

READING

An article



1 Read the article and match the foods in the box with the photos (1–3).

blinis herring with potatoes mooncakes



Welcome to my festival!



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Hugo: Midsummer Eve, Sweden



I love this festival in June. It's at the start of the school holidays. We go to the countryside and in the morning we get some flowers for our hair. Then we dance to traditional music. Lunch is outside, and it's big! We always eat herring (a type of fish) with potatoes. Later, people play instruments and dance all night!

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Mei Lin: Moon Festival, China



My favourite festival is in September, when we can see the first full moon of the month. We make paper lights and go to the park. And of course, we eat a mooncake or two! These are small round cakes (like the moon!) that have different fillings. I like the chocolate one. We give them to our friends and eat them together.

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Daria: Maslenitsa Pancake Festival, Russia



This great festival is in February. We have fun activities for seven days! We do some sports, play music, dance and eat lots of food. I love having blinis. They are Russian pancakes made with butter, eggs and milk. We eat them with different toppings. My favourite topping is salmon and cream cheese. Yummy!



2 Read the article again and underline these words. Then check their meaning in a dictionary and complete the sentences.

countryside fillings

full moon pancakes toppings

- 1 What are your favourite toppings on a pizza? I love extra cheese!
- 2 Once a month, we can see the full moon in the sky. It's completely round.
- 3 *Empanadas* are popular in South America. They have different fillings inside, such as meat or vegetables.
- 4 I love going to the countryside and looking at the trees and flowers.
- 5 We need milk and butter to make pancakes.



3 Read the article again and complete the table.

Festival	Country	Month	Special food
Midsummer Eve	Sweden	1 June	2
Moon	3	4	mooncakes
Maslenitsa	5	February	6

4 Answer the questions with your own ideas.

1 Which of the festivals is your favourite? Why?

2 Think of a festival in your country. When is it? What food do you have?