

Match the titles to the texts. One title is extra.

1. The German "Karneval"
2. Christmas Celebrations
3. St. Nicholas Day
4. The Festival of Lights
5. A Birthday Party

- A.** _____ Children celebrate the holiday with their family members. They always have a special cake, which is iced with candles on top. If you are nine you have nine. They invite their friends and they have a celebration with food, games and music. The guests usually bring gifts: CDs, cosmetics, candles, T-shirts, books and photo frames. People often put balloons up in their houses or on their front gates to show everybody where the party is happening.
- B.** _____ It is celebrated on the first Monday in February. Everybody puts on a mask and a red nose and wears funny clothes. Schools and kindergartens celebrate it with a party, meals and lots of fun. Children eat crisps and drink coke and fanta. Salt-sticks are also popular. Older people celebrate it with beer, sausages, chips and potato salad. There are long processions where people show off their costumes and throw sweets from decorated cars, especially in Köln, the centre of this holiday.
- C.** _____ In Malaysia there is a special celebration called Deepavali. This is a Hindu festival. It is celebrated between October and November. Hindus believe that on this day the good forces overcome the evil (злые) ones. During this time the Hindus lit their homes with tiny lights to show victory over darkness. These lights are in clay pots filled with coconut oil. In the afternoon friends and families gather in their homes and eat lots of traditional Indian food.
- D.** _____ It is how people celebrate Jesus's birth in Sweden. Several weeks before it people decorate the streets and shops. Families decorate their houses in red and set up stars and candles in their windows. Every family has a green tree in their house. They decorate it and put presents under it. Some people sing carols and dance around the tree. All the family members usually get together to eat a big dinner.

