear? what do you mean by "more specific"? Yes, I did. It didn't help! party / pa:ti/n (pl-ties) a social gathering for pleasure, often held as a celebration makes me think that "party" is more general, not specific! There are many ways to celebrate a birthday. A party is just one of them. Parties are not. I think it is more clear now. Would you please name some parties which is common in your country? and not celebrations. I want to compare, I think it would help me get the difference. "My birthday celebrate your birthday or birthday." i.e. what you have for breakfast might be part of the way that you celebrate your birthday.	ebration name
egardless, the celebration doesn't seem like a container that something can be "in". Did you have a particular sentence in mind? Let's substitute it for PARTY? I eat a lot in my birthday parties. (wrong?) Hi, people. resident sends a congratulatory message to a painter on the occasion of his birthday. Is it correct to say "The Armenian President congratulated the painter on his 65th birth anniversary or birthday jubilee and wished him good health and further creative success." Do I have to mention "birth" here? If you don't mention "birthday" (which is the	The e
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peaking as one who reached that 65th birthday some time ago, there was no name or it, much less a pompous one. As such, I don'rt see how we can help. People, but it is not just a birthday, a jubilee one. That may be true in your culture and/or native language. However, for most native speakers of English, "[ordinal nurber really is enough, even when the ordinal number describing the birthday ends in a 5 or a 0. This fact is verified by the general nonuse of the type of word or expression you've asked about. Mher85, a jubilee is a celebration of an anniversary (a wedding anniversary, for example). Although one's birthday is technically an anniversary of the was born, we don't refer to it as an "anniversary" in English. I remember attending my grandparents' Golden Jubilee (their 50th wedding anniversary celebration). Some people even referred to them as "the golden jubilarians." In 2012, there was the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the U.K. (celebrating 60 years of the Queen's reign).	the day e the
becial names for the 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 75th, and 100th anniversaries. As noted above, these do not apply to birthdays. Source: Wikipedia. Thank you, Language Hound! Like you, I also attended my grandparents' Golden Jubilees. I referring to a birthday as a jubilee! It was a joke, though, I was just playing with the language. I actually love the idea of referring to a birthday as a jubilee, because it is such a lovely word. However, it's not done. In some countries in which I have been at a loss to know how to respond when friends there have greeted me on my rthday with very formal, and sometimes quite long, expressions. I was most impressed by the way the young guests at the sixth birthday party of a friend's grandson's here in the Czech Republic all shook his hand and gave what seemed to be a quite formal mini-speech. We British tend to be content with simply 'Happy Birthday'. My 60th was	s quite
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nhealthy life style' did say 'Congratulations'. The same is in Armenia. It is a common practice among Eastern peoples to raise long toasts. I would say you British do not like to talk at all. My impression is that you are quite cold and indifferent to surroundings, though I have never been to Britain and I might be wrong. I referred to my 25th birt silver jubilee! It was a joke, though, I was just playing with the language. I actually love the idea of referring to a birthday as a jubilee, because it is such a lovely word. However, it's not done. In Armenia, we refer to "special" anniversaries, i.g. 25th, 40th, 50th etc., as "jubilee anniversaries." Here jubilee is an adjective which means something estive or "solemn." For example, "This year Armenians are going to celebrate the 90th jubilees'. We use that same word pron	g like
