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Let's celebrate!

1 SNAPSHOT

Holidays and Festivals

<p>Chinese New Year <i>January or February</i> Chinese people celebrate with firecrackers and lion dances.</p>	<p>Valentine's Day <i>February 14</i> People in many countries give chocolates, flowers, or jewelry to the person they love.</p>	<p>Children's Day (formerly Boys' Day) <i>May 5</i> Japanese families put up colored streamers shaped like fish, in honor of their children.</p>	<p>Day of the Dead <i>November 2</i> Mexican families offer food to the dead and then have a meal in a cemetery.</p>	<p>Thanksgiving <i>Fall</i> In October in Canada and in November in the United States, people celebrate the harvest by preparing a large meal. They usually serve roast turkey.</p>

Source: Reader's Digest Book of Facts

Talk about these questions.

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

2 WORD POWER Celebrations

Pair work Complete the word map. Add two more words to each category. Then compare with a partner

- anniversary
- cake
- cards
- champagne
- dancing
- fireworks
- flowers
- parade
- party
- presents
- roast turkey
- wedding



3 CONVERSATION

A  Listen and practice.

Leo: Did you know next week is Halloween?
It's on October 31.

Natasha: So what do you do on Halloween?
We don't have that holiday in Russia.

Leo: Well, it's a day when kids dress up in
masks and costumes. They knock on
people's doors and ask for candy by
saying the words "Trick or treat!"

Natasha: Hmm. Sounds interesting.

Leo: But it's not just for kids. Lots of people have
costume parties. Hey . . . my friend Pete
is having a party. Would you like to go?

Natasha: Sure. I'd love to.



B  Listen to the rest of the conversation. What are
Leo and Natasha going to wear to the Halloween party?

4 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Relative clauses of time

Halloween is a day when kids in the United States dress up in masks and costumes.
November 2 is the day when Mexicans observe the Day of the Dead.
Fall is the season when people in the United States and Canada celebrate Thanksgiving.

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

A

1. New Year's Eve is a night when
2. April Fools' Day is a day when
3. May Day is a day when
4. Valentine's Day is a day when
5. July 14 is the day when
6. February is the month when

B


- a. Brazilians celebrate Carnival.
- b. people like to "party."
- c. the French celebrate their revolution.
- d. people play tricks on friends.
- e. people in many countries honor workers.
- f. people give presents to the ones they love.

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

1. Winter is a season
2. Spring is a time of the year
3. Mother's Day is the day
4. A birthday is a day
5. A wedding anniversary is a time

5 LISTENING

CLASS AUDIO ONLY

 Mike has just returned from Brazil. Listen to him talk about Carnival. Take notes to answer these questions.

- What is Carnival?
- How long does it last?
- When is it?
- What is the best part about it?
- What is the samba?

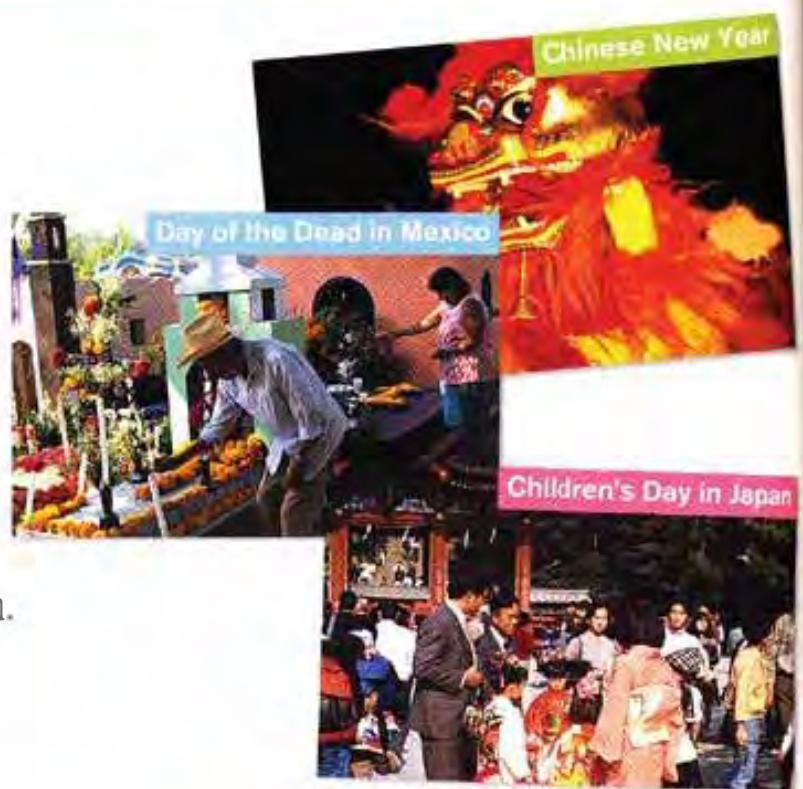


6 ONCE A YEAR

A Pair work Take turns asking and answering these questions and others of your own.

