

# Cupcakes



## Introduction

Ask and answer the following questions with a partner.

1. When you were a child, how did your parents celebrate your birthday?
2. How do you want to celebrate your next birthday?

Now watch a short video and then answer the following questions.

1. Who was in the video?
2. What were they doing?
3. Where were they?

## Vocabulary

next to \_\_, ...

re-legalize

poison (to death)

antifreeze

obesity

violently

frosted

lure

ban

unsupervised

get rid of

moderation

lawmaker

Nazi

legislation

## Listening I: Characters

Listen to the audio (*don't* look at the screen!) and fill in the missing words.

1. Children in America are far \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Meme Roth*
2. Do you know how many children \_\_\_\_\_ every year from \_\_\_\_\_?  
*(Dr.) Rob Riggle*
3. The point of the bill is to allow \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_...  
*Michael Benjamin*
4. The key to healthy eating is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Toniann Mangan*
5. We must be \_\_\_\_\_!  
???



Now match the sentences above with the speakers below. Which one do you think is which?



Watch the video and check your answers.

## Comprehension Strategy: Prediction

Discuss the following questions with your partners.

1. The five people above are a lawmaker, a health advocate, a reporter, a (imitation of a) nationalist dictator, and a parent. Which one do you think is which?
2. The central debate of this story is the question of whether cupcakes should be banned from schools. What do you think is the position of each of these people on the ban: Are they for it or against it?

lawmaker	for	against
health advocate	for	against
reporter	for	against
nationalist dictator	for	against
parent	for	against

## Listening II

Watch the video and check your predictions above.

## Listening III

Watch the video again and listen for the the answers to the following detailed questions.

1. According to Riggle, what is our most important resource?
2. What violent action does Riggle compare eating a cupcake to?
3. Mr. Benjamin has introduced legislation that would do what?
4. According to Ms. Roth, what do antifreeze and cupcakes have in common?
5. What alternatives to cupcakes does Ms. Roth suggest?