

8 Let's celebrate!

1 SNAPSHOT



			
<p>Chinese New Year January or February Chinese people celebrate the lunar new year with fireworks and lion dances.</p>	<p>Australia Day January 26 Australians put on patriotic shows to celebrate their national day.</p>	<p>Children's Day May 5 Japanese families put up colored streamers shaped like fish, in honor of their children.</p>	<p>Day of the Dead November 2 Mexicans make playful skeleton sculptures and bake <i>pan de muerto</i> – bread of the dead.</p>

Sources: Reader's Digest Book of Facts

Do you celebrate these or similar holidays in your country?
 What other special days do you have?
 What's your favorite holiday or festival?

2 WORD POWER Collocations


A Which word or phrase is not usually paired with each verb?
 Put a line through it. Then compare with a partner.

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| 1. eat | candy | rice cakes | juice |
| 2. give | presents | relatives | candy |
| 3. go to | decorations | a wedding | a party |
| 4. have | a party | a beach | a meal |
| 5. play | games | money | music |
| 6. send | cards | flowers | a party |
| 7. visit | relatives | food | friends |
| 8. watch | a birthday | a parade | fireworks |
| 9. wear | new clothes | a celebration | traditional clothes |

B PAIR WORK Do you do any of the things in part A as part of a cultural or family celebration? When? Tell your partner.

3 PERSPECTIVES *Special days*

A Listen to these comments about special days of the year. Match them to the correct pictures.



_____ 1. "My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. It's a day when North Americans celebrate the harvest. My whole family gets together at our house. I always cook a large turkey."

_____ 2. "February 14 is the day when people give cards and presents to the ones they love. I'm really looking forward to Valentine's Day! I already have a gift for my boyfriend."

_____ 3. "New Year's Eve is a night when I have fun with my friends. We usually have a big party. We stay up all night and then go out for breakfast in the morning."

B PAIRWORK What do you like about each holiday in part A?

4 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Relative clauses of time

Thanksgiving is a day	when we celebrate the harvest.
February 14 is the day	when people give cards to the ones they love.
New Year's Eve is a night	when I have fun with my friends.

A How much do you know about these times? Complete the sentences in column A with information from column B. Then compare with a partner.


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| A | B |
| 1. New Year's Eve is a night when | a. North Americans celebrate Thanksgiving. |
| 2. April Fools' Day is a day when | b. students have a break from school. |
| 3. Summer is a time when | c. people have parties with family and friends. |
| 4. Valentine's Day is a day when | d. people in many countries honor workers. |
| 5. Labor Day is a day when | e. people express their love to someone. |
| 6. Autumn is the season when | f. people sometimes play tricks on friends. |


B Complete these sentences with your own information. Then compare with a partner.

Winter is the season ...	Mother's Day is a day ...
Birthdays are days ...	July and August are the months ...
Spring is the time of year ...	A wedding anniversary is a time ...

5 LISTENING *Carnaval time*



A  Mike has just returned from Brazil. Listen to him talk about Carnaval. What was his favorite thing about it?

B  Listen again and answer these questions.

What is Carnaval?
How long does it last?
When is it?
What is the samba?

6 SPEAKING *Favorite holidays*

A PAIR WORK Choose your three favorite holidays. Tell your partner why you like each one.

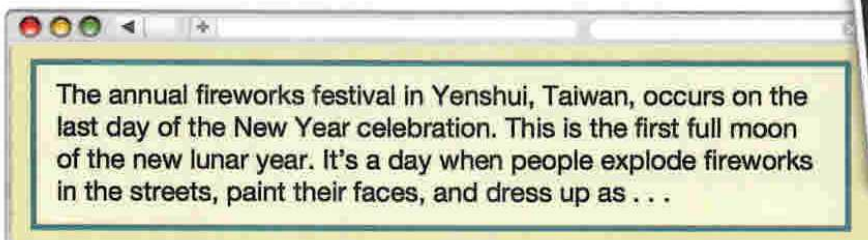
A: I really like Republic Day.
B: What do you like about it?
A: Well, it's a time when schools and offices are closed, and we have parades and fireworks.

B CLASS ACTIVITY Take a class vote. What are the most popular holidays in your class?



7 WRITING *An online entry*

A Write an entry for a travel website about a festival or celebration where you live. When is it? How do people celebrate it? What should a visitor see and do?



B PAIR WORK Read your partner's entry. What do you like about it? Can you suggest anything to improve it?

8 CONVERSATION *Wedding day*

A Listen and practice.

Jill: Your wedding pictures are really beautiful, Emiko.

Emiko: Thank you. Those pictures are from right after the ceremony.

Jill: Where was the ceremony?

Emiko: At a shrine. When people get married in Japan, they sometimes have the ceremony at a shrine.

Jill: That's interesting. Were there a lot of people there?

Emiko: Well, usually only family members and close friends go to the ceremony. But afterward, we had a reception with family and friends.

Jill: So, what are receptions like in Japan?

