

Lesson B Listening



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Listen to the conversation about the holidays of Nowruz and Holi. Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. Are Holi celebrations as long as Nowruz celebrations?

2. Where will Farzin celebrate Nowruz this year?

3. What do people eat during Nowruz?

4. What is Holi also called?

5. How do people participate in the festival of Holi? Name three things.

6. At the end of the call, what does Farzin ask Priya to do?



▲ A crowd watches a street show during Nowruz in Tehran, Iran.



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Listen again and complete the sentences with *Nowruz* or *Holi*.

1. _____ is celebrated in many places around India.

2. _____ is as big as Christmas, New Year, and 4th of July combined.

3. Big _____ celebrations take place in Los Angeles.

4. During _____ in Iran, there are a lot of street shows.

5. _____ is about bringing people together and forgetting bad feelings.

6. _____ begins with the ritual of lighting a bonfire.

7. At the end of _____, people jump over bonfires.



▲ People celebrating Holi in Pune, India



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Read the statements and questions aloud and mark the intonation with rising (↗) or falling (↘) arrows. Then listen to the conversation again and check (✓) the information that is mentioned.

- 1. There are a lot of parties and street shows.
- 2. Is Nowruz celebrated all over the world, or only in Iran?
- 3. People sing, dance, and make crafts.
- 4. People eat sweet flatbread, deep-fried dumplings, and rice.
- 5. Children sing songs, play, and ask for sweets.
- 6. Is Nowruz celebrated on March 20th or 21st this year?
- 7. Holi is a celebration of colors and love.
- 8. Before the festival begins, people clean their houses and buy new clothes.