



Amigas

*Activity Kit*

# QUINCE SCRAMBLE

Find the following *quince*-centric words hidden in the puzzle below. Each word may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forward, or backward. Find the solution on page 6.

Amigas, Dress, Band, Chambelanes, Vals,  
Quince, Photographer, Sweet Fifteen, Damas,  
Favors, Speech, Ceremony, Theme

S D K B T X N E L F W C P D  
A D R S D N A B C A J H H P  
M V J C E L H W M V V A O N  
A F O L S Z A R Y O H M T E  
D U N O Y M Q I B R C B O E  
B X I U I U E E J S E E G T  
Q I U G I A S L A V E L R F  
V N A N X I M T U S P A A I  
L S C S Q K E U S M S N P F  
K E T D B B Y E M D M E H T  
Q Q T T D L R E J M U S E E  
M U Z U I D N L D D L H R E  
A H T H E M E Q Y B P J K W  
X K X Y N O M E R E C W Z S



# My Fabulous Sweet Fifteen

Make up your own laugh-out-loud story based on the Amigas series! Choose a word to correspond with the type of word asked for in the blank. For even more fun, make copies of this page and pass them out to friends, then read the story out loud and have everyone take turns filling in the blanks.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_ ! I can't believe my \_\_\_\_\_ is finally here! And I can't  
(exclamation) (big event)

wait to finally wear my \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ !  
(clothing item) (clothing item)

I just picked up my \_\_\_\_\_, and it looks fabulous!  
(noun)

I am so \_\_\_\_\_ . On one hand, I can't wait to \_\_\_\_\_, but I'm  
(adjective) (verb)

also very \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_. I'll be really upset if \_\_\_\_\_  
(adjective for emotion) (activity) (name)

doesn't like the \_\_\_\_\_. I guess what really matters is that my \_\_\_\_\_  
(noun) (plural noun)

are there to celebrate my \_\_\_\_\_. And I hope \_\_\_\_\_ is going to come.  
(big event) (name)

I'm really excited that all this planning is done! I can't wait to hear my favorite \_\_\_\_\_  
(music style)

band and eat lots of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(type of food)

Can't wait to see you and \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ ! Make sure you  
(name) (big event)

wear a pair of comfortable \_\_\_\_\_, 'cause we are going to do some serious \_\_\_\_\_.  
(type of shoes) (activity)

See you soon!

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name)



# QUINCE SKILLS

In the first book of the Amigas series, *Fifteen Candles*, the four friends create Amigas Incorporated. Each member contributes a unique talent to the group—Alicia offers leadership skills; Carmen, design skills; Gaz, musical skills; and Jaime, a flair for cool.

What skill would you bring to a *quince* planning group? Find out! Take this quiz and then check your responses on page 6.

## THE ONE THING I LOVE TO DO AFTER SCHOOL IS:

- A Get my homework done so I can relax
- B Play music
- C Shop
- D Paint

## THE ONE THING I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IS:

- A My planner
- B My mp3 player
- C Lip gloss
- D My camera

## MY BEDROOM IS:

- A Incredibly well organized
- B Always filled with music
- C Full of clothes
- D Totally unique and very well decorated

## I WILL MOST LIKELY BE VOTED:

- A Most Likely to Succeed
- B Best Musical Taste
- C Best Dressed
- D Most Creative

## WHICH PHRASE RINGS MOST TRUE TO YOU?

- A If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.
- B Life is a song.
- C It's all about the outfit.
- D Life is art.

## A PERFECT SATURDAY SPENT WITH ALL YOUR FRIENDS WOULD INCLUDE:

- A Organizing the plan for next weekend
- B Checking out the latest concert downtown
- C A trip to some thrift stores for vintage deals
- D The latest exhibit at the museum



# QUINCE TIPS

## MUSIC

Bands can be fun, but they are also very expensive. Get together with all your friends and all your mp3 players and make some great mixes. Get a friend who loves to deejay to make sure you're playing the right playlists at the right time, and voilà! You've just saved a bundle.

## DRESS

Plan in advance to hit the sales—like right after prom season, when dresses are deeply discounted at stores. Or get creative! There are tons of never-worn-again bridesmaid and prom dresses out there—ask around or hit a thrift store and see what you find. Then, make it uniquely *you* with a snip here, a tuck there, and all the right accessories.

## INVITES

The cost of invitations can really add up. Save money by designing your own invites on a computer and printing them at home. Lower your mailing costs by hand delivering invites to the people you see on a regular basis. Or, go completely digital. Create a Web site with all the necessary info on it—location, time, etc. Send out an evite directing people to the site to RSVP, get more info, and sign your guest book.

## PHOTOGRAPHER

Some of the best photos are taken when no one is posing. Think about some of your favorite photos—did you know the picture was being taken? With this in mind, have your friends bring their phones, cameras, etc., and even hand out some disposable cameras. You'll be amazed at the great collection of memories you'll capture. And you can have everyone upload them to your Web site after the party!

## FLOWERS

Finding the right floral arrangements for an event can be tricky—and very costly! But there are ways to decorate with flowers that don't cost a bundle. Start by choosing flowers that are in season—these will be much cheaper—ask your local florist for recommendations. And make smaller arrangements—remember that your guests will be dancing, feasting, and celebrating you—not checking out the size of the centerpieces.



# QUINCE SKILLS RESULTS

If you answered . . .

## MOSTLY A's:

You are the ultimate planner—everyone comes to you to see what's going on or to get your advice. Just like Alicia, you may be a budding entrepreneur with the vision and the skills to get things done! Just remember: keep the activities interesting (and fun!) by making sure everyone has a say (okay, a little say) in all the planning.

## MOSTLY B's:

Constantly making playlists for your friends? Rarely found without your headphones on? Ready for *your* moment on *American Idol*? If you're the music guru of the group like Gaz, you have a responsibility to keep the music (and the party) going. Just make sure you remain open to other musical tastes—you'll ensure that everyone takes a turn on the dance floor!

## MOSTLY C's:

Everyone wishes they could pull an outfit together the way you can. There's something about your style, your flair with accessories, and just your sense of what works and what doesn't. Like with Jaime, it goes beyond a skill—it's an innate gift. Bestow some of that talent on those around you . . . help bring out your friends' unique sense of style, and find the perfect *quince* dress, which will feel as if it were made (thanks to you!) just for them.

## MOSTLY D's:

You are a blossoming artiste, and everyone appreciates your stylish and creative ways. Just like Carmen, you'll have the creative vision to help your planner friend set up the ultimate event. You can envision the way the event should look long before it begins, from color scheme and flowers to decorations. You've got a gift—don't be shy about using it. Share your vision with your fellow party-planners. Just make sure you listen to their creative ideas, too!

# WORD FIND SOLUTION

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