

In your free time, do you prefer activities you can do with other people, or activities you can do alone? Why?
 It really depends on the activity. Painting is something I usually do alone, although sometimes I go to a park or other pretty place with some other painters I know and we paint together. But if I want to go to the movies or go shopping, those things are always much more fun when you do them with other people.

Is having a lot of free time important to you? Why or why not?

I like having a lot of free time because I always have so much to do. I have my painting and then I want to spend time with my family, of course. I think family is really the most important reason to have free time. It's important to do things with your family.

Part 2

I recently celebrated New Year's Day. The purpose of this day is to welcome the New Year. I think people celebrate it just about everywhere in the world. I celebrated with my cousins. We try to get together every year to celebrate this holiday, even though some of us live far away now. They're like my brothers and sisters; we grew up together. And that's the reason why this holiday is important to me, because I know I will see my cousins then. We're still young, so we did what young people do. We went to some clubs and stayed out all night dancing. We also met up with some old school friends, so it was like a reunion. We stayed out really late, until about 5:00 in the morning. The next day we went to my aunt's house and had a big family dinner with all the aunts and uncles and cousins, everyone in the family of all ages. We ate/had my country's traditional food and told stories and played games. It was a traditional family party. We do it every year.

Part 3

What are some important holidays in your country?

Some important holidays in my country are New Year's Day, National Day, and Children's Day.

Why do people celebrate holidays?

Holidays are a time to remember important dates and people from our past and to practice our traditions. They're also a time to be with our families, and to relax and enjoy good food.

Do you think holiday celebrations have changed over the years? Why or why not?

Holiday celebrations haven't changed much over the years. The dates are the same, and the reason for each day hasn't changed. Families and friends still meet and spend time together.

Do you think the importance of holiday celebrations has changed over the years? Why or why not?

No, I don't think that the importance of holiday celebrations has changed. These days are still special for everyone. But sometimes it's difficult for people to have time to really enjoy the holiday.

How will holidays be different in the future?

In the future, we may have some new holidays. Also, with so many busy families, some of the holiday traditions may change. Instead of eating home-cooked food on holidays, I think that more and more families will go to restaurants. Then they can do less work and still enjoy the holiday together.