- What's the most interesting holiday or festival in your country?
- When is it?
- How do people celebrate it?
- Do you eat any special food?
- What do you like most about it?
- What else do people do?

B Class activity Give a short talk about an interesting holiday or festival. Answer any questions your classmates may have.



7 WRITING

A Write about your favorite holiday or festival. What usually happens? What do you usually do?

My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. In the United States, it's always the fourth Thursday in November. Everyone in my family gets together at my parents' house. We cook a large turkey and serve it with cranberry sauce. . . .

B Pair work Read your partner's composition. Do you have any questions?

8 CONVERSATION

A  Listen and practice.

Jill: You look beautiful in that kimono, Mari.
Is this your wedding photo?


Mari: Yes, it is.

Jill: Do most Japanese women wear kimonos
when they get married?

Mari: Yes, many of them do. Then after the
wedding ceremony, the bride usually
changes into a Western bridal dress
during the reception.

Jill: Oh, I didn't know that.



B  Listen to the rest of the conversation.
Take notes to answer these questions.

Where was Mari's
wedding held?

Who attended the
wedding ceremony?


What happened
at the reception?



9 PRONUNCIATION *Stress and rhythm*

A  Listen and practice. The words with the most important
information in a sentence are usually stressed.

When wómen get márried in Japán, they úsually wéar kimónos.
After the wédding céremony, they chángé into Wéstern elóthes.

B  *Pair work* Mark the stress in these sentences. Listen and check.
Then practice the sentences.

Halloween is a day when children go "trick-or-treating."
On Thanksgiving Day, Americans eat turkey and cranberry sauce.
When people have birthdays, they usually get presents from friends.
June is a month whe many young people like to get married.

10 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Adverbial clauses of time

Before a Japanese couple gets married, they send wedding announcements.
 When they get married, they usually wear kimonos.
 After they return from the honeymoon, they move into their own home.

A Read this information about marriages in North America.
 Match the clauses in column A with information from column B.

A

1. Before a man and a woman get married,
2. Before the man gets married,
3. When the woman gets engaged,
4. When the woman gets married,
5. After the couple gets married,
6. After they return from their honeymoon,

B

- a. the newlyweds usually live on their own.
- b. she usually wears a white wedding dress.
- c. they usually date each other for a year or so.
- d. his male friends often give him a bachelor party.
- e. her female friends often give her a bridal shower.
- f. there's usually a wedding reception.

B Pair work What happens when people get married in your country? Add your own information to the clauses in column A. Pay attention to rhythm and stress.

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Once in a blue moon

How do your classmates celebrate special events? Turn to page IC-11.

11 MARRIAGE CUSTOMS

Group work Talk about marriage customs in your country. Ask these questions and others of your own.

- How old are people usually when they get married?
- Is there an engagement period?
How long is it?
- Who pays for the wedding?
- Who is invited?
- Where is the wedding ceremony usually held?
- What happens during the ceremony?
- What do the bride and groom usually wear?
- Is there a reception after the ceremony?
- What type of food is served at the reception?
- What kinds of gifts do people usually give?
- Where do couples like to go on their honeymoon?
- How long is the honeymoon?



12 READING

Unique customs

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



🕒 January 17 is **St. Anthony's Day** in Mexico. It's a day when people ask for protection for their animals. They bring their animals to church. But before the animals go into the church, the people usually dress them up in flowers and ribbons.

🕒 On August 15 of the lunar calendar, Koreans celebrate **Chusok** to give thanks for the harvest. It's a day when people honor their ancestors by going to their graves to take them food and wine and clean the gravesites. Also on Chusok, a big meal with moon-shaped rice cakes is eaten.

🕒 One of the biggest celebrations in Argentina is **New Year's Eve**. On the evening of December 31, families get together and have a big meal. At midnight, fireworks explode everywhere and continue throughout the night. Friends and

families meet for parties, which last until the next morning.

