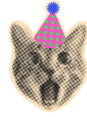


THE GREAT STARBUCKS BIRTHDAY PARTY DISASTER

A POOL PARTY LEFT & RIGHT PASSING GAME



_____ had been waiting for her birthday for what felt like a million years. She had dreamed about this day every night: swimming with her friends, playing games, drinking fun Starbucks-inspired drinks, eating delicious treats, and celebrating with everyone she loved. When _____ woke up on the morning of her birthday, she jumped out of bed and looked **RIGHT** at her decorations, then **LEFT** at her birthday outfit hanging perfectly in her room. Everything was ready for the biggest birthday pool party ever... or at least it was supposed to be. As _____ walked **RIGHT** into the hallway, she stopped suddenly. Something felt wrong. Very wrong. She looked **LEFT**. She looked **RIGHT**. She checked behind the door, under the table, and even **LEFT** inside her closet. Then she gasped. "The birthday mystery has begun!" Her mom's friend was making a special coffee-shaped birthday cake, YiaYia had spent time making her famous lemon bars, and there were cake pops waiting to be served... but where was the birthday cake? _____ quickly grabbed her imaginary detective hat and started searching. She looked **RIGHT** near the kitchen counter, **LEFT** beside the refrigerator, **RIGHT** by the coffee station, and **LEFT** behind the decorations. Nothing. The cake was nowhere to be found. Mom rushed in from the **LEFT** side of the house while Dad came running from the **RIGHT**. "We have a birthday emergency!" they shouted. Everyone knew they had to find the missing cake before the party started. Suddenly, they heard a strange noise coming from outside. SPLASH! _____ ran **RIGHT** toward the backyard, turned **LEFT** toward the pool, and couldn't believe her eyes. Floating near the pool was a giant inflatable coffee cup wearing sunglasses. "Could the cake mystery have something to do with this?" _____ wondered. The inflatable cup floated **LEFT** across the pool, then drifted **RIGHT** toward the steps. Everyone searched **LEFT** and **RIGHT** around the pool area, but the coffee-shaped cake was still missing. Just then, the doorbell rang. Friends arrived from the **RIGHT**. Soon the backyard was filled with birthday excitement, colorful swimsuits, wrapped presents, and happy friends ready to celebrate _____'s special day

Everyone grabbed their detective gear and started looking for clues. One clue was found **RIGHT** next to the drink station. Another clue was discovered **LEFT** the pool floats. A third clue was hiding **RIGHT** under a towel. The clues led everyone back and forth **LEFT** and **RIGHT** around the yard until they finally discovered the secret. The coffee-shaped birthday cake was safe! It had been hidden away to keep it perfect before the big reveal. Everyone cheered and celebrated, but the surprises were not over yet. The Starbucks-themed drink station was ready with fun drinks, cake pops, and treats.

Everyone walked **RIGHT** to grab a drink, then moved **LEFT** to pick their favorite cake pop. Suddenly someone shouted, "THE CAKE POPS ARE DISAPPEARING!" Everyone turned **LEFT**. Everyone turned **RIGHT**. Who could be taking the cake pops? Was it a birthday thief? Was it a sneaky squirrel? Was it someone who just couldn't resist the delicious treats? _____ started another investigation. She looked **RIGHT** behind the table, **LEFT** near the chairs, and **RIGHT** by the pool. Finally, she discovered the truth... everyone was just eating them because they were too delicious to wait! Everyone laughed and agreed the cake pops were amazing. Then it was time for YiaYia's lemon bars. Everyone knew these were special because YiaYia had made them with love just for _____'s birthday.

The lemon bars sat proudly on the table while everyone admired them. One person walked **LEFT** toward the treats, another walked **RIGHT**, and soon everyone was ready to taste them. "These might be the best lemon bars ever!" everyone cheered. The party continued with swimming, games, and laughter. Friends raced **RIGHT** across the yard, ran **LEFT** around the pool, and competed in silly birthday challenges. Someone splashed **RIGHT** into the water, someone jumped **LEFT** onto a float, and the giant inflatable coffee cup floated back and forth **LEFT** and **RIGHT** like it was having its own birthday adventure. Just when everyone thought the party couldn't get any more exciting, it was time for the biggest moment of the day... the birthday cake reveal. Everyone gathered around as the coffee-shaped cake was brought out. _____ looked **RIGHT** at her friends,

LEFT at her family, and smiled because everything was perfect. The cake looked amazing, the decorations were beautiful, and everyone was ready to sing. But suddenly...



disaster struck! A tiny breeze blew through the backyard. Everyone gasped as the napkins flew **LEFT**, the decorations moved **RIGHT**, and someone almost bumped the cake table!





Everyone rushed **RIGHT** to help, then moved **LEFT** to make sure everything was safe.

Mom saved the decorations, Dad fixed the table, and _____'s special coffee-shaped cake was protected just in time. Everyone cheered because the birthday cake was safe! _____ laughed and said it was the most dramatic birthday surprise ever. Finally, everyone gathered around the cake. _____ stood **RIGHT** beside her friends, looked **LEFT** at her family, and closed her eyes. Everyone sang Happy Birthday as loud as they could. _____ made her biggest birthday wish and blew out all nine candles. Suddenly, a surprise burst of confetti flew from the **RIGHT** and floated all the way **LEFT** across the backyard. Everyone cheered, laughed, and celebrated _____'s amazing birthday. The missing cake mystery was solved, the Starbucks treats were a huge success, YiaYia's lemon bars were a favorite, the cake pops were gone, and the coffee-shaped cake became the star of the party. As the sun started to set, _____ looked **RIGHT** at all the memories she made, looked **LEFT** at all the people who came to celebrate her, and knew this was a birthday she would never forget. Happy Birthday, _____!

