

# The National Holidays

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Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2021 will occur on Sunday, October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating and carving jack-o'-lanterns.

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Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in many countries, but it takes place on November 25 of every year in Thailand and the United States. It is the celebration to give thanks for what we have. It is common to give thanks not only for the food on our table at Thanksgiving but, more importantly, it is celebrated as a time to be grateful for all of the blessings in our lives and gifts that we have been given. Thanksgiving is often referred to as "Turkey Day" because the most classic Thanksgiving tradition is cooking a turkey dinner. On this holiday, people host or attend a Thanksgiving meal with family, friends, or neighbors.

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Christmas is celebrated to remember the birth of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe is the Son of God. It takes place on December 25 of every year. People will make a wish with Santa Claus. People celebrate Christmas Day in many ways. Many people decorate their homes, send a card, visit family or friends, exchange gifts, and have dinner. It is common to organize a special meal, often consisting of turkey and a lot of other festive foods, for family or friends and exchange gifts with them. Children, in particular, often receive a lot of gifts from their parents and other relatives and the mythical figure Santa Claus.

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New Year is one of the most widely celebrated holidays in the world. It is on January 1 of every year, but people start the celebration on December 31. It is called "New Year Eve". It is celebrated to welcome the new year that is coming. People start the countdown to welcome the new year, and the sky is full of fireworks every year. Common traditions that people do include attending parties, eating special New Year's foods, making resolutions for the new year and watching fireworks displays.



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**Direction: Choose the correct answer.**

From the passage, there are four national holidays.

\_\_\_\_\_ is celebrated almost every country in the world. It is on the first date of the first month of every year. You can watch the fireworks at midnight. People usually make resolutions on this holiday. Next, it is \_\_\_\_\_. You can eat turkey and a lot of other festive foods. Children like this holiday because they can get many gifts. For the third holiday is \_\_\_\_\_. It is on October 31. It occurs for to ward off the ghosts. For the activities that people like to do are trick-or-treating and carving jack-o'-lanterns. And the last one, people celebrates to give thanks for what they have. It is referred to as "Turkey Day" because people cook a turkey for the dinner on this holiday. So, It is \_\_\_\_\_.

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