

## “Talía’s Special Day”

### Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

*Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.*

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Talia is going out to eat tonight.

It is a special day. She wants to look very nice for her night out.

First, she gets her hair cut at a **salon**. A **salon** is a place where people go to get their hair and nails done.

Then, she gets her finger nails painted pink. A woman who works at the salon paints Talia’s nails.

Talia is not happy with the color. She asks the woman to change the color to purple.

She likes the purple very much.

It is almost time to go out. Talia goes home and looks in her closet.

She tries on a pair of light blue pants with a white shirt.



She tries on a purple dress with a black belt.

She tries on a brown skirt with a green top.

She wears the purple dress.

Many of her friends and family are at the restaurant when she gets there.

She hugs her mother and father.

She gives her grandfather a kiss.

Talia’s sister gives her a big smile.

Her best friend, Asra, gives her a present.

Talia is 25-years-old today.

“Happy Birthday, Talia,” they say. “You look great!”

“I feel great because all of you are here,” says Talia.

## Questions:

- 1) What is Talia doing for her special day?
- A. She is having a party.
  - B. She is going to her friend's house.
  - C. She is making dinner.
  - D. She is going to a restaurant.
- 2) Why does Talia want to look nice?
- A. It is her birthday.
  - B. It is a national holiday.
  - C. She is going to church.
  - D. She is going to school.
- 3) What does Talia do first?
- A. She picks out a dress.
  - B. She gets her nails painted.
  - C. She gets her hair cut.
  - D. She goes out to eat.
- 4) Why does Talia change the color of her nails?
- A. It does not match her dress.
  - B. She is not happy with pink.
  - C. Her friends tell her to change the color.
  - D. She is not happy with purple.
- 5) What does Talia wear out?
- A. light blue pants
  - B. a brown skirt
  - C. a purple dress
  - D. a green top
- 6) What does Talia do when she sees her parents?
- A. She smiles.
  - B. She says hello.
  - C. She gives them a hug.
  - D. She gives them a kiss.
- 7) Who smiles at Talia?
- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) How old is Talia?
- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) What is a **salon** ?
- A. a restaurant
  - B. a place where people talk about business
  - C. a gift shop
  - D. a place to get hair and nails done
- 10) Why does Talia feel great?
- A. because she looks great
  - B. because her friends and family are there
  - C. because her hair is cut
  - D. because her nails are purple