



Celebrations

around the world

1 Chinese New Year

My name's Hong, and I live in Shanghai. Today's January 28th, and I'm celebrating Chinese New Year with my family. Chinese New Year always takes place in January or February, but the date changes every year. For example, it's on February 5th in 2019 and on January 25th in 2020. Before New Year, we clean our homes and decorate them in the color red for good luck. Then we have a special dinner with our family and wear red clothes. I'm having dinner with my family now, and I'm wearing a red shirt. We're all having a great time!

2 Rio Carnival

My name's Ana, and I live in Rio de Janeiro. People from all over the world visit Rio at Carnival time. Carnival is on a different date every year, but it's always in February or March. It starts on a Friday and finishes on a Wednesday. Today's Sunday, February 26th – the third day of Carnival – and I'm watching a parade with my friends. The dancers and musicians in the parades are wearing beautiful, colorful costumes.

3 Seville's April Fair

I'm Antonio, and I'm visiting Seville this week for the April Fair. I live in Madrid, but I come to Seville every year in April. Today's April 18th – the second day of the fair – and right now, I'm walking around with my friends. The April Fair is a party for the whole city. It starts at midnight on a Monday and finishes on a Sunday. The women wear flamenco dresses, jewelry, and flowers in their hair, and the men wear suits and hats. Some people ride horses. The atmosphere's fantastic!



B Match sentences 1–5 with the three celebrations.

- 1 This celebration takes place in Brazil. _____
- 2 A lot of people wear red for this celebration. _____
- 3 This celebration starts on a Friday. _____
- 4 This celebration happens in the winter. _____
- 5 Animals take part in this celebration. _____