

1 Match the expressions with their language.

¡Feliz año nuevo!

German

Gelukkig Nieuwjaar!

French

Felice Anno Nuovo!

Dutch

Happy New Year!

Italian

Bonne année!

English

Frohes neues Jahr!

Spanish

2 Read the text and write the country names. 

New Year Celebrations around the World

All over the world, people celebrate the New Year. The holiday represents saying good-bye to the old year and welcoming a new one. People do not always celebrate the New Year on the same day. In Mexico, the USA, and Europe, people celebrate it on the first day of January.

In China and other parts of Asia, the day depends on the lunar calendar, and people normally celebrate the New Year in late January or February. New Year traditions are also different around the world. In Brazil, people eat lentils on New Year's Day. They believe lentils bring prosperity.

In China, people organize dragon parades and they visit family and friends. In Canada, people of all ages wear their swimsuits and jump into ice-cold water. They call it the Polar Bear Swim. Every country and every family has different celebrations. When and how do you celebrate the New Year?

Write *right*, *wrong*, or *doesn't say*.

1. People all over the world celebrate the New Year.

2. Everybody celebrates New Year's Day on January 1st.

3. People in Brazil eat lentil soup on many important holidays.

4. Canadians swim with polar bears on the New Year.

► How does your family celebrate the New Year? Tell your friends.

3 Read and complete the information.

My Birthday!!

Would you like to come to my party?
I'm going to celebrate my birthday on Friday,
February 2nd. There's going to be a party at my
house at 5 p.m. We're going to have fun! We're
going to play games, dance, and sing. We're
going to eat hot dogs and have cupcakes.

Julie

Celebration: _____

Date: _____

Place: _____

Time: _____

Plan your invitation.

Happy Birthday

Celebration: _____

Date: _____

Happy Birthday

Place: _____

Time: _____

Write and decorate your invitation.

1 Discuss with a friend. Then write a sentence below each picture.

What is going to happen in each picture?








► Classify the actions with a friend.

blow out candles decorate a tree hit a piñata send cards find eggs paint eggs

Birthday **Christmas** **Easter**

► Write one more action below each heading. ► Tell a friend how you celebrate these holidays.

2 Listen and number the lines.  31

Chorus:

Holidays, holidays,
Let's celebrate them all.
Holidays, holidays,
How wonderful! How cool!

Today is my birthday,
It's pink and red! _____
Look at my dress. _____
How beautiful, how
beautiful, _____

Holidays, Holidays!


Chorus

It's Easter.
How fun, how fun _____
Look at the eggs... so
colorful. _____
This holiday is so cool! _____

Chorus

Today is Christmas Day,
How fantastic, how
fantastic, _____
Look at the tree _____
So big and green! _____

Chorus

► Sing "Holidays, Holidays!"  31

3 Look and underline the appropriate celebration.



New Year's Day

Valentine's Day



School Festival

New Year's Day



Wedding

School Festival



Christmas

Birthday



Christmas

Birthday



Wedding

Easter

► Listen and write the celebration.  32

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

► Discuss with a friend what your favorite celebration is and why.

4 Make a Friendship Bracelet.

You need

- different colors of string
- tape

Instructions

1. Cut the string into 60-cm pieces.
2. Line up six pieces and fold them in half.
3. Tie each piece to create a 1-cm loop on one end.
4. Tape the looped end to your table.

5. Separate the pieces into three sections and braid them until you have a braid that can go around your friend's wrist.
6. Make a knot at the end of the braid. Leave 2 cm unbraided and cut off the rest of the string.
7. Put the bracelet around your friend's wrist.



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