UNIT 9 – FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD
WORKSHEET 1

EXERCISE 1: Listen to Jack and Mark talking about a new sports centre. Which sport can they do each day at the centre? For questions 1-5, write a letter A-H next to each day.

	DAYS		SPORTS
0	Monday	D	A badminton
1	Tuesday		B basketball
2	Wednesday		C football
3	Thursday		D golf
4	Friday		E hockey
5	Saturday		F swimming
			G tennis
			H volleyball

EXERCISE 2: Circle the word that has different stress pattern from the others.

1. A. happen	B. enter	C. award	D. ridden
2. A. culture	B. parade	C. weather	D. cannon
3. A. receive	B. finish	C. direct	D. compete
4. A. visit	B. famous	C. wonder	D. protect
5. A. critic	B. event	C. machine	D. mistake

EXERCISE 3: Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

parade	celebrations	highlight	feast	chaos
festivals	greasy	religious	seasonal	superstitious

1. Christmas is considered the most famous _____ festival of the world.
2. Korean New Year's _____ begin with everyone wearing traditional dress called hanbok.
3. Rock in Rio is one of the world's biggest music _____.
4. Pongal is a _____ festival celebrated to mark the harvest of crops and offer a special thanksgiving to God.
5. The Samba _____ is the main attraction of the Rio Carnival celebration.
6. Thanksgiving is traditionally celebrated with a _____ among family and friends.
7. "Ham up a _____ pole" is one of the traditions of La Tomatina.
8. The _____ of Carnival is the Samba Parade which is not to be missed!
9. When a loud signal goes off, trucks loaded with tomatoes enter and then begins the _____.
10. According to _____ belief, Friday the 13th is an unlucky day.

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EXERCISE 4: Fill in each blank with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. A masquerade is a _____ gathering of people wearing masks. (festival)
2. We went out for a _____ dinner at a nearby beach restaurant. (celebrate)
3. _____ in a lion dance outfit show off their moves at the Rio Carnival. (perform)
4. The Rio Carnival Samba _____ are known as the greatest show on Earth! (parade)
5. A music festival includes live _____ of singing and musical instrument playing. (perform)
6. Hue Festival is a _____ event that is held every two years, (culture)
7. New Year's Eve is one of the largest global _____ because it marks the last day of the year. (celebrate)
8. The Saint Patrick's Day marchers were _____ up Fifth Avenue. (parade)

EXERCISE 5: Make questions for the underlined parts.

1. Tomorrowland is an electronic dance music festival.

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2. The Songkran Festival is usually celebrated between 13 and 16 April.

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3. Vietnamese people go to pagodas at Tet to pray for a year of good luck and happiness.

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4. Diwali is celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and latns across the world.

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5. The Vietnamese celebrate Tet with family gatherings, traditional foods, and lion dances.

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6. The festival site is three miles from the nearest town of Shepton Mallet.

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7. During Tet, children and the elderly receive lucky money put in red envelopes.

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8. It cost about £400 to go to Glastonbury Festival last year.

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9. Many people went to Han River to witness the Danang International Fireworks Festival.

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10. Jean visits Dalat every two years to attend the Dalat Flower Festival.

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EXERCISE 6: Fill in each blank with a correct preposition.

1. Elephant Race Festival is held _____ Dak Lak province.
2. At La Tomatina, people throw tomatoes _____ each other.
3. Halloween is celebrated _____ October 31st.
4. Thanksgiving originated _____a harvest festival.
5. _____ Christmas Eve, we sit in front of the fire and read Christmas stories.
6. The custom of giving eggs _____ Easter celebrates new life.
7. We decorated our Christmas tree _____ red bows and colorful ornaments.
8. La Tomatina is held _____ the last Wednesday of August every year.
9. Hoi Mua Festival is held to thank the Rice God _____ the crop and to pray _____ better crops in the future.
10. _____ the morning, many people tried to climb _____ the pole to get the ham.

EXERCISE 7: Read the text, then do decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F)

Holi, known as the festival of colours, is the Hindu festival celebrated by Hindus all over Asia and also by the people from some parts of Europe and North America. It is mainly observed in India and Nepal.

Holi commemorates the victory of good over evil, marks the arrival of Spring, and a time to give thanks for the good harvest. The dates change each year according to the full moon, but it is normally in March and sometimes in late February and lasts for a night and a day.

Traditional Holi celebrations start the night before Holi with a Hollka Dahan where people gather around a bonfire and perform religious rituals praying that evil will be destroyed. The next morning is a free-for-all festival of colours. People chase each other, smear each other with paint, throw coloured paint powder over each other, and drench each other with coloured water. Some people carry waterguns and coloured water-filled balloons for their water fight. In the evening, people visit houses of their friends and relatives and share sweets and other food items.

1. _____ The 'festival of colours' is another name for Holi.
2. _____ Only Hindus celebrate Holi.
3. _____ Holi is celebrated on 1st March - the first official day of spring.
4. _____ Holi activities start early in the morning.
5. _____ Water guns and coloured water-filled balloons are also used to play and colour each other.

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