

## UNIT 4 CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAY

**Practice 1. Look at the pictures below. What celebration do you think it is?**

1. Where is it celebrated? What are people in picture A doing?
2. What about picture B?
3. Do you think picture A and picture B are related?



**Picture A**

(taken from: [www.krabi-hotels.com](http://www.krabi-hotels.com))



**Picture B**

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4. Does anybody know something about Songkran celebration?
5. Where is it celebrated? How is it celebrated?
6. What is your opinion about the celebration?

**Practice 2. Match the pictures with the names of the celebrations then find the countries where they are celebrated, when they are celebrated and how they are celebrated!**

1. Harbin international ice and sculpture festival.
2. Rio Festival.
3. St. Patrick's Day.
4. Day of the dead.



**Picture A**  
taken from: [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com).



**Picture B**  
taken from: [www.intrepidtravel.com](http://www.intrepidtravel.com)



**Picture C**  
taken from: [en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org).



**Picture D**  
taken from: [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com).

**Practice 3. Read the passage about Rio Festival. In approximately 10 minutes, in groups of 3 or 4 discuss the questions that follow. Everybody should be ready to answer each question when asked to!**

### **Rio Carnival**

The Carnival in Rio de Janeiro (Portuguese: Carnaval do Rio de Janeiro) is a festival held every year. The first Carnival festival in Rio occurred in 1723.

It's the main festivity in Brazil which is admitted as "The Greatest Show on Earth." With two million people per day on the street. The Rio Carnival is held from Friday until Tuesday or just a day shy of Ash Wednesday, a significant Catholic tradition which signal the start of Lent. If you really want to understand the question what is Carnival, head off to the Sambodromo particularly on Carnival Sunday and Monday to experience first-hand why this annual tradition is visited by millions of people from all parts of the world.

### **What is Carnival Without the Samba**

Prior to the construction of the Sambodromo, the top samba schools go around the streets of Rio to perform the samba. But, this all changed when Rio officials and organizers realized that a change is in order.

The objective is two-fold: first is the need to build a facility for the comfort of the tourists, second is the potential revenue through tickets. In 1984, the Sambodromo was completed and almost immediately, the parade registered an increase in participants and spectators.

The stadium can sit more than 80,000 visitors as well as accommodate 5,000 participants through the wide Marquês de Sapucaí Avenue. Now, what is Carnival without the samba parade? So the stadium is flocked with thousands of people. You can feel the resonance of the drums, cymbals and trumpets echo through the Sambodromo and brim over to the streets.

The Carnival is celebrated five days preceding Ash Wednesday, which is the start of Lent in the Catholic calendar. At the heart of the Carnival is the samba, which is the perfect illustration of the Afro-European blend that defines Brazil culture.

The top samba schools get the honor of performing in front of millions at the Sambodromo . It's obvious by watching the performances at the Sambodromo the amount of preparation that goes into each dance step, the choice of song and the selection of dancers to represent each school.

There's a panel of around 40 judges who sit at key points throughout the stadium watching every nuance of movement, appraising the thread and sequin of each costume, the significance of the song, the integrity to the samba. The energy is palpable throughout the stadium that spectators are known to dance along with the participants. The judges will announce the champion on Ash Wednesday

*taken from: [www.riocarnival.org](http://www.riocarnival.org)*

1. How many days is the carnival held?
2. Why was Sambodromo constructed?
3. Why is Samba inseparable from the carnival?
4. Do you think the carnival gives economic benefit? Why?
5. In your opinion, does it have negative impacts? Can you explain it?
6. Do you think Indonesia needs to have such a carnival?

**Practice 4. Here are *the common expressions* used when describing about special-day celebration and some words you probably need to give a second look. Fill in the blank spaces with the expressions or the vocabulary to complete the sentences!**

- The carnival *is held* in Rio De Janeiro.
- It *is held* for 5 days from Friday until Tuesday.
- The Day of the Dead *is celebrated* by wearing masks.
- The stadium is flocked with thousands of people.
- This annual festival *is visited* by millions of people from all over parts of the world.

