

Topic

Conversation for Beginners

Lesson 10 Celebrations and Festivals

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- A photograph of a nest filled with several decorated Easter eggs. The eggs are in various colors including yellow, blue, green, red, and purple, each with different white patterns like hearts, stars, and zig-zags. The nest is made of dry grass and twigs, and is surrounded by green grass and small white flowers. A semi-transparent grey box is overlaid on the top left of the image, containing two questions.
- What are these objects?
 - On what special occasion do we see these objects?



Target Language

In this lesson, we will **talk about celebrations and festivals:**

- identify four different celebrations and festivals;
- learn when these festivals are celebrated;
- learn expressions used in daily conversations.

Key words:

Valentine's Day
Halloween
Thanksgiving
New Year's Day

Key Words

Learn the new words and match.



- New Year's Day
- Thanksgiving



- Halloween
- Valentine's Day





Vocabulary Check

Guess the celebration or festival based on the underlined words and match.

1. Sam gives Mary some flowers and chocolates on this special day.



Thanksgiving

2. My mom cooked turkey and invited our relatives over dinner.



Halloween

3. I will write my goals for 2023.



Valentine's Day

4. Children do trick or treat on this day.



New Year

Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

1. My favorite festival is Halloween.

Questions:

1. Do you take part in Halloween parties?

If yes, what costumes have you worn so far?

2. How many holidays does your country have?

Which is your favorite?



Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

2. What do you like about Valentine's Day?

Questions:

1. Do you celebrate Valentine's Day?

If yes, what do you like about this day?

2. How do you ask someone what they like about a celebration/festival?



Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

3. Thanksgiving Day is usually on the last Thursday in November. Families get together for a meal.

Questions:

1. What celebrations in your country are important to families?
2. Describe your favorite celebration/festival using the time clause “when”.



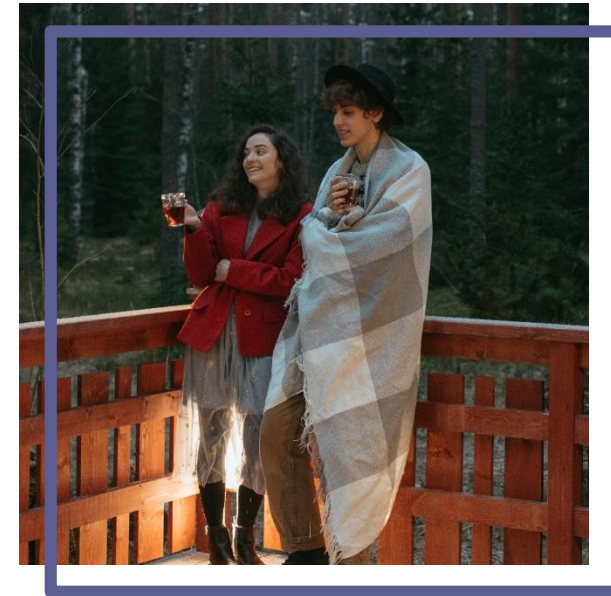
Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

4. We celebrate **New Year's Day** on the first day of January.

Questions:

1. Do you celebrate New Year's the same way you did when you were little?
2. What are your goals for the coming year?



Conversation

Listen to the audio and do a role play.

Yuka and John are talking about their favorite festivals.



Yuka



Yuka



Yuka

What is your favorite festival in the USA, John?

My favorite festival is Thanksgiving Day.

What do you like about it?

It's a day when families and friends get together for a meal.

When do you celebrate it?

We celebrate it on the fourth week of November.



John



John



John



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Semi-open Role Play

Make a role play with your teacher with the given scenario and hints.

Scenario

Talk about your favorite festival with your teacher. Ask your teacher what festival he/she likes.

- Hints:
- My favorite ...
 - What do you like about it?
 - ... get together for...
 - We celebrate it on/in...

Review

Fill in the blanks with the correct words you learned from this lesson.

1. _____ is a day when people give _____ to their loved ones.

2. _____ is a day when people make _____.

3. _____ is a day when children do _____. It's on October 31st.

4. _____ is a day when families get together and eat _____.

