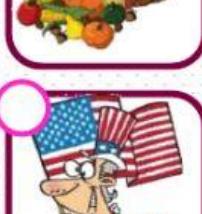


# FESTIVALS AROUND THE YEAR



Match the festivals to the pictures. Then read the definitions about some of them and write the name of the festival on the line.

1 Mardi Gras

People celebrate the arrival of spring by outdoor events on the first day of May: \_\_\_\_\_

2 Christmas

The official US holiday that celebrates the 'nation's birth' with fireworks, outdoor meals, flags and speeches: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Halloween

4 Columbus Day

A popular carnival in the USA held in New Orleans during the week before the first day of Lent: \_\_\_\_\_

5 St Patrick's Day

The tradition, giving cards and presents to fathers, began in America in the 20<sup>th</sup> century: \_\_\_\_\_

6 Independence Day

The day of love and romance in February, when people give cards, letters, flowers or small presents to each other: \_\_\_\_\_

7 Mother's Day

The first day of the new year when people often make resolutions: \_\_\_\_\_

8 Thanksgiving

The national holiday in Ireland, when people celebrate the national saint of the country traditionally wearing a shamrock: \_\_\_\_\_

9 Easter

A special day in February, when a small animal comes out of its hole after its winter sleep and sees its own shadow, goes back down its hole, there will be six more weeks of winter: \_\_\_\_\_

10 New Year's Day

A night in the end of October, when people once believed that ghosts could be seen. Now, it is the time to have parties and play 'trick or treat': \_\_\_\_\_

11 April Fool's Day

One of the most important holiday for many Americans by remembering the early days of Pilgrims in America with a traditional dinner: \_\_\_\_\_

12 New Year's Eve

13 Valentine's Day

14 Father's Day

15 Groundhog Day

16 May Day

