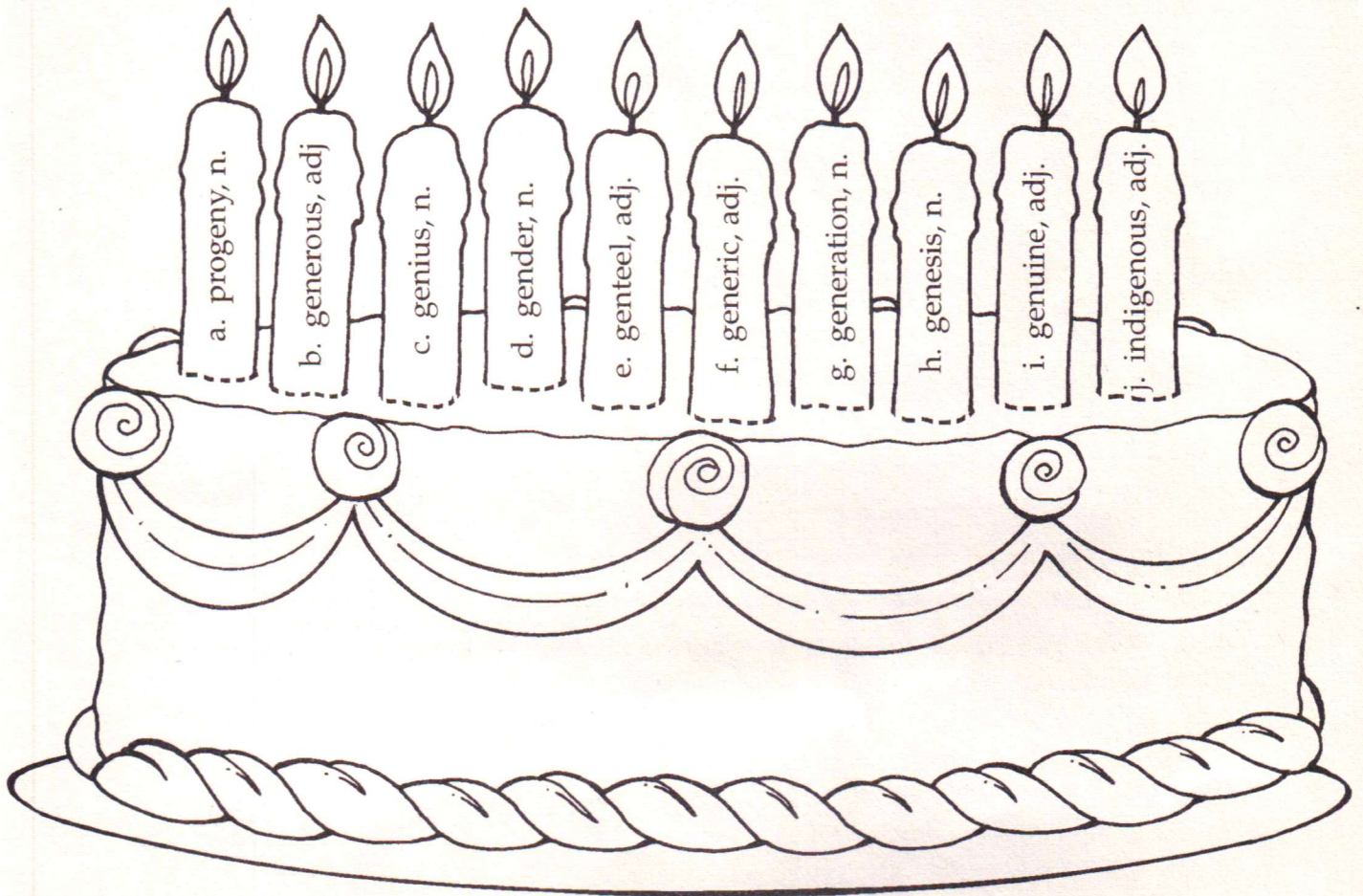


Birthday Blow-out

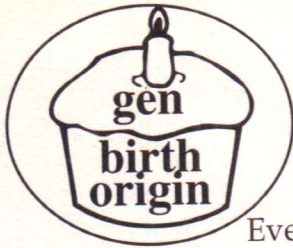


Cake, candles, presents . . . A birthday party is the greatest—especially if it is yours! All the words below come from the same Latin root, *gen*, meaning “birth” or “origin.” Read each definition and match it with the correct *gen* word.

- ___ 1. the sex a person is born, male or female
- ___ 2. a group of people born around the same time
- ___ 3. the children born to a person
- ___ 4. born in, growing naturally in a particular region
- ___ 5. originating from the one true source
- ___ 6. typical of an original, but not coming from the true source
- ___ 7. very giving, as if born with plenty of money
- ___ 8. a person born with great intelligence
- ___ 9. elegant, graceful, as typical of one born to the upper class
- ___ 10. the birth or origin of something



Cut around each candle. Fold on the dotted lines so that the candles stand up. With a friend, take turns calling out the vocabulary words. For each correct definition you give, blow out a candle!



Star-Studded Birthday

Ever wonder what a big Hollywood bash is like? Here is your chance to find out! Fill in the missing vocabulary words in the invitation below.

Darling, you are invited to my birthday party!

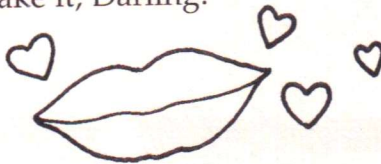
This bash will be so big, even (1) _____ Californians will be impressed. I will be the talk of Hollywood for three (2) _____!

It does not take a (3) _____ to decide what to bring me. I like (4) _____ diamonds and 14-karat gold. And no (5) _____ gifts please; brand names only! Be (6) _____!

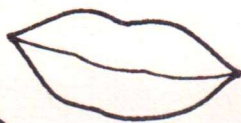
There will be members of each (7) _____ attending the party, so do not park your (8) _____ behavior at home. And no (9) _____ allowed—they only spoil the grown-ups' fun.

Do hope you can make it, Darling!

Love and Kisses,
GiGi



P.S. I may have been around since the (10) _____ of the automobile, but in my heart, I'm 29 forever!



On the back of your paper, answer these questions about GiGi's party. Make certain you use definitions in your answers.

- Whom does GiGi hope to impress?
- Describe GiGi's taste. List gifts she likes and tell why.
- Who is invited to the party? Who may not attend?
- How should party-goers behave? Why?
- For how long will people remember GiGi's party? Explain your math.
- About how old is GiGi? Research your answer.

Missing Cousins



All the questions below contain words that are related by birth to this week's vocabulary words. They all come from the root *gen*. Try to figure out the meaning of the word as you answer the question. Dictionaries permitted!

1. Where could you go to find information about your genealogy? _____
2. Name a holiday that a Gentile does not celebrate. Why? _____

3. A horse breeder practices eugenics with two winning race horses. Explain. _____

4. Who attempted genocide during World War II? Does genocide occur anywhere in the world today? If yes, where? _____

5. Do you have any famous progenitors? Name any three of your progenitors. _____

6. If you are a member of the English gentry, what do you inherit? _____

7. The fortunes of much of the English gentry have degenerated. Why? _____

8. We call a machine that produces electricity a generator. Why is this name technically incorrect, according to its root meaning? _____

9. Do you have good genes for wearing good jeans? Explain. _____

10. Name the Mother Goose character who was philoprogenitive. _____