LEVEL 5 - Unit 8 INTEGRATED SKILLS WORKSHEET

Name: _____

LISTENING

A. People are talking at parties. Listen and number the pictures.

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B. People are describing holidays and special events. Which day are they talking about? Listen and write the correct letter.

1.	**a.** Mother's Day
2.	**b.** Valentine's Day
3.	**c.** Christmas
4.	**d.** Halloween
5.	**e.** New Year's Eve

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Reading 1

Carnival in Brazil

Carnival in Brazil is one of the most famous and colorful celebrations in the world. It usually takes place in February or March, before the Christian season of Lent. For almost a week, cities across the country are filled with music, parades, costumes, and dancing. In Rio de Janeiro, millions of people join the street parties known as *blocos*, where strangers dance together and celebrate in a joyful atmosphere.

The highlight of Carnival is the Samba Parade at the Sambadrome, where different samba schools compete. Each school prepares for months, creating elaborate floats, costumes, and choreography. The performances often tell stories about Brazilian history, traditions, or social issues.

For Brazilians, Carnival is not just entertainment. It is a celebration of creativity, identity, and cultural pride. It is also a time when people forget their problems for a while and come together as a community.

A. **Read and answer the questions:**

a) When does Carnival usually take place?

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b) What is the main event in Rio de Janeiro's Carnival?

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c) Why is Carnival important for Brazilians beyond fun and music?

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B. **Choose True or False:**

a) Carnival happens in December. _____

b) The Samba Parade includes floats and costumes. _____

c) Carnival is only about dancing. _____

C. Read again and fill in the blanks with a relative clause of time:

1. Carnival is the festival _____ Brazilians celebrate creativity and tradition together.
2. February is the month _____ the streets of Rio fill with music and dancing.
3. New Year's Eve is the night _____ many people make resolutions for the future.
4. Sunday is the day _____ most families go out to watch parades during Carnival.

Reading 2

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Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year, or the Spring Festival, is the most important holiday in China and in many Asian countries. It usually falls between January and February, depending on the lunar calendar. Families begin preparations weeks before the actual date. They clean their homes to sweep away bad luck, buy new clothes, and decorate with red symbols, which represent good fortune and happiness.

On New Year's Eve, families gather for a big meal known as the "reunion dinner." Dishes such as dumplings, fish, and rice cakes are common, and each food has a symbolic meaning. At midnight, fireworks light up the sky to scare away evil spirits, and children receive red envelopes filled with money as a wish for prosperity.

Each year is also represented by an animal from the Chinese zodiac. For example, 2024 is the Year of the Dragon, which symbolizes strength and good luck. For many people, Chinese New Year is a time when traditions connect generations, and families celebrate unity and hope for a better year.

A. Read and answer the questions:

a) What preparations do families make before New Year's Eve?

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b) What foods are usually eaten during the reunion dinner?

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c) What do red envelopes symbolize?

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C. Match the tradition with its meaning:

1. Cleaning the house	a) Good fortune and prosperity
2. Eating dumplings	b) Each year has a symbol,
3. Red envelopes	c) Removing bad luck
4. Zodiac animals	d) Family unity

C. Complete with adverbial clauses of time (*after, when, before*):

1. Families watch fireworks _____ midnight arrives.
2. People decorate their homes _____ the celebration begins.
3. Children smile _____ they receive red envelopes.

WRITING ACTIVITIES

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1. Write a short paragraph (120-150 words) about a celebration in your country. Describe when it happens, what people do, and why it is important.

Example:
Independence Day in Ecuador is celebrated on August 10th, which is the day when the country began its fight for freedom. Every year, schools and organizations prepare parades in the streets. People wave flags, sing the national anthem, and watch military groups march proudly. Families often take the day off to enjoy traditional food, like hornado and empanadas. Fireworks light up the night sky, and the atmosphere is full of pride and excitement. This day is very important because it reminds Ecuadorians of the courage and sacrifice of their ancestors. It is also a time when the whole nation feels united and proud of its history.

2. Write a short paragraph (120-150 words) about how you celebrated your last birthday or holiday. Use adverbial clauses of time (before, after, when).

Example.
Last year, I celebrated my birthday with my family and closest friends. Before the guests arrived, my parents decorated the house with balloons and prepared a special dinner. When everyone came, we played games and listened to music. Before I blew out the candles, I closed my eyes and made a wish for good health and happiness. After we ate the cake, my friends surprised me with a group gift, which was a book I had been wanting to read for months. Later, we went outside to watch fireworks, and we ended the night by taking pictures together. It was a day when I felt very loved and grateful.

SPEAKING - SHADOWING

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1.Listen to the recording carefully.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vX8Mcfhw9al3b2XJI3mjOQxIJrxaYjrc/view?usp=sharing

2. Play it again and **repeat after the speaker.**

3.Try to **copy the intonation, stress, and rhythm.**

4. Record yourself on **Vocaroo** and share the link. https://vocaroo.com/

Paste your Vocaroo link here: _____

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