An Extra Special Birthday

By Guy Belleranti

Rose went to Lexie's birthday party.

The party was in Lexie's back yard.

Rose couldn't believe her eyes. Everyone was leaping and jumping like kangaroos and frogs!

Rose ran over to Lexie. "What's going on?"

Lexie stopped leaping and jumping. "Today is February 29th,"

Suddenly, Rose stopped. "Wait! If February 29th only happens once every four years you only have a birthday once every four years. What happens on the other years?"

"I have my birthday on February 28th or March 1st," said Lexie. She smiled. "I used to want to have birthdays on both days."

"That would be great!" Rose said.

"That's what I thought, too," said Lexie. "Then I changed my mind."
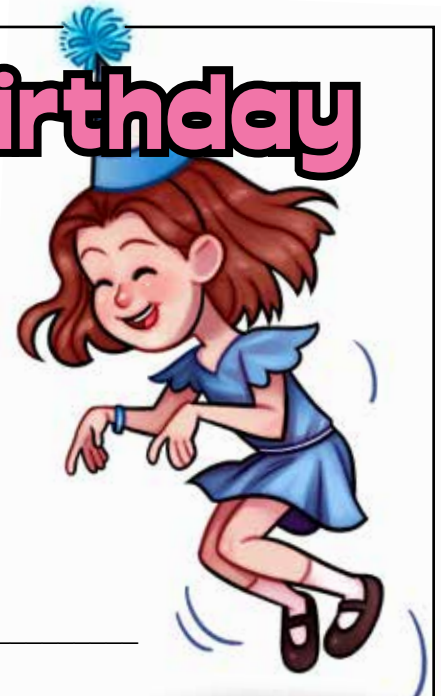
"Why?" asked Rose.

"Because if I had two birthdays on the other years I'd get older than my friends. Someday I might even get older than my parents!"

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1. On what day was Lexie born?

    a. February 28th   **b.** February 29th

    c. February 30th   **d.** March 1st

2. Why is this an unusual day to have a birthday?

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Preview

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4. Re-read the following sentences from the story.

> **"I have my birthday on February 28th or March 1st," said Lexie.**
>
> **She smiled. "I used to want to have birthdays on both days.**
>
> **...Because if I had two birthdays on the other years I'd get older than my friends."**

If Lexie celebrated her birthday on February 28th and March 1st, would she really be older than her friends? Explain.

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Name: _____

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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story. Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell each word correctly.

1. __ e a __ __ n g   1. _____

3. ____ ____ b r ____ a ____ ____   3. _____

clue: *2nd month of the year*

4. ____ a ____ c ____   4. _____

clue: *3rd month of the year*

5. ____ h o ____ ____ h t   5. _____

clue: *past tense of think*

6. p ____ r ____ ____ ____ s   6. _____

clue: *mom and dad*

Name: _____

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In the story, "An Extra Special Birthday" you read about a girl who celebrates her birthday on February 29th, Leap Day. She celebrates her special day with her friends.

When is your birthday? _____

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1. On what day was Lexie born?

    a. February 28th   **b. February 29th**

    c. February 30th   **d.** March 1st

2. Why is this an unusual day to have a birthday?

February 29th only comes once every four years.

4. Re-read the following sentences from the story.

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>
> **She smiled. "I used to want to have birthdays on both days.**
>
> **...Because if I had two birthdays on the other years I'd get older than my friends."**

If Lexie celebrated her birthday on February 28th and March 1st, would she really be older than her friends? Explain.

Lexie would be the same age as her friends. Even if she celebrates her birthday

twice each year, she still only gets one year older.

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1. **l** e a **p** i n g   1. **leaping**

(Preview overlay obscures items 2 and 3)

3. _____ b _____ a _____ **y**
   clue: 2nd month of the year

3. _____ **y**

4. **M** a **r** c **h**   4. **March**
   clue: 3rd month of the year

5. **t** h o **u** **g** h t   5. **thought**
   clue: past tense of think

6. p **a** r **e** **n** **t** s   6. **parents**
   clue: mom and dad