

# HOLIDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

Match the holidays with descriptions 1–7.

Constitution Day

Carnival

Boxing Day

Good Friday

Halloween

Mother's Day

(Saint) Valentine's Day

1 This is two days before Easter Sunday.

2 People often dress up in funny clothes and have a party.

3 This is on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Some people wear scary costumes.

4 You might give your mum a card or make her breakfast.

5 This is the day after Christmas Day.

6 14<sup>th</sup> February is the day to tell someone you love them!

7 In Poland, this is on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Read the texts A–D. Answer questions 1–4.

Which text (A–D) mentions ...

1 a product you can buy?

2 a religious event?

3 a national holiday?

4 a personal celebration?

A

Hi Magda! It's my birthday next Saturday and I really hope you can come to my party. It's at my house and starts at 5 pm. We'll have a **buffet**, so don't worry about dinner. And of course, there'll be a **big birthday cake**! My parents have booked a DJ, so there will be lots of great music and dancing! Can you come? Paul

**B****Thailand's Loy Krathong Festival**

*Loy Krathong* is an **annual** festival. It is celebrated during the full moon in the twelfth month of the Thai lunar calendar, which is usually in **November**. In the festival, small baskets made out of leaves float down the river. The baskets contain a traditional Thai sweet dessert or a coin as a present to the spirits, as well as a candle. Seeing thousands of little baskets with candles floating down the river is an amazing experience!

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**D**

Hi Matt,

Today was Thanksgiving in the United States. It's celebrated on the fourth **Thursday** of **November**, so the date is different every year.

Our whole family **got together** at our house and had a huge meal – me, my parents, my grandparents, and three of my cousins. We ate so much! We spent the day together and had a great time.

I'll send you some pictures later.

Julie

Match the highlighted words and phrases from the texts with their definitions 1–5.

- 1 fashionable and smart
- 2 time when you pay less money for things in a shop
- 3 meet with other people in the same place
- 4 food on a table where you take what you want to eat
- 5 which happens once every year

How do you and your family celebrate these holidays? Write a short paragraph about each one.



Christmas



New Year



All Saints' Day



Easter

### Useful vocabulary and phrases

• eat cake / special dishes • dress up • give a speech • give cards / presents •  
have a family dinner • go to church • have a parade • wear costumes / masks

Usłyszysz dwukrotnie cztery wypowiedzi na temat imienin. Na podstawie informacji zawartych w nagraniu dopasuj do każdej wypowiedzi (1–4) właściwe zdanie (A–E). Jedno zdanie zostało podane dodatkowo .

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

- A. doesn't do anything special on his/her name day.
- B. shares a name day with other people he/she knows.
- C. learned about name days from someone else.
- D. only celebrates his/her name day at home.
- E. often receives gifts on his/her name day.

Usłyszysz dwukrotnie wiadomość głosową. Uzupełnij luki 1-4 w poniższej notatce zgodnie z treścią nagrania.

Louise, can you call Grandma and tell her the plan for Linda's (1)  ?

I'll pick her up on Saturday at (2)  pm.

Remind her to bring (3) .

(4)  will take her home at 9 pm.

Thanks!

Mum

### Plan a surprise birthday party for a friend.



- Time and place
- Who to invite
- How to get your friend there without him / her finding out
- Food and drink
- Music
- Other entertainment
- Presents
- Decorating the venue