



FESTIVALS AROUND THE YEAR



Match the festivals to the pictures. Then read the definitions about some of them and write the name of the festival on the line.



1 Mardi Gras

People celebrate the arrival of spring by outdoor events on the first day of May:

2 Christmas

The official US holiday that celebrates the 'nation's birth' with fireworks, outdoor meals, flags and speeches:

3 Halloween

4 Columbus Day

A popular carnival in the USA held in New Orleans during the week before the first day of Lent:

5 St Patrick's Day

6 Independence Day

The tradition, giving cards and presents to fathers, began in America in the 20th century:

7 Mother's Day

8 Thanksgiving

The day of love and romance in February, when people give cards, letters, flowers or small presents to each other:

9 Easter

10 New Year's Day

The first day of the new year when people often make resolutions:

11 April Fool's Day

12 New Year's Eve

The national holiday in Ireland, when people celebrate the national saint of the country traditionally wearing a shamrock:

13 Valentine's Day

14 Father's Day

A special day in February, when a small animal comes out of its hole after its winter sleep and sees its own shadow, goes back down its hole, there will be six more weeks of winter:

15 Groundhog Day

16 May Day

A night in the end of October, when people once believed that ghosts could be seen. Now, it is the time to have parties and play 'trick or treat':



One of the most important holiday for many Americans by remembering the early days of Pilgrims in America with a traditional dinner:

