

VOCABULARY

Holidays

LEVEL

Beginner (A1)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

- I can name some common celebrations in English-speaking countries.
- I can describe what is celebrated in my country in very simple terms.





What is your favourite
holiday?
How do you **celebrate?**



season

Noun

In the UK, there are four **seasons**:
spring, summer, autumn and winter.





Fall is a great season!

In American English, **fall** is used more often than **autumn**.



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holiday



I am going on **holiday** with my family.

birthday



Today is the day I was born. It's my **birthday**!



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gift



I get **gifts** on special days.

present



We usually get **presents** on our birthday.

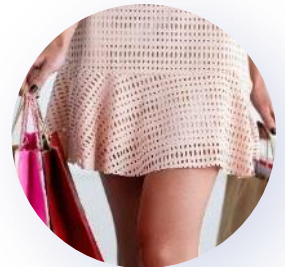


Holidays



I don't have to work on **holidays**.

I am shopping for **gifts** for my family.





Holidays



On my **birthday**, I get lots of **presents**.

What is your favourite **holiday**?



We go on holiday during the summer **season**.

She gave me a **gift**.



What does the picture show?



1

birthday

2

season



Match the sentences

1 On my birthday, I get...

2 My family and I are going...

3 We are giving you a...

4 I love the holiday...

5 We eat cake on my...

a gift.

b season.

c gifts and presents.

d birthday.

e on holiday.



What can you see in the picture?



1

birthday

2

family

3

gift

4

holiday



Holidays

to celebrate



It is a holiday, so we are
celebrating together.

Christmas



We have turkey for dinner at
Christmas.



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Thanksgiving



We celebrate
Thanksgiving with a
family dinner.

party



We are having a
party for my
birthday.

feast



We are having a big
feast with food and
drinks.



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We celebrate **Christmas** in December.

We give **presents** to our friends and family.





Holiday



My favourite holiday is **Thanksgiving**.

We usually eat a large **feast**.



We are **celebrating** because it is a holiday.

They are having a **party**.





Seasons and holidays



Name the **four seasons**
and **two holidays**.

Fill in the gaps

Today is Christmas, so I am _____ with my family. My parents gave me lots of _____. Sometimes, we also have a small _____ for our friends. Christmas is my favourite _____.



party

celebrating

holiday

presents



Make a sentence with each of the words

celebrate

birthday

holiday

Christmas

feast

party

I always have a party for my birthday.



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Halloween



Children dress up at
Halloween.

Easter



People get chocolate eggs at
Easter.



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Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day is on February the fourteenth.

New Year's Eve



We celebrate **New Year's Eve** on the last day of the year.



Holidays

1



Do you celebrate **Easter**?

2



Children love **Halloween**.

3



I gave him a gift for **Valentine's Day**.

4



We drink champagne to celebrate **New Year's Eve**.

Read the text

My children's favourite holiday is Halloween. They love to get dressed up in scary costumes. They sometimes hide behind doors or curtains and try to scare me.

My son Alex dressed up as a ghost last year. We took a bed sheet and cut two holes in it to make eye holes. My daughter Rebecca wanted to dress up as a witch so I got her a hat and some scary make up. I wore a scary Frankenstein mask.

When the costumes were ready we went to the mirror to see how we looked. The children were so excited. Then we went around the neighbourhood and collected candy from our neighbours.





Answer the questions

Work with a partner to answer the questions about the text.



What did Alex dress up as?

How did they make his costume?

What did Rebecca dress up as?

What did they do after putting on their costumes?





Transform the sentences

Rewrite the sentences in the present continuous.

1 We celebrate the holidays.



We are celebrating the holidays.

2 They have a party.



3 She celebrates her birthday.



4 We don't celebrate Halloween.



5 We go on holiday.



6 We have a feast at Christmas.

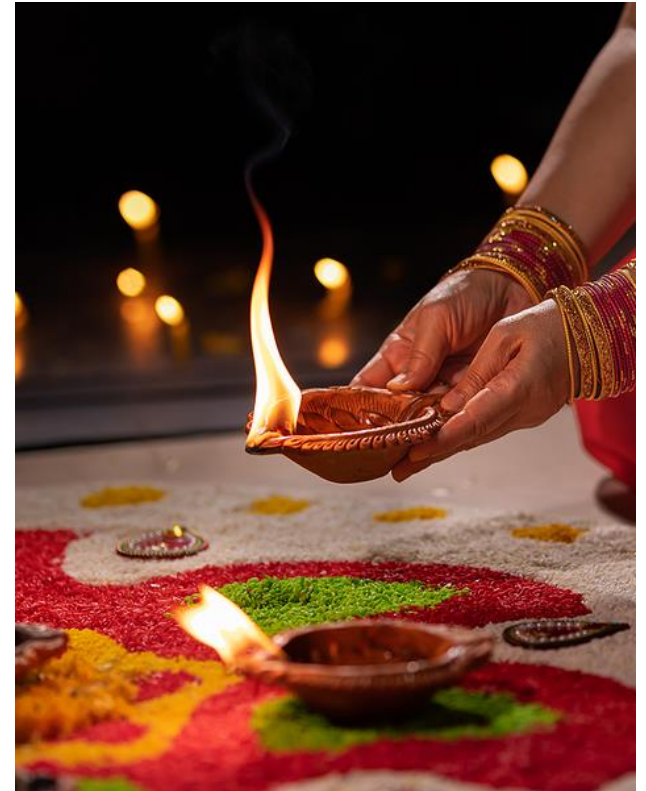




Holidays in your country

What is the most important holiday in your country?

How do you celebrate it?





End of the lesson

Idiom

paint the town red

Meaning: to celebrate and have fun

Example: It's my birthday, so I'm going to paint the town red!



Additional practice



Match the words to the pictures

1



2



3



4



5



6



a Christmas

b Easter

c New Year's Eve

d Halloween

e Valentine's Day

f Thanksgiving



Match the sentences

1 On our birthdays...

2 Holidays are a time...

3 This year we are having...

4 I can't wait for the...

5 Valentine's Day celebrates...

a a large feast.

b love.

c for family and friends.

d we get presents.

e holiday season.



How do you celebrate the holidays?

Talk to your partner about your favourite way to celebrate different holidays in your country.



feast

gifts

champagne

presents

food

family

friends

travel

vacation



Which holiday?

Think of a holiday and describe it to your classmates. They will guess which holiday you're talking about.



This holiday usually happens in winter.

Do you get presents?

Children get presents.



Answer key

P.10: birthday

P.11: 1) c. 2) e, 3) a, 4) b, 5) d

P.12: gift

P.18: celebrating, presents, party, holiday

P.24:

- Alex dressed up as a ghost.
- They took a bed sheet and cut two holes in it to make eye holes.
- Rebecca dressed up as a witch.
- They went to the mirror to see how they looked, and then they collected candy in the neighbourhood.

P.25: 2) They are having a party. 3) She is celebrating her birthday. 4) We are not celebrating Halloween. 5) We are going on holiday. 6) We are having a feast at Christmas.



Answer key

P.30: 1) b, 2) d, 3) f, 4) c, 5) a, 6) e

P.31: 1) d, 2) c, 3) a, 4) e, 5) b



Summary

Common celebrations in English-speaking countries:

- *birthday, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, Halloween, Valentine's Day, New Year's Eve*

Talking about how you celebrate:

- *gift, present, to celebrate, party, feast*



Vocabulary

season

holiday

birthday

gift

present

to celebrate

Christmas

Thanksgiving

party

feast

Halloween

Easter

Valentine's Day

New Year's Eve