ur way. We have a birthday every year and a 'jubilee' every 5 years. I have no idea how this can be expressed in English without coercing English-speakers to adopt our word, which also happens to exist in English without coercing English-speakers to adopt our word, which also happens to exist in English. Perhaps we should be descriptive and a 'jubilee' every 5 years. I have no idea how this can be expressed in English without coercing English-speakers to adopt our word, which also happens to exist in English. Perhaps we should be descriptive and say things li ound-number birthday' or 'special 65th birthday', etc. I think that "special" is not bad, but, anyway, it does not connote the meaning of "jubilee." A 43th birthday" or "at my birthday". Apparently you can say both. In which context do you use "on" and "at"? Many to	ke
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ways has to be 'day' when using 'on' in this kind of sentence. I think this may be correct, but the 'day' is not always said. It is sometimes understood to mean the date you were married but in a later year. It seems to me like when using 'on' there always has to be 'day.' I went through another thread about 'at/on Christmas' and the answer was, 'on Christmas day' and 'at Christmas.' Please let me know if there always has to be 'day' when using 'on' in this kind of sentence. "on my wedding day" is correct, I think. Please look at the following sources: 1. Our car had been washed the day before, but was on my wedding day at six in the morning washing the car. Semone Deon King, A Rose Amongst Thorns, 2014, p 77 2. I did not want to get into an argument with her on my wedding day, so I walked away. Rose Moeng, Woman Made of Man, 2013, p 27 I've just come across an English grammar problem for Japanese junior high students, was not a support of the car. Semone Deon King, A Rose Amongst Thorns, 2014, p 77 2. I did not want to get into an argument with her on my wedding day, so I walked away. Rose Moeng, Woman Made of Man, 2013, p 27 I've just come across an English grammar problem for Japanese junior high students.	ways ut there
akes me wonder its validity. Choose (a), (b), (c) or (d) that includes a grammatically incorrect word or phrase. A: Your birthday (a) is coming soon, (b)isn't it? B: Yes. I'm (c) excited. (d)What is yours? And the workbook I have says the answer is (d), and that (d) must be changed to "When". Meanwhile, google search gives me the following hit composed to "When" in this example a very common error? Or is it equally as correct as "When", and so the above problem is the wrong one? Thank you for your cooperation! When speaking they both can be understood equally (although What is ore awkward) but, I think When is the correct The answer hinges on the context. The conversation has been about when one person's birthday is, so the "when is your birthday" would be more common. The answer hinges on the context. The conversation has been about when one person's birthday is your birthday is your birthday.	ounts: s a little
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owever, to avoid the answer 1942, for example, we would have to say full date of birth. Birth date? Yes. Here, that's what officials stitutions (government agencies, hospitals, banks) want when they ask "date of birth" (often abbreviated DOB). As previously noted, if someone such as a friend asks "When is your birthday?", only the month and date of the month are being asked about, not the year. Despite the very enlightening answers, I'd like to reword two points. 1- Birt mostly used a piece of information per se (usually serves formal purposes); e.g., in application forms (as stated above). 2- Birthday? (perhaps referring to the social event it may imply to celebrate). So, considering the sample sentence in your question, it's inquiri	and hdate:
birthday" "coming" implying the possibility of a social interest (in addition to "I'm excited"). And finally, the hit counts may be due to formal resources on the web in contrast to a spoken corpus. Last edited: Apr 22, 2016 A Part of Conversation Questions for the ESL Classroom. How are birthdays celebrated in your country? What are some birthday memory? What is your worst birthday memory? Have you ever had a surprise birthday gift you have ever received? What is the worst birthday gift you have ever received? What is the best time of year to have a birthday? How do people you know celebrate turning 40? Do you think getting older (40, 50, 60) is depressing for people, or a happy occasion?	hday ived?
