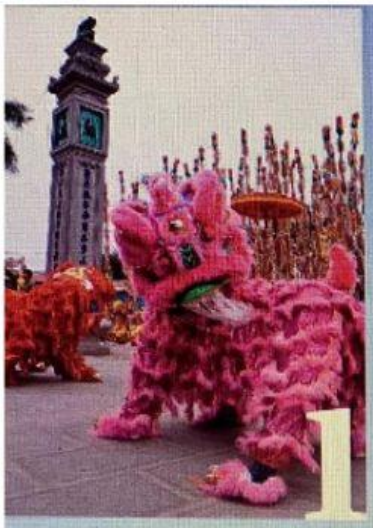
READING ACTIVITY

1. Read the text and complete the activities.



LIFE IN NUMBERS

VIETNAM

Imagine sharing your birthday with the whole country! That's exactly what happens every year in Vietnam. The Vietnamese don't celebrate on the day they were born. Instead everyone gets one year older on the same day – Vietnamese New Year's day or 'Tet'. People don't give birthday presents, but children receive red envelopes with money inside. Children greet older people with the phrase, 'Long life of 100 years!'

Tet is the biggest celebration of the year in Vietnam – and it can last for a week. Everyone takes

LATIN AMERICA

Becoming an adult is a very special day for girls in South America and it happens on their fifteenth birthday – the Quinceañera.

In some places, such as parts of Mexico, the father or another relative gives the girl her first pair of high heels as a symbol of becoming a woman. The birthday girl, or quinceañera, often gives out fifteen candles, one to each of the fifteen most important people in her life.

Then there is a meal and dancing. The quinceañera's first dance is always with her father.





JAPAN

In Japan everyone has a day off to celebrate the world's biggest twentieth birthday party.

The second Monday of January every year is 'Coming of Age Day' or 'Seijin no hi' – the day all twenty-year-old Japanese become adults.

Men wear suits and girls dress in beautiful kimonos, which they often have to rent or borrow because they're so expensive. A ceremony is held in the local government

THE UK

Your 100th birthday is a big day in any country, but it's even more special in the UK – you get a card from the Queen! Don't forget to let her know though – the Queen is a busy woman, so you or your family should apply before the big day.

Each card she sends contains a personal greeting – when twins reach 100 years old together, each one gets a slightly different message. The oldest person who has ever received a birthday card from the Queen was 116 years old.



a· Choose the correct answer·
For which celebration do people···?

-Wear clothes they can't afford to buy — 1, Vietman

-Need to request something — 20, Japan

-Both give and receive something — 100, the UK

-Have a party that goes on several days — 15, Latin America

b· Answer the questions

-Which celebration in the text did you find most interesting? Why?

-What other celebrations are important in your country?

LIVEWORKSHEETS