

- 7. Answer: Is there a local festival around your town / city? What is it?
- Read the text and complete the diagram on page 102 by adding festival names in the circles.

A festival is a special event. It is celebrated by a community for religious, traditional or cultural reasons. Some festivals are associated with food and folklore. Seasonal festivals are determined by the calendar. During festivals, people share love and enjoyment.

Here are some examples from around the world:

May Day, England

Children in England celebrate the end of winter and the arrival of spring on May 1. A maypole is decorated with flowers and streamers. Children hold the streamers and dance around the pole. A May Queen is crowned each year.





Holi

Hindus have this festival in March to celebrate the arrival of spring. Between drinks, food and a lot of music, people throw coloured powders and paints at each other.

Yi Peng Lantern Festival, Thailand

The celebration is a symbol to obtain Buddhist merit. So many people are attracted by the lights in the air.

