

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – HBL (7<sup>th</sup> April 2022)**  
**INFORMATION TRANSFER**

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**Read about the different types of festival below. Then answer the questions that follow.**

There are many different kinds of festivals around the world. One popular and interesting festival celebrated in Thailand is the Songkran. It takes place during the Traditional Thai New Year for 3 days, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April. During the festival, the Thais use water to splash each other. They believe that the water can wash away their sins and bad luck.



Another interesting festival is the Lantern festival. The festival comes from China. It is celebrated on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the Chinese lunar month. In 2018, it was celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Chinese make colourful lanterns to appreciate the bright full moon which marks the end of the Chinese New Year celebration.

In Japan, the Japanese celebrate the Gion festival. It is the most famous Festival that takes place in Kyoto. It begins with a ceremony of welcoming and returning the spirit through a mikoshi parade. Mikoshi are portable shrines in which the divine spirits are carried. It normally takes place on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July.





In India, a festival called Holi is celebrated every year particularly in March. Each year, the Indians come together to throw coloured powder on each other. It is mostly celebrated on the street with loud music before people retreat to private house parties to eat and continue the celebration. It is also known as the festival of colours.

Another interesting festival is the Gawai Dayak in Malaysia celebrated by the Dayak people. It is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. Men and women wear 'nigeipan' a traditional costume for this festival.



Now complete the table

NAME OF FESTIVAL	MONTH OF FESTIVAL	PEOPLE	THINGS THEY USE
Songkran	1.	Thais	2.
3.	March	4.	Lantern
Gion	5.	6.	Mikoshi
7.	March	Indians	8.
Gawai Dayak	9.	10.	Nigeipan