**1 Fill in:** *grab*, *defeat*, *represent*, *commemorate*, *encourage*, *fight*, *exchange*, *decorate*, *greet*, *fast*.

1 My parents always …… me to learn about other cultures.
2 In Ukraine, people usually …… cards and presents on New Year's Day.
3 Sachin has to …… during Ramadan and he can't eat anything all day.
4 We hold Gasparilla Pirate Festival to …… the life of a Spanish pirate.
5 In the past, soldiers used to …… with swords and spears.
6 We decided to …… the house with balloons for Kelly's party.
7 Jim's grandparents always …… him with a big smile.
8 People wear costumes at the festival to …… the seasons.
9 Just wait while I …… my coat and then we can leave.
10 The Mexican army managed to …… the French at the Battle of Puebla.

**2 Underline the correct item.**

1 There were lots of impressive floats in the street **parade/display.**
2 We went to the hospital to visit Helen after the birth/birthday of her baby boy.
3 On New Year's Eve hundreds of cities **bring/come** alive with colourful fireworks.
4 In February children in Greece **wear/dress up** in carnival costumes.
5 Charlie **spilled/slipped** some tea on the white carpet.
6 In some countries, the wedding celebrations **keep/last** for several days.
7 Maria **put up/turned up** to the party in the same dress as her sister.
8 The English **celebrate/hold** Bonfire Night on the 5th of November every year.
9 Congratulations on passing your final exams! When is your **graduation/ crowning**?
10 Stan **stepped/fell** on Mike's foot while we were dancing.

**3 Put the verbs in brackets into the *present perfect*.**

1 I ..... **(not/try)** Maori food – what's it like?
2 ..... **(you/see)** Emma today?
3 Jason ..... **(just/break)** a glass and there are pieces of it all over the floor.
4 They ..... **(be)** at the celebration since 9.00 this morning.
5 ..... **(Alex/buy)** a ticket for the festival?

**4 Underline the correct answer.**

1 Lucy hasn't seen her cousins in Australia **for/since** two years.
2 The graduation ceremony has **yet/just** started.
3 Have you **never/ever** taken part in a parade?
4 I haven't been to the Glastonbury Festival **since/for** 2010.
5 They haven't picked the winner of the competition **yet/already.**

**5 Complete using the *present perfect* or the *past simple*.**

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1. I _____(buy) Fiona a birthday present yesterday.
2. I _____(not/get) her anything yet.
3. _____(you/ever/visit) the Taj Mahal?
4. I _____ (go) there in 2010.
5. She _____(take part) in a Mexican festival last summer.
6. You're so lucky, I _____(never/be) to Mexico.
7. Max _____(just/graduate) from university.
8. That's great, he _____(study) really hard last month.
9. Laura _____(already/chose) her costume for a party.
10. She _____(show) it to me last night.

**6 Complete the dialogues (1-3) with appropriate responses.**

**1**
X: Did you do anything special at the weekend?
Y:

**A** I enjoyed it a lot.
**B** I went to a wedding.
**C** It was really special.

**2**
X:
Y: Yes, we usually have a family meal at home.

**A** How do you celebrate your birthday?
**B** Who do you celebrate your birthday with?
**C** Do you celebrate your birthday?

**3**
X: What are you wearing to Daisy's graduation?
Y:
X: Really? Maybe I should go shopping too!

**A** My suit was on sale.
**B** I've bought a new suit.
**C** I think you should wear a suit.

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**7 Fill the gaps (1-4) with appropriate sentences (A-E).**

**A** This is why the other women sing and dance to entertain her.

**B** The groom's name is often hidden in the pattern on her hands.

**C** The mehndi patterns last for 2-4 weeks.

**D** This celebration is only for the bride and her relatives.

**E** It is usually reddish-brown, the colour of luck.

***The Mehndi Party***

Hindu weddings are elaborate occasions that take place over several days. One important part of the festivities is the Mehndi Party. [1 ] It is called the Mehndi Party after the dye used to paint patterns on the skin of the bride, also called mehndi. This is a paste made from the dried leaves of a plant, mixed with lemon juice or water. [2 ] An artist uses the mehndi to paint complicated designs on the bride's hands and feet, so she has to sit still for hours. [3 ] They also have designs painted on their skin. [4 ] A popular belief is that the longer the pattern remains on the skin, the better.

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