🕒 Long ago in India, a princess who needed help sent her silk bracelet to an emperor. After he helped the princess, the emperor kept the bracelet as a sign of the loyalty between them. Today in India, during the festival of **Rakhi**, men promise to be loyal to their women in exchange for a bracelet of silk, cotton, or gold thread.

🕒 On the evening of February 3, people in Japanese families take one dried bean for each year of their age and throw the beans around their homes and shrines, shouting "Good luck in! Evil spirits out!" This is known as "**Setsubun**," a time to celebrate the end of winter and the beginning of spring.

A Read the article. Make five correct sentences using an item from each column.

A
On January 17,
During Rakhi,
On Chusok,
On New Year's Eve,
On February 3,

B
people in Japan
people in Argentina
men in India
people in Mexico
people in Korea

C
visit the graves of their ancestors.
bring their animals to church.
stay up all night,
celebrate the end of winter.
promise loyalty to their women.

B Pair work Is there a holiday or custom in your country that is similar to one described here? Describe the holiday or custom.

Review of Units 5-8

1 RESOLUTIONS

A Group work What are you planning to do or thinking about doing during the next year? Tell your group about at least three things.

"I'm going to take dancing lessons."
"I'll probably go on a diet."

B Class activity Tell the class about the most interesting or unusual plans in your group.

A: Bob is going to take dancing lessons.
B: And he thinks he'll go on a diet, too.



2 ON THE ROAD



A Group work Your friends are planning a long car trip for their next vacation. What plans do they need to make? How many suggestions can you think of? Use *had better*, *must*, *ought to*, *should*, and *shouldn't*.

A: You should take some road maps.
B: You'd better check the tires on your car.
C: You ought to check the oil.

B Class activity Compare your suggestions around the class.

3 ROLE PLAY *I'm sorry. I'll . . .*

Student A: Complain to your partner about these things:

Your partner has not returned your tennis racquet.
Your partner is playing a CD loudly. You are trying to study.
Your partner has been using the telephone for almost an hour. You need to make an important call.

Student B: Listen to your partner's complaints. Apologize and make suitable responses.

Change roles and try the role play again.

4 WONDER GADGET

A Group work Imagine that this is a popular new gadget. Think of as many possible uses for this item as you can.

- A: You can use this gadget for
B: It's used to

B Class activity Tell the class your ideas. Which uses do you think are the most interesting?



5 THAT'S AN INTERESTING CUSTOM.

A Group work What interesting customs do you know for births, marriages, the seasons, or good luck? Take turns talking about them like this:

"When a boy courts a girl in some parts of the Philippines, he stands outside her house at night and sings to her."


Others ask questions.

- Why does he do that?
Is it just a village custom?
Is it common?


B Class activity Which was the most interesting custom you talked about in your group? Tell the class about it.



6 LISTENING

A  Listen to some information about unusual marriage customs. Check (✓) True or False for each statement.

Marriage customs	True	False
1. When two women of a tribe in Paraguay want to marry the same man, they put on boxing gloves and fight it out.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. When a man and a woman get married in Malaysia, they eat cooked rice the day before the wedding.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. In Italy, before a man and a woman get married, a friend or relative releases two white doves into the air.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. In some parts of India, when a man and a woman get married, water is poured over them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B  Listen again. For the statements that you marked false, write the correct information.

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ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

A Class activity How do your classmates celebrate special days and times? Go around the class and ask the questions below. If someone answers "Yes," write down his or her name. Ask for more information and take notes.

A: Does your family have big get-togethers?

B: Yes, we do.

A: What do you do when you get together?

B: Well, we have a big meal. After we eat, we watch old home movies.

	Name	Notes
1. Does your family have big get-togethers?		
2. Do you ever buy flowers for someone special?		
3. Do you often take friends out to dinner?		
4. Do you wear your national dress at least once a year?		
5. Has someone given you money recently as a gift?		
6. Have you given money to someone recently as a gift?		
7. Do you like to celebrate your birthday with a party?		
8. Do you ever send birthday cards?		
9. Do you ever give friends birthday presents?		
10. Do you think long engagements are a good idea?		
11. Do you drink champagne at special events?		
12. Is New Year's your favorite time of the year?		
13. Do you ever celebrate a holiday with fireworks?		

B Pair work Compare your information with a partner.

