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Examiner: OK, Kelvin, so I'd like you to tell us a short personal story. Here are the topics. Please take one.

Kelvin: Tell me about a great surprise you had. OK.

Examiner: OK? So, you've got about 30 seconds to prepare what you're going to say.

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Examiner: OK, Kelvin, you can start when you're ready.

Kelvin: OK. So, this is a story about my birthday. Yeah, half *years ago. That day was the inter-class football competition as well as my birthday and I was selected to play in the match. So, our class *need to encounter another very strong opponent. Everyone felt very excited about this and almost seemed to *forgot about my birthday, so I was not very happy about this. I tried my best in the match but we still lost, so I was very disappointed because of two *reason. One is because we lost the match, and another because everyone seemed to *forgot about my birthday. So, but suddenly, my friends took out many *creams after the match and they sprayed all the cream on me so my face and my hair *are full of *creams. And they said 'Happy birthday!' and I was very surprised and glad at that time, so, yes.

Examiner: Yeah, what a great surprise! OK, did you have any idea that your friends were planning a surprise like that for you?

Kelvin: Actually, no, because they *haven't mentioned anything about my birthday before the match, so I *haven't expect they would do this.

Examiner: OK. Great story, Kelvin. Thanks.

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Examiner: OK, Melissa, so now I'd like you to tell us a short personal story or anecdote and here are the topics. Can you take one?

Melissa: OK.

Examiner: What have you got?

Melissa: Tell me about a time when you surprised someone.

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Examiner: OK, great. So, you've got 30 seconds now to prepare what you're going to say.

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Examiner: OK?

Melissa: OK.

Examiner: OK, so you can start when you're ready.

Melissa: *It's my best friend's birthday and *I've decided to give her a surprise since we have been good friends since Form 3. And I *have made a *very huge birthday card, about this size, and I put it outside a shop in Central and I *hide in somewhere that she couldn't find me. She felt very nervous about that and she called me and we *chat in the phone. Afterwards she found the card, and I appeared in front of her and I *bring her to a restaurant and I didn't tell her because actually *I'm holding a party for her with about thirteen of my friends, and I covered her eyes and walked into the open area of the restaurant, and I put down my hands. She saw my friends. *Me and my friends said 'Happy birthday!' and she *is very surprised and shocked and *she's touched. So, after this experience I think it's very happy myself, for myself, it's very happy too because making someone happy can *make everything's going well and I think if everyone can put down their selfishness and *to be kind to everyone, the world will be peaceful and wonderful.

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Examiner: All right, what a great story! And it was a good experience for you too, right?

Melissa: Yeah.

Examiner: OK. Why did you want to give such a special surprise to this friend?

Melissa: Because when we *are still in the same class she helped me a lot and it's a kind of thank you for her.

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Examiner: OK. Great story, Melissa. Thanks.