Are you familiar with these words?

festivity	first-hand	accommodate
resonance	parade	flocked
preceding	nuance	palpable
sequin	obvious	blend

1. Rio Carnival is a perfect ..... of African and European culture.
2. The Carnival ..... annually in Rio De Janeiro.
3. Thousands of people..... the City to feel the joy of the Carnival.
4. You have to see the Carnival to ..... experience the greatest festival on earth.
5. People of the whole City feel the..... of this cultural event.
6. The stadium is very large that it can ..... a great number of spectators.
7. Halloween ..... on the last day of October.
8. The festival is truly rich of ..... of colors to make it very eye-catching.
9. The joy of the spectators and the participant is very.....
10. Most Special Days are..... by having special performances.

**Practice 5a. Continue the dialogue in at least 8 exchanges (each has 8 turns of speaking)!**

Antonio : Have you heard of Rio Festival?

Sergio : Rio Festival? I haven't heard of it but It sounds like a festival in Brazil.

Antonio : You are definitely right. People say it is the greatest festival on earth.

Sergio : .....

Antonio : .....

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**Practice 5b. Look at the following pictures! Work in pair, and choose one picture then in 10 minutes try to describe as much as you can. (You can choose your own, if you do not like any of the provided pictures). Share with the class. Other groups are expected to ask questions or give comments!**



**Picture A**

(Taken from: [awesomeamsterdam.com](http://awesomeamsterdam.com))



**Picture B**

(Taken from: [en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org))



**Picture C**

(Taken from: [www.intrepidtravel.com](http://www.intrepidtravel.com))



**Picture D**

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**Practice 6a. Individually, choose a Celebration of special day provided below or of your own choice. After 10 minutes of preparation, describe:**

- What the name of the special celebration is.
- Where it is celebrated.
- How it is celebrated or what people do.
- Tell the uniqueness.
- Give your opinions on the positive and negative impacts.
- Give your suggestions, etc.

Share with the class. Everyone is can ask questions, add more information or give comments.



**Halloween**

*(taken from: [www.ucg.org](http://www.ucg.org))*



**St. Patrick's Day**

*(taken from: [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com))*



**Valentine's Day**

*(taken from: [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com))*



**Inti Raymi**

*(taken from: [en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org))*

**Practice 6b. In pairs, In 10 minutes, brows or the same celebration of special day. Afterwards, spontaneously make a dialogue about it with your partner. See if you can make it in at least 10 exchanges. It can be in the forms of questions, comments, arguments, reasons, opinion, etc.**

Here is a sample of 10 exchanges dialogue. Use your name to change X or Y. Number every time you have taken a turn. Don't stop before you reach 10 turns. Remember you do not need to write your dialogue. The form below is only to check whether you can make it at least 10 exchanges!

X1	:	.....
Y1	:	.....
X2	:	.....
Y2	:	.....
X3	:	.....
Y3	:	.....
X4	:	.....
Y4	:	.....
X5	:	.....
Y5	:	.....
X6	:	.....
Y6	:	.....
X7	:	.....
Y7	:	.....
X8	:	.....
Y8	:	.....
X9	:	.....
Y9	:	.....
X10	:	.....
Y10	:	.....

**Practice 6c. Voluntarily, One or two students tell about a special day celebration in front of the class. The other students are to ask questions, comment. Make it as detailed as you can!**

- What celebration it is.
- Where it is celebrated. (What country/countries).
- How long the celebration is.
- What people do to celebrate it or what people can see or enjoy.
- How famous it is. (The number of spectators and participants).
- What the uniqueness are.
- What the pluses and the minuses are and the reasons.
- Give your suggestions if you have.

**Practice 6d. Completely spontaneous dialogue. One or two pairs of volunteers are offered or invited to perform a dialogue in front of the class without being given time to prepare!**