**Warming up activities**

1. Nouns: culture, history, rituals, dances, food, holidays, fairs, songs.

Adjectives: exciting, old, beautiful, big, ancient, new, cultural.

Verbs: celebrate, relax, dance, sing, give, transmit, save.

Traditions and festivals for me are part of the history and culture of different peoples and nations. Traditions may include various fairs, festivals, songs, dances, rituals that reveal their essence at festivals. Certainly old traditions can be replenished with new traditions due to the constant change in all spheres of human activity.

2. One of the most interesting reasons for tourism is national holidays and festivals. This is a great way to plunge into the atmosphere of the country, get acquainted with its inhabitants and traditions. Let's try to figure out what festivals are and why this type of travel is so popular all over the world.

National holidays of the world are mass events that take place in a certain country from year to year. The most popular of them are:

The annual Oktoberfest beer festival is noisy and fun in Munich;

A ten-day carnival every February turns Venice into a medieval city;

The Festival of Cultures aims to show how different Berlin can be. On this day, every square of the city turns into a unique location, and it all ends with a spectacular parade;

The Festival of St. Patrick's Day in Dublin is an annual celebration when the famous Guinness beer flows like a river, and the Irish wear only green.

3. Silk Painting (China)

Silk began to be made in ancient China more than 5 thousand years ago, long before paper was invented. In China, silk was the main material used in painting and writing. The art of silk painting itself is at least 2 thousand years old, although early mentions of the use of dyes for fabric can be found in Chinese texts dating back to 2500 BC. The uniqueness of silk is that it allows you to keep the brightness of colors much longer than other fabrics and paper. Modern silk painting is not limited to pre-applied contours. If there were no Chinese painting, there would be no magnificent Japanese kimonos.

Throwing a boomerang (Australia)

Contrary to popular belief, not all boomerangs return, but only some, and that's exactly what the returning type was invented in Australia. In addition, the Australian aborigines did not know what a bow was, and the boomerang remained for them the most effective weapon of hunting and war.

African Ceramics (Ghana)

African ceramics are amazing patterns and ornaments that hide the centuries—old history of the continent, ritual dances and drum rhythms. In Africa, there is a belief that people were created from clay — the most beloved and native materials of the local population. Ceramics in Africa is an extension of the natural world.

Pinata (Mexico)

No holiday is complete without pinata, a traditional Mexican fun. Usually this is children's entertainment, but adults do not refuse it either. The essence is simple and ingenious: a bright papier-mache object is suspended from the ceiling — usually it is a star in honor of Christmas, but it can be an animal or a fairy—tale character – and they beat it with sticks until it breaks and sweets fall out of it.

Origami (Japan)

The ancient art of paper plastics dates back more than a thousand years, and its peculiarity is that it is available to almost everyone: even children make the simplest models. In the IX–XII centuries, paper was very expensive, so origami was made only on special occasions, mainly in religious rituals. Then origami left the temples and became mandatory for courtiers as a sign of good education and refined manners.

4. a) The "Journey to Christmas" Festival, The International festival of landscape objects "Archstoyanie", the All-Russian festival of the author's song "Greenland".

b) Glastonbury Festival, Ti in the Park Festival, Fringe Festival.

c) Jazz and Heritage Festival, Burning Man, Groundhog Day.

**Focus on listening**

1. B

2. B

3. C

4. D

5. D

6. D

**Follow up activities**

**Exercise 51.**

1. On Saturdays I visit my mother.

2. Sh-sh-sh! I'm listening to the radio.

3. Kenneth is playing football at the moment.

4. In England, cricket is played in the summer.

5. Maria doesn't like fast food.

6. I'm sorry, I don't understand you.

7. What do you do for a living, Peter? - Oh, he works in a bank.

8. Are you studying hard now, Sally? - Yes, and I study even harder on weekends.

9. Tomorrow we are moving to a new apartment.

10. Children are skating right now.

**Exercise 52.**

1. Yesterday I went shopping.

2. When I was walking home, I suddenly felt a terrible pain in my back.

3. He went to the doctor three times this week.

4. Julia has been ill since she arrived from England last week.

5. When I arrived, Kristina was sitting in front of the TV

and John was cooking dinner.

6. I met her last week and told her that I wanted to go on vacation with her.

7. When I entered the hall, everyone was dancing.

8. At 3 p.m., she listens to the news.

9. We were having dinner when Peter came.

10. While Mom was cooking, I was cleaning the room.

11. They graduated from university last summer.

**Exercise 53.**

I. I haven't read your article yet.

2. Lucy is finishing her report by now.

3. My mother spoke at yesterday's meeting.

4. I've seen this person somewhere before.

5. The train left the station at 7 o'clock. You're 10 minutes late.

6. When I arrived to meet my friend, his plane had not landed yet.

7. We waited two years before our new house was built.

8. After we finished our dinner, my sister washed the dishes.

**Exercise 54.**

1. I'm will have been looking for my lost dog for ten days by next Friday.

2. My grandfather has been watching the same TV programs for more than five years.

3. She had been teaching English at Oxford for three years before moving to the USA.

4. They have been waiting for you for almost half an hour.

**Exercise 55.**

1. The book will publish by next spring.

2. When I get to London, you will sleep.

3. They will meet at 9 o'clock next Monday.

4. By 5 o'clock tomorrow, their ship will reach Glasgow.

5. Exams will end next week.

6. When you wake up tomorrow, I'll get on the train.

**Focus on reading**

1. C

2. A

3. A

4. С

5. A

**Extension activities**

**Task 1.**

5. For:

Many crafts have long lost their relevance due to the scientific and technological revolution, they cannot meet the ever-growing level of people's needs

Against:

There are some crafts that I think will remain forever, because they satisfy the needs of people that even modern convoys and robots cannot satisfy. For example, blacksmithing allows you to create master classes for self-creation of metal products, and also immerses in the history of knights, samurai, heroes. Another example is origami, although paper production is still massive now, but the creation of decorative ornaments from paper for aesthetic pleasure remains the same craft with a deep history of Japan.

**Task 2.**

2) "Burning Man" is an annual event held in the Black Rock Desert in Nevada. The event starts on the last Monday of August at 00:01 and lasts for eight days. The last day falls on Labor Day, an official holiday celebrated in the United States on the first Monday of September, a day off for most organizations. The climax takes place on Saturday after sunset, when a huge wooden statue of a man is burned.

The organizers themselves define the event as an experiment, but not a festival, to create a community of radical self-expression, while fully relying only on themselves (Eng. radical self-expression and radical self-confidence). Works of modern art, often of fantastic forms, are installed in the desert for a week. Some of them are burned by the creators before the end of "Burning Man". Hundreds of "mutated" cars drive there (Eng. mutant vehicles) of the most incredible kind, many participants wear costumes of characters from works of art and culture, animals, objects and so on. Artists who have come to the desert give performances, various dances are popular. DJs work around the clock on several dance floors. At the same time, each participant is responsible for his life support (food, water, protection from heat, wind, cold, a place to sleep, and so on) and cleaning the desert from any traces of his stay; all this must be taken care of in advance.

The first burning of a small wooden effigy depicting a man took place in 1986, then still on one of the beaches of San Francisco, by a small group of friends. Subsequently, the circle of participants expanded and moved to its current location in the desert in Nevada.