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Warm Up



1. Name some holidays that you know.
2. Do you like holidays? Why or Why not?
3. What holiday do you think is marked on the calendar?

What is a *holiday*?



A **holiday** is a day for celebration when many people are allowed to stay away from work or school:

When was the last time you had a holiday?

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Vocabulary Exercise

Label the pictures with the words in the box.



- a. *mask*
- b. *costume*
- c. *balloons*
- d. *parade*
- e. *guest*
- f. *confetti*
- g. *decoration*
- h. *present*
- i. *invitation*

How are these words related to holiday?

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Complete the sentence

Use this pattern:

_____ is celebrated on _____.



How do people celebrate these holidays?

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Before a Party

salad
costume

favorite
fun

cupcake
present

Christmas
Halloween

1. The _____ he wore won the first prize.
2. I bought a _____ for my friend's birthday.
3. Superman is my _____ superhero.
4. We should start getting _____ gifts for the children.
5. Making _____ of your little brother is rude.
6. _____ usually has lettuce and tomatoes.
7. Tom wears the same costume every _____.
8. The _____ you got is not very sweet.

Fill in the gaps.

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Reading Exercise

Christmas is my **favorite** holiday. My grandmother makes ham, salad, and cupcakes on **Christmas**. I also get a **present** on Christmas! Last year I got a new set of paint brushes. This year I hope to get new pencils and a drawing pad. I always have **fun** on Christmas. **Halloween** is another good holiday. My grandmother makes candy corn and **cupcakes** on Halloween. People wear **costumes** during Halloween. Last year I wore a skeleton costume. This year I am going to wear a zombie costume.

July 4 is a good holiday. July 4 is the birthday of the United States of America. My grandmother makes hot dogs and **salad** on July 4. I don't have to go to school on July 4. But I don't get any presents either. If I got presents on July 4 it would be my favorite holiday.



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Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1) **When does the author's grandmother make cupcakes?**

I. Christmas

II. Halloween

III. July 4

A. I only

B. I and II only

C. I, II, and III

2) **This story is mainly about**

A. why the author likes some holidays

B. how someone can get out of school

C. which foods are the best to eat on different holidays

3) **What costume did the author wear for Halloween last year?**

A. zombie

B. skeleton

C. pumpkin

4) **Which holiday does the author like most?**

A. Christmas

B. Halloween

C. Easter

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Expressions

1. Happy Birthday!
2. All the best for Ramadan!
3. Congratulations!
4. I'm so proud of you!
5. Good luck on your thirtieth!
6. Best wishes
7. Many happy returns!
8. Here's to many more happy years together.
9. All the best for you!
10. Happy New Year!

- A. Birthdays
- B. Wedding
- C. Anniversary
- D. Special Holidays
- E. Special Occasions

Where do these expressions go?

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Vocabulary Discussion

- An **annual** trip to Paris.
- Labor day is a **public** holiday.
- We celebrate our **national** hero in June.
- Eid Al-Fitr is a **religious** holiday in Indonesia.
- Christmas is a **joyous** season.
- She has a **special** birthday celebration.
- The **official** date for Labor day is on May 1st.

Use the words in your own sentence.

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National Holidays

Talk about the national holidays in your country and complete the table below.

Holiday	When	What you do?	What you eat?



- Describe the picture.
- How can holidays make families and friends closer to each other?

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Sentence Building

- **Arrange the words to make a correct sentence.**
 1. I / family. / celebrate / with / Christmas / my / will
 2. the / are / you / having / When / party?
 3. meals. / mom / prepared / My / delicious / many
 4. you / to / us? / Are / coming / visit
 5. can't / wait / New Year. / for / the / I
 6. visitors / had / of / last / We / a lot / year.
 7. and / I'm / to / my / family / excited / see / friends.
 8. children / are / to / their / The / excited / open / presents.

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Express Yourself



1. What holidays do you celebrate?
2. What holidays do you really look forward to?
3. Is it better to stay at home on holidays or go somewhere?
4. How would you feel if there weren't any holidays?
5. What holiday food do you like?
6. What present would you like to receive?
7. Is there anything you hate about holidays?

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Minimal Pairs

T	SH
tin	shin
tack	shack
tip	ship
toe	show
tower	shower
top	shop
tape	shape
tie	shy
two	shoe

D	SH
door	shore
dip	ship
dot	shot
dark	shark
dock	shock
dough	show
dye	shy
dirt	shirt
deep	sheep



The End