

1 Traditions

Grammar

Complete the conversation with the simple present passive.

Ken What's your favorite tradition from when you were a child?

Kerstin Hmm . . . let's see . . . I'd say Santa Lucia's Day.

Ken Santa Lucia's Day? I've never heard of it. Is it a Swedish festival?

Kerstin Yeah. It's celebrated (celebrate) on December thirteenth at the darkest time of winter. Santa Lucia _____ (consider) to be the symbol of light. So, it reminds everyone that the days will grow longer and sunnier after December.

Ken Oh, I see. So what do you do to celebrate?

Kerstin Well, in schools, for example, a girl _____ (choose) to be Santa Lucia. She wears a white dress, and a crown of candles _____ (put) on her head. Then the Santa Lucia song _____ (sing) by all the class. And in some families, the girl serves her parents breakfast in bed. That _____ (not do) in all homes, though.

Ken So, is there a special kind of food that _____ (eat)?

Kerstin Yeah, they have these sweet buns that _____ (make) with saffron. They _____ usually _____ (serve) with coffee – or juice for the kids.

Ken Sounds nice.