by you think is the best age? Do you like going to work on your birthday? Did you like going to school on your birthday gifts or cards do you like going to go you know any famous people's birthday? Or you know of any big events that happened the year you were born? What is the best birthday gift you have ever received? What is the worst birthday gift you have ever received? What is the worst birthday gift you have ever given? If you are in your teen years, tell how old you will be in twenty years time and say whether you look forward to that age or does it scare you. If you could celebrate your own birthday the way you wanted, what would you do?	u send have
ould you like to go? How many people would you invite? Would you rether celebrate your birthday? What would you celebrate your birthday? What would you celebrate your birthday? What would you celebrate your birthday? If you can think of another good question for this list, please add it. Thanks to Belinda who suggested this topic and contributed the first uestions in April 2008. Copyright © 1997-2010 by The Internet TESL Journal Should I say "My birthday is Jan. 1" or "My birthday is Jan. 1." On the other hand, if someone asks about your birthday after the birthday is over, it is common to say,	prepare 10
rthday was on Jan. 1." I could say "My birthday is the eighth of August", or "My birthday is on the eighth" or "My birthday is on August the eighth". All four are possible in BE and in Australia. Hi guys! Can someone help me please? How is the answer when I say: "When is your birthday?" a) On the 22th of January of the year 1989; or c) On the 22th of January 1989 or for what is your birthday would be I was born on the 22nd of January 1989 or for what ambiguous. "Birthday" generally is just a month and day. If I specifically want to know when someone was born, I would ask "What is your date of birth." As for "guys" please note that some of our forum members are females offended by that assumption and	the t's on
ou are trying to be "folksy," it's not always appreciated. But you do not use any prepositions are used when people (e.g. politicians) are making speeches, and want to sound very formal. "On this 30th day of November, in the year Two Thousand Ten, we hereby establish " As your birthday is the anniversary of your birth, it is just and month. Your date of birth will include the full year. As for prepositions, I think you have two options for answering "When is your birthday?": 1) "It's on January 22nd." 2) "January 22nd." Giving your date of birth, I would go with Ceremoniar's suggestion- month, date, year- no introduction, no prepositions, no nothing. for what day were born would be i was born on the 22nd of January 1989 or for what is your birthday would be It's on the 22th of January in the year 1989; or c) On the 22th of January of the	ust the you
288; So which preposition (in or of) should I use? And how is the correct answer? Thank you very much! If I use it, I will write as on the 22th January in the 1989" sounds a bit formal? Sounds a bit wrong Simple conversation (1). When is your birthday? Fifth of January in the date the same way - 4/10/2010. "Fourth of October two thousand and ten". Hermione Thanks for the 'guys' comments for "guys" please note that some of our forum members are females offended by that assumption and while you are trying to be "folksy," it's not always appreciated. Sorry for that. Next time I will write more responsibly! "on the 22nd of January in the 1989" Somewhat formal: "on the 22nd of January, 1989" Very formal: "on the 22nd of January in	n of nt sdg
he year 1989" Dear friends, if I write: "My birthday is 7th December." is correct? Thanks! Yes, but it's not the only correct way to write it. EDIT: joanvillafane is only speaking for AE users in her reply below. No, Gisellee - it's not correct (in AE) - cross-post with Rover_KE My birthday is December 7th. Thanks dear British and English friends: Eut it's not the only correct way to write it. EDIT: joanvillafane is only speaking for AE users in her reply below. Dear Rover, you mean that is correct despite it hasn't got the preposition "on"? Thanks for your help! I would say "today." Seriously, however, the question is somewhat ambiguous. "Birthday" generally is just a month and day. If I becifically want to know when someone was born, I would ask "What is your date of birth." As for "guys" please note that some of our forum members are females offended by that assumption and while you are trying to be "folksy," it's not always appreciated. You took the words right out of my mouth. I had the same reaction. Mahau, if the an	3 Yes,
luly corrected, of course, see the posts above) is "On the 22th of January of the year 1989", then the question is "What's your date of birth?" "When were you born"? Not "When's your birthday"? And thanks for defending the category, sdg. Being called a guy doesn't offend me but I find it extremely irritating. Dear friends, what happened with table to get of birth: 30rd of August. (This is a form) Is it correct the use of 'of' Dear friends, what happened with this: Date of birth: 30th - short for "thirtieth" - not 30rd). First of all "the thirtieth" in numerals is written like this: 30th. And I believe several peave already said that "date of birth" usually means Month/Day/Year (AE) (or Day/Month/Year - BE). We probably wouldn't write "the 30th of August" when asked about a birthday, but it wouldn't be uncommon to say it this way - in speech, I mean. We probably wouldn't write "the 30th of August" when asked about a birthday, but it wouldn't be	this: eople
