



# BIRTHDAY

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## Apparatus :

- 4 balloons of various sizes

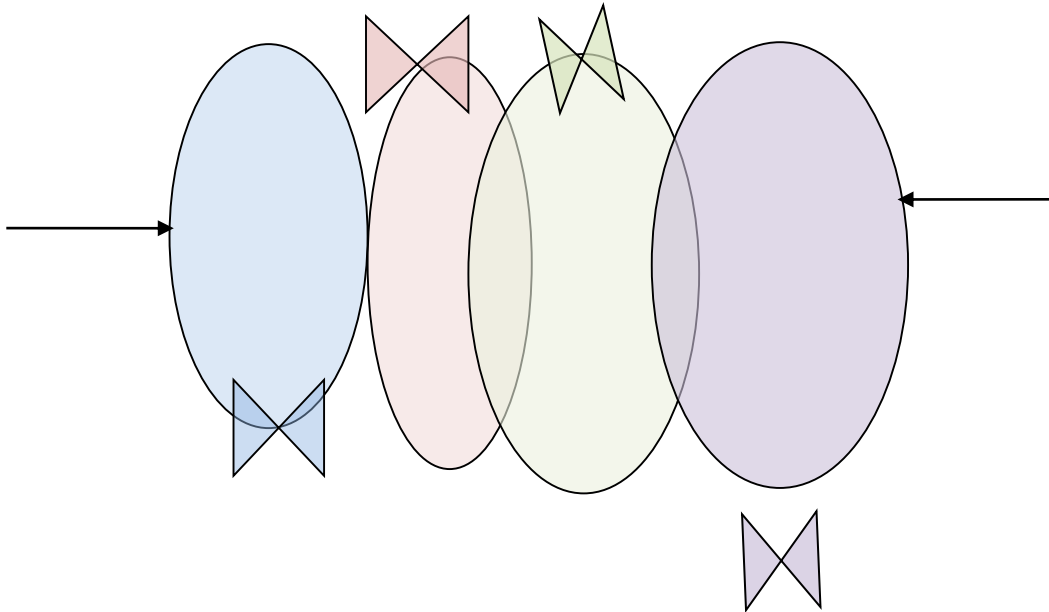
## Be ready to play:

Blow all the balloons.

## Now let's play:

Keep all the inflated balloons side by side, in close contact.

Press the balloons from two sides slowly with your hands and quickly lift them up (see the diagram).



Hold the four balloons tightly in your hands in front of your guests or your friends.  
Write the date of your birthday in the air and ask them to tell it.



Suppose the date is 8<sup>th</sup> June. Then you have to move your hands holding the balloons in such a way that you write 0 8 0 6 in the air.

Remember, the shape of the balloons changes when you press them and keeps changing as the pressure changes. Therefore the trick in this game lies in adjusting the pressure so that the balloons stay in your hold.

You stand in front of your friends/guests and they have to make out what you write. They are going to read from their left to their right and so you have to write from your right to your left, that too And do it while holding the balloons in your hands. That is quite a challenge.

### **You are out if :**

- A balloon jumps away from your grip.
- The date is given away any other way. It must be written in the air as described.

Anyone who gets the date right,  
gets a balloon as an award.

### **More fun:**

- Try writing the names of your favourite dishes in the air and ask your friends to tell. Write in big letters with your back to the friends, so that both writing and knowing will be easier. You may take 3 balloons instead of 4 here.

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- Rajiv Tambe  
- Translated by Hemant Karnik