

## e-lesson

Week starting: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005

### 1. A Catchy Little Tune

A song which had originally been published as *Good Morning To You* was published on March 4th 1924, under a new name, *Happy Birthday To You*. Since then it has become one of the most recognizable tunes in the world. But who wrote it? Check out this week's worksheet and find out.

#### Level

Intermediate and above

#### How to use the lesson

As the object of this exercise is for your students to reveal the identity of this song through answering the questions, there is not much you can say about the song by way of introduction to this reading.

1. Tell your students they have three minutes to read a story, after which they will have to answer some questions.
2. Give each student a copy of Worksheet A and three minutes in which to read it.
3. After three minutes stop your students and give each one a copy of Worksheet B. Divide the class into pairs and ask students to work together to answer the questions and write the answers in the grid. Students should try and do this without looking back at Worksheet A. Allow them to do this only when they have answered all the questions that they can.
4. Check answers in open class. If the questions have all been answered correctly, the title *Happy Birthday To You* should read from **bottom to top**.

#### Answers:

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|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Louisville | 7. kindergarten | 13. Columbia  |
| 2. Morning    | 8. Mildred      | 14. Syne      |
| 3. ditty      | 9. Thousands    | 15. copyright |
| 4. organ      | 10. assets      | 16. spiritual |
| 5. Kentucky   | 11. royalty     | 17. Warner    |
| 6. Patty      | 12. Principal   | 18. Birch     |

## Follow up

For all things related to birthdays, check out the sites below – you can even plan your own birthday theme party!

## 2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.planetpals.com/birthdayparty.html>

Scroll down to see *Happy Birthday* in every language

<http://www.warnerchappell.com/wcm/home2.jsp>

The current owners of the copyright

<http://www.famousbirthdays.com/>

Who else was born on your birthday? Anyone famous?

<http://www.happybirthdaytoyou.com/>

Send your friends a birthday card