



Festivals Around the World

Subject Area

The World of Arts & Social Studies

Topics & Curriculum Links

dates and events (History)

life at home (Civics)

traditional celebrations (Civics)

places and countries (Geography)

food (Science)

clothes and costumes (Civics)

seasons, weather, and climate (Geography)

quantities (Mathematics)

Vocabulary

months; seasons; family; clothes; weather; food; plants; animals; parts of the body; numbers; places; countries; continents

Grammar

present simple; past simple; question forms; imperative; adjectives; prepositions; adverbs

Teaching Ideas

See also [pages 6–7](#) for general ideas that you can adapt. Or go to www.oup.com/elt/teacher/readanddiscover

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After completing Project 1, students do more research, using books or the Internet, to find more festivals around the world for each month. Then they can make a class poster to present their findings.

A Festival Presentation

After completing Project 2, students make a poster about their chosen festival, adding pictures to illustrate the words that they have chosen. Then they present their festival to the rest of the class. They can write or talk about how they celebrate their festival like this: *[Festival] ... is in / on [month / date]. We eat ... We wear ... We [activities]. The weather is usually ...*

Which Festival Is It?

Choose one of the festivals from the Reader, and without saying its name, read out one fact about it and asks students to guess which festival it is. Read out more facts, one at a time, until students guess the correct festival. You can use a point scoring system, for example, five points after one fact, three points after two facts, etc. Students can then do this in small groups or pairs.

Activities Answers

Page 24–25 1 1 parade 2 float 3 dress 4 costumes 5 cloak 6 street
2 1 false 2 false 3 true 4 true 5 false 6 true 3 1 big 2 people 3 people
4 winter 5 cloaks 6 fun 4 1 Where is Rio de Janeiro? It's in Brazil.
2 When is the carnival in Rio de Janeiro? It's in February or March.
3 Is there music at the Rio de Janeiro festival? Yes, there is. 4 Where
is Venice? It's in Italy. 5 Is the carnival in Venice in summer? No, it's in
winter. 6 How is the weather at the Venice carnival? It's colder than
in Brazil. 5 1 free answers

Page 26–27 1 1 Diwali is sometimes in October. 2 At Diwali, people
put lamps in their homes. 3 At Diwali, people think about their family
and other people. 4 Hanukkah is usually in December. 5 Hanukkah is
a Jewish festival. 6 At Hanukkah, people eat pancakes. 2 1 festival
2 November 3 big 4 candles 5 presents 6 donuts 3 Festivals: carnival,
Diwali, Hanukkah; Countries: Brazil, Italy, India; Months: February,
October, December 4 1 They put lamps in their homes. 2 It's in
October or November. 3 They eat pancakes and donuts.
4 It's usually in December. 5 free answers

Page 28–29 1 1 Muslim 2 presents 3 toys 4 money 5 clothes 6 festival
2 1 ✓ 2 ✗ 3 ✓ 4 ✗ 5 ✗ 6 ✓ 7 ✓ 3 1 Eid is a big festival. 2 People give
presents to their friends. 3 They think about other people. 4 People
eat dates at Eid. 5 They go to the mosque. 6 They hug their friends.
4 free answers

Page 30–31 1 1 king 2 baby 3 present 4 candy 5 shoe 6 tree
2 1 Twelfth Night is in January. 2 It's 12 nights after Christmas.
3 Three good people gave presents to Jesus. 4 Some people eat a
cake on Twelfth Night. 5 Twelfth Night is a big festival in Spain.
6 Spanish children find presents in shoes. 3 1 Christian 2 Christmas
3 Spain 4 parades 5 costumes 6 shoes 4 1 Eid 2 Twelfth Night
3 Twelfth Night 4 Twelfth Night 5 Eid 6 Twelfth Night 5 1 king 2 tree
3 present 4 streets

Page 32–33 1 1 season 2 sunny 3 flowers 4 cherry 5 spring 6 picnics
2 1 true 2 false 3 false 4 false 5 true 6 true 3 free answers 4 free answers

Page 34–35 1 1 crown 2 wheat 3 harvest 4 wreath 5 turkey
6 pumpkin pie 2 1 November 2 wheat 3 family 4 Chuseok 5 girl
3 1 USA 2 South Korea 3 Italy 4 Poland 4 1 in the fall 2 farmers
3 South Korea 4 in September or October 5 They eat traditional
food and they dance. 6 the USA and Canada 7 in November

Page 36–37 1 1 birthday 2 tree 3 teacher 4 sometimes 5 statues
6 birds 2 1 Guru Nanak's birthday is a Sikh festival. 2 Vesak Day is a
Buddhist festival. 3 Christmas is a Christian festival. 4 Eid is a Muslim
festival. 3 1 Guru Nanak was a great teacher. 2 His birthday is in
November. 3 Some people go to the Golden Temple. 4 This temple
is in India. 5 There are lots of lamps at the temple. 4 free answers

Page 38–39 1 1 bonfire 2 flowers 3 lake 4 river 5 pole 6 leaves
2 1 The days are long in summer. 2 The longest day is called
Midsummer. 3 This is a big festival in Sweden. 4 People make big
bonfires. 5 It doesn't get dark in Finland. 6 In Russia, girls make
pretty crowns. 3 1 false 2 true 3 false 4 true 5 true 4 free answers

Page 40–41 1 1 lantern 2 candy 3 eye 4 nose 5 mouth 6 spider
2 1 When is Halloween? It's on October 31st. 2 What is a Halloween
lantern made of? It's made of a pumpkin. 3 What is the day after
Halloween? It's All Saints Day. 4 Where is All Saints Day a big festival?
It's big in Mexico. 5 Is All Saints Day a sad festival? No, it isn't.
3 1 lanterns 2 costumes 3 pumpkins 4 aren't 5 spiders 4 1 Children
wear costumes at Halloween. 2 They knock on doors. 3 People give
children candy. 4 People aren't really scared. 5 People have fun on
All Saints Day. 6 They play with their brothers and sisters.

Page 42–43 1 1 true 2 true 3 true 4 false 5 true 6 false 2 1 different
things 2 twelve 3 like 4 Thailand 5 hot 3 1 candle 2 parade 3 bonfire
4 skeleton 5 fireworks 6 present 7 wheat 8 pumpkin 4 free answers