

## Reminder

Grammar reference  
pages 168 and 169

English speakers use a variety of forms to talk about the future. For example:

*He's arriving at eight.* (It's a planned arrangement.)

*It will be a wonderful surprise.* (I'm certain.)

*He could/may/might arrive late.* (It's a possibility.)

### Reading: A birthday celebration

**1** What's the best birthday you have ever had? Tell another student about it. How did you celebrate? Why was it special?

**2** Imagine you have \$8,000 to spend on a birthday celebration. What might you do? Then read the article and find out what a Californian businessman did.

**3** Work in pairs. Answer these questions.

- 1 Why did Taj celebrate his birthday in this way?
- 2 What gifts did he give his guests?
- 3 How much did the party cost?
- 4 Would you like to give a party like this? Why?/Why not?
- 5 What charities would you like to help and how?

# A millionaire's party



Taj Chal likes to celebrate his birthdays in style. One year he hired limousines to take his friends to San Francisco. Another year he flew to Las Vegas. But when Taj and his brother sold their company, BlueLithium, to Yahoo for \$300m, Taj wanted to give something back. He wanted to do something really nice for people who need help. So Taj worked with Martha's Kitchen, a charity

that gives meals to homeless people. Together they entertained 300 homeless guests at a surprise party. His guests enjoyed ravioli and meatballs, salad, garlic bread and, of course, birthday cake. Everyone also received presents: a lunch box and a bag containing a towel, toothbrush and other useful things. And Taj didn't just pay the \$8,000 bill. He also helped serve the meal.