Emiko: There's a big dinner, and after the meal, the guests give speeches or sing songs.

Jill: It sounds like fun.

Emiko: It really is. And then, before the guests leave, the bride and groom give them presents.

Jill: The guests get presents?

Emiko: Yes, and the guests give money to the bride and groom.

B Listen to the rest of the conversation. What did the bride and groom give each guest?



9 PRONUNCIATION *Stress and rhythm*

A Listen and practice. Notice how stressed words and syllables occur with a regular rhythm.

When people get married in Japan, they sometimes have the ceremony at a shrine.

B Listen to the stress and rhythm in these sentences. Then practice them.

1. After the ceremony, there's a reception with family and friends.
2. Before the guests leave, the bride and groom give them presents.
3. The guests usually give money to the bride and groom.

10 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Adverbial clauses of time

When people get married in Japan, they sometimes have the ceremony at a shrine.
After the food is served, the guests give speeches or sing songs.
Before the guests leave, the bride and groom give them presents.

A What do you know about wedding customs in North America?
Complete these sentences with the information below.

1. Before a man and woman get married, they usually
 2. When a couple gets engaged, the man often
 3. Right after a couple gets engaged, they usually
 4. When a woman gets married, her family usually
 5. When guests go to a wedding, they almost always
 6. Right after a couple gets married, they usually
- a. pays for the wedding and reception. d. gives the woman an engagement ring.
b. go on a short trip called a "honeymoon." e. begin to plan the wedding.
c. give the bride and groom a gift or some money. f. date each other for a year or more.

B PAIR WORK What happens when people get married in your country?
Tell your partner by completing the statements in part A with your own
information. Pay attention to stress and rhythm.

11 INTERCHANGE 8 *Special occasions*

How do your classmates celebrate special occasions? Go to Interchange 8 on page 122.

12 SPEAKING *That's an interesting custom.*

A GROUP WORK Do you know any interesting customs related to the
topics below? Explain a custom and discuss it with your classmates.

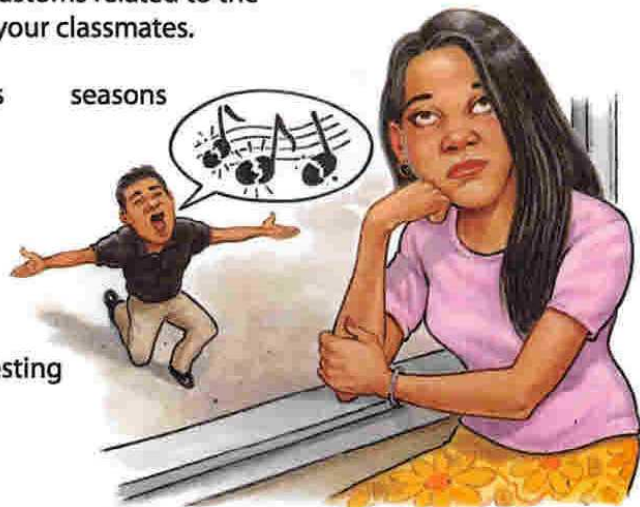
births courtship good luck marriages seasons

A: I know a custom from the Philippines. When a
boy courts a girl, he stands outside her house
and sings to her.

B: What does he sing?

C: Romantic songs, of course!

B CLASS ACTIVITY Tell the class the most interesting
custom you talked about in your group.



Customs Around the World

Look at the photos. What do you think is happening in each picture?



1 On the third Monday of October, Jamaicans celebrate National Heroes' Day. They honor seven men and women who were important to Jamaica's history. There are speeches, music, sports, and dancing. They also give awards to "local heroes" for helping their communities.



2 On August 15 of the lunar calendar, Koreans celebrate Chusok, also known as Korean Thanksgiving. It's a day when people give thanks for the harvest. Korean families honor their ancestors by going to their graves to take them rice and fruit and clean the gravesites.



3 An interesting custom in Thailand is Loy Krathong. A krathong is a bowl made from the bark and leaves of banana trees. It's decorated with a lit candle, three lit joss sticks, and flowers. After the rainy season, on the evening of the full moon in November, Thai people float krathongs on the river to pay respect to the river goddess.



4 Finland has a unique but very modern custom. It started because some people felt angry when their cell phones didn't work well. They wanted to express their frustration in a humorous way. So every summer, there is a cell-phone-throwing contest. People throw their cell phones as far as possible. The winner receives a prize, such as a gold medal.

A Read the article. Then answer these questions.

1. When is National Heroes' Day in Jamaica?
2. Why do Koreans celebrate Chusok?
3. What do Thais do for Loy Krathong?
4. Why do Finns go to the cell-phone-throwing contest?

B What do these words refer to? Write the correct word(s).

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| 1. They (par. 1, line 2) | 4. It (par. 3, line 3) |
| 2. their (par. 1, line 6) | 5. It (par. 4, line 2) |
| 3. It (par. 2, line 3) | 6. They (par. 4, line 4) |

C PAIR WORK Do you have a similar holiday or custom in your country? Describe it.