

Unit 3
Celebrations

Call-In

a. Do you remember the radio call-in program from the compuer lesson? Which celebrations are the people from the program talking about? Match the celebrations in B to the sentences in A.

A

- [ ] 1. It has always been a tradition to celebrate it with a fair in the park.
- [ ] 2. My whole family gathered for the event.
- [ ] 3. I consider it an honor to be an American.
- [ ] 4. We had a fireworks display and our annual bake sale.

B

a. Thanksgiving
b. A Birthday Party
c. Bank Holiday
d. Independence Day

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b. **Did you notice the way Doug, the radio host, answered his callers? Mark the sentences below which he used to respond to the callers.**

- [ ] 1. It's been an honor for us to have you on our program.
- [ ] 2. This might sound unusual.
- [ ] 3. That sounds very English.
- [ ] 4. Hi Doug! This is Stella.
- [ ] 5. I can almost taste that apple pie.
- [ ] 6. Your favorite celebration really is unique.

c. **Which of these sentences best describes how Doug answered his callers? In class, discuss your answer with a partner.**

- [ ] a. He was very rude to his callers.
- [ ] b. He was very friendly to his callers.
- [ ] c. He wasn't interested in his callers.

d. **Continue the radio call-in between Doug and another caller who also wants to talk about his/her favorite celebration. Use the words and phrases from activities *a*. and *b*. to help you.**

Doug: Now we're going to hear more about your favorite celebrations. Caller number five, you're on the air.

Caller: Hello, Doug. This is _____

Doug: _____

Caller: _____

Doug: _____

Caller: _____

e. **Practice your call -in with a partner.**

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The First Thanksgiving

a. Kenji wrote to his German pen pal, Hans, about celebrating Thanksgiving with his American friend, Andrew. Complete his letter with the words below.

Christmas • dessert • famous • giant • honor • parade • symbolizes
Thanksgiving • traditional • turkey

Dear Hans,

Today I went to my friend Andrew's house for Thanksgiving dinner. Thanksgiving is an American holiday in (1) _____ of the first immigrants to the U.S It is (2) _____ to eat a big meal with your family on Thanksgiving, and to eat food that (3) _____ the new food that the first Americans found here. At Andrew's house we had turkey with sweet potatoes and corn bread, and for (4) _____ we ate pumpkin pie. I didn't like the (5) _____ very much but the pumpkin pie was delicious!

After dinner we watched the Thanksgiving Day (6) _____ on television. Every year one of the most (7) _____ department stores in New York holds a (8) _____ parade. At the end of the parade we saw Santa Claus. Andrew explained to me that Santa Claus comes at the end of the parade to remind children and parents that (9) _____ isn't far away.

(10) _____ was a lot of fun - now I'm looking forward to celebrating my first American Christmas.

Yours,
Kenji

b. Write about your favorite festival. Answer the following questions:

- When is the festival?
- What does it celebrate?
- How do you celebrate it?
- Do you eat special foods?
- Do you wear special clothes?

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