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### Let's celebrate our special days!

What special days are you celebrating this weekend?

| **SANTIAGO A MIL** | **THE CARNIVAL OF BLACKS AND WHITE** |
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| Here in Chile, Santiago a Mil is our largest festival. My friends and I are going the tomorrow. We're very excited! We're taking a coach. We're leaving at 3.00 pm from Portillo and we're arriving in Santiago at 6.00 pm.<br><br>I love this festival because it's international. There are performances from about 20 countries! People watch shows in indoor and outdoor theatres. They also watch street performers and buy food and drinks from food stalls. Organizens work very hard to prepare for the festival because it's the most important cult event in our country.<br><br>Do you want to come? You're in time the festival lasts three weeks. And don't worry about tickets. Some street performances are free!<br><br>Martin, Chile | This Sunday is 5th January and I'm going to the largest carnival celebration in southern Colombia, the Carnival of Blacks and White My friends are coming to my home and we're walking to town together in black clothes.<br><br>The carnival lasts three days. On 4th January, there is a parade Then 5th January is Blacks' Day, so we wear black clothes and black make-up. The next day is Whites' Day and we throw a lot of talcum powder into the air and over each other! There's also parade. Performers play music very loudly and we all dance happily. We have a lot of fun!<br><br>What are you doing this Sunday? Are you doing anything special?<br><br>Valentina, Colombia |

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## Read for general ideas

**Complete the table with the main activities people do.**

- buy food and drinks from food stalls
- dance happily
- have a lot of fun
- throw a lot of talcum powder into the air and over each other
- watch shows in indoor and outdoor theatres.
- watch street performers
- watch the parade.
- wear black clothes and black make-up

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### 3 Read for details > Choose the correct options

Santiago a Mil is an international **(1) festival**/ **carnival**. It lasts three **(2) days** / **weeks**. Martín is going to the festival **(3) tomorrow** / **next weekend**. He's going by **(4) train** / **coach**. People celebrate the Carnival of Blacks and Whites in the **(5) north** / **south** of Colombia. The celebrations last three **(6) days** / **weeks**. Valentina is going to the carnival on **(7) Saturday** / **Sunday** with her **(8) family** / **friends.**

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