ncommon to say it this way - in speech, I mean. Same in BE. We would write '30/30th August' but would say "the thirtieth of August". And not just for birthdays. In official situations where you have to say your date of birth (to verify your identity on the phone, for example), it's common in American English to use numbers only: "six thirteen se our or what is your birthday would be It's on the 22nd of January 1989 or for what is your birthday would be It's on the 22nd of January 1989 or for what is your birthday is on 26 January 1969! Sounds like simple as. MY is 05.12.1986 Welcome to the forum. When we are asked for our date of birth do we include the year. As simple as what? yes you are Right! Hello, I'd like to wish someone happy birthday. Should I say: (i) Look whose birthday it is; or (ii) Look who's birthday it is Thanks! "Who's" is a contraction of "who is	our
who has". "Whose" is the possessive form of "who". I agree with those answers. I do think the "who's" version is quite common and follows the same "logic" as "it's" - meaning belonging to who or it, that some people extend from other 's possessives, in a form of regularization. Nevertheless, even if it might be logical (not a common description nglish) both "who's" and "it's" as possessives are "incorrect" today! Last edited: Oct 15, 2010 Look whose Birthday it is today! Yesterday, I have had birthday. I have had birthday. I have had birthday is a countable noun, which means that in the singular it always needs an article or other determiner, such as "my". It cannot stand on its own. Thank you for welcomin	of had a
nd thank you for the answer. I was somewhat confused about it, because I have never seen the event of a birthday as a countable event/countable noun but rather as something that up. Yesterday, I have had a birthday Sorry, there is an error of tense as well, but most apportantly it isn't an idiomatic sentence. We say something along these lines: It was my birthday yesterday, I have had a birthday party? "I have had a birthday sounds odd enough to make me question the meaning. Yesterday, I have had a birthday party? "I have had a birthday par	orry,
just tried to force the perfect tense with have. I am aware of the more common form of "It was my birthday" or the perfect form "It has been my birthday" or the perfect form "It has been my birthday" we have had a Christmas yesterday either. But I now understand that birthday just isn't treated like other events su hristmas and Thanksgiving and that it is simply just a countable noun. Consequently I was questioning myself why one can say "I am president" but not "I have birthday". Both countable nouns. Thank you for your reply, though. Last edited: Feb 22, 2019 I just tried to force the perfect tense with have. It doesn't work with a specific time in the set "yesterday". This is important to remember, which is why I brought it up. ("It's been my birthday" is pretty odd too.) Since one wouldn't say "We have had a Christmas yesterday" I get the feeling that you're trying to force English into the way your native German treats past event	ıch as past,
besn't work with a specific time in the past, like "yesterday - "Yesterday, was my birthday." Consequently I was questic yself why one can say "I am president" but not "I have birthday". Both countable nouns. Unique positions of responsibility such as "president" are treated differently from other nouns, and often don't take an article. Neither would we say "We have had a Christmas yesterday" I get the feeling that you're trying to force English into the way you erman treats past events. Yes, I tried to practice the German perfect tense (with have). Great catch on your part Thank you for the info! In English, we might say "She had a birthday yesterday." It's possible, but unlikely and hard to come up with a natural context for. In most cases, we	ir native e'd say
Yesterday was her birthday" or "It was her birthday yesterday" but we probably wouldn't say "She had a birthday yesterday." The same with Christmas: "Yesterday was Christmas" or "It was Christmas yesterday." We don't consider that we 'have' holidays in English. Days just 'are' holidays. Thank you very much and clear explanation much appreciated* Hello everyone, I can see that we use both "birth date" and "date of birth" in English. In which context do we actually use them? Thanks. I don't know Who's 'we'? Where do you 'see'? I say, I'm asked, and I see only 'Date of Birth', or 'DoB'. "Birth date" is used, but "date of birth" is standard in official	n for l
ocuments, while "birthday" is the most common form in everyday US English. As others have said, date of birth is the normal version. The date of birth whereas birthday does not. On the Word Reference user profile page (English), it asks for "Date of Birth" Just sayin' "Birth date" is used, but "date of birth" is standard ficial documents, while "birthday" is the most common form in everyday US English. Good morning, and how about the UK? Is birthday also a common phrase in British English? Birth date / birthday also a common phrase in British English? A birthday is something else. Birthdate and date of birth have the standard first below to be a common phrase in British English? A birthday is something else. Birthdate and date of birth have the standard form a non-native speaker, or perhaps on something and how about the UK? Is birthday also a common phrase in British English? A birthday is something else. Birthdate and date of birth have the standard form and the standard fo	o, to me
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