

# THE BIG BANG THEORY

## EPISODE: THE PEANUT REACTION

### 1. Birthdays

**Howard:** I love birthdays! Waking up to Mom's special French toast breakfast, wearing the birthday king crown, playing laser tag with all my friends!

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**Penny:** So, you really never had a birthday party?!

**Leonard:** No, but it was OK. When I was little I'd think maybe my parents would change their mind and surprise me with a party. Like this one birthday: I came home from my cello lesson and I saw a lot of strange cars parked out front. When I got to the door, I could hear people whispering, and I could smell German chocolate cake, which is my favorite...

**Penny:** And...?

**Leonard:** It turns out my grandfather had died.

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Howard loves his birthday, Leonard never celebrates his, and some people actually hate birthdays. Which type are you? Why?

### 2. Slang

Do you know the meaning of these expressions? Watch the scene after the opening credits and try to explain their meaning:

**Chitchat:**

**For the record:**

**Kick-ass:**

**Hell freezes over:**

**So help me God:**

### 3. Presents

**Penny:** (Giving presents) is a non-optional social convention.

For Leonard's birthday, Raj will give him a Batman sculpture, Howard got him an autographed physics book, Sheldon wants to give him a wireless router... and Penny bought him a sweater.

Who would you give each of these birthday presents to?

**a wine kit**

**the DVD collection of Marilyn Monroe's movies**

**a book about beer**

**a miniature set of The Simpsons**

**an autographed copy of Fifty Shades of Grey**

**a LEGO Rocket set**

#### **4. Surprise Party!**

They will throw Leonard a surprise birthday party. How do you think it turns out?