13 Listen and read. TR: 10

Celebrating the Sun



In Sweden, people celebrate the sun. In summer, days are long and nights are short. The festival of Midsummer happens in June. People celebrate the longest day of the year and the start of summer.

People decorate their homes with flowers and leaves. Many people wear beautiful costumes to the festival. They dance and sing songs. They eat fish, potatoes, fruit, and other foods. People enjoy the sunlight and can forget about the cold, dark days of winter.

In the north of Sweden, it never gets dark at midsummer.



14 Read. Check **T** for *True* and **F** for *False*.

1. People in Sweden celebrate the sun. (T) (F)
2. The festival of Midsummer is in July. (T) (F)
3. People dance and sing at the festival of Midsummer. (T) (F)

15 Read. Complete the chart.

Midsummer	
Where do people celebrate it?	
Why do they celebrate it?	They celebrate the longest day of the year and the start of summer.
What do people do?	

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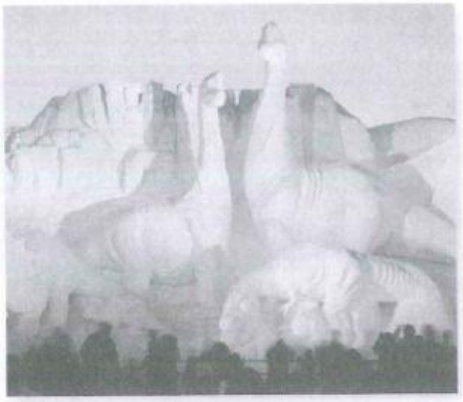
Describing an Event

When you write about an event, for example a festival or a parade, give the name and location, and describe what you did and what what you saw. Write a short, simple title that tells the reader what the paragraph is about.

16 **Read about Hiro and his favorite festival.** What title does Hiro use for his writing? In the text, Hiro uses words that describe what he saw, heard, and did.

The Sapporo Snow Festival

by Hiro



Every year we have a snow festival. It is in February, in the winter. This year it was fantastic! It was very cold. I wore a snowsuit, boots, gloves, and a hat. There was a lot to do, and we had so much fun. I went to see the beautiful snow sculptures with my brother and sister. My favorite sculpture was of two big dinosaurs. They looked scary! We played on the snow slides and in a snow maze, too! In the evening, we saw colorful lights, we listened to music, we ate steamed buns, and we drank hot chocolate to get warm! The festival was wonderful this year!

17 **Write.** Write about a celebration or festival. Think about what you wore, what you saw, and what you did. Write